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## Greenbrier County to receive new voting machines

By Adam Pack

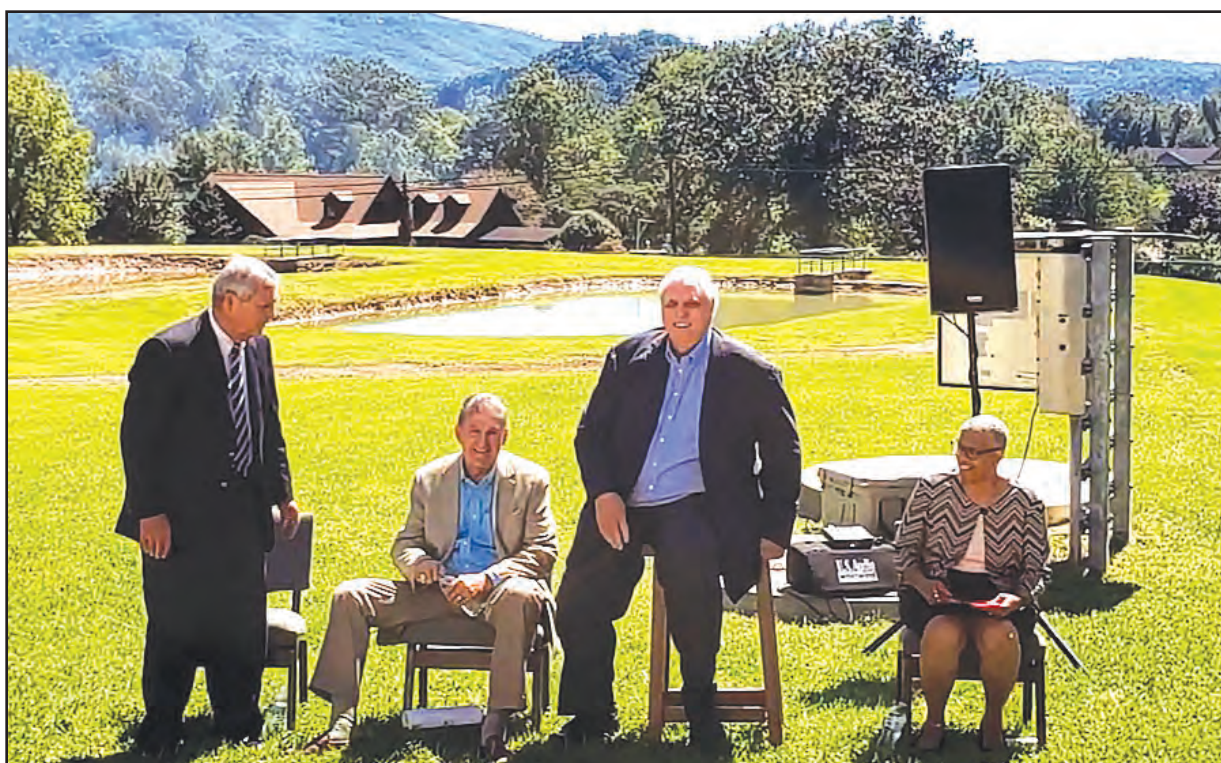
The Greenbrier County Commission met for a special session Tuesday, Aug. 30 to discuss a proposed grant application to the HAVA Election Security Fund. HAVA (Help Americans Vote Act) is a 2002 federal bill that establishes funding and makes grants available for counties and municipalities to update voting hardware.

Loudermilk explained the situation as one of both necessity and serendipity. "We're getting information now from ESNS [the manufacturer of the voting machines] that they're going to stop supporting the current machines we have and stop making parts for them as well, so the timing worked out well that I found this grant. This grant will match our contribution to the purchase of new voting machines up to 50 percent and I'm requesting the full 50 percent match."

That means that Greenbrier County will have to put up \$712,817 for the new machines, and if the grant application is successful, the HAVA fund will supply the rest. This offer is made all the more attractive by the fact that the county can finance their portion of the payment "at zero percent, so that's a pretty good deal I think," Loudermilk said.

The machines currently in use are nearly 15 years old, so an update is necessary, but it won't take effect right away. Loudermilk clarified that, "These machines will not be in use for the 2022 midterm election. The time to ship them, hook them up for training, and get my staff and all the poll workers familiar with them will take some time, but by 2024 we'll have everyone up to speed and ready for the general election."

Loudermilk says that she "is really glad to have this grant now, because we could have gone earlier for these machines as most other counties in the state had two years ago, but with the courthouse addition we just wanted to make the best decision we could for the county's finances. Now, with this grant and the end of the life cycle of these machines coming, I think we've gotten all the value out of them that we can and we can get the new ones at half the price. It's a win-win."



USDA Secretary Tom Vilsack, Senator Manchin, Gov. Justice, and Mayor White spoke at the event, with White saying, "We have waited a long time for this day to be realized, and there's been a tremendous amount of teamwork in helping us get this project off the ground, or should I say, in the ground."

## Biden-Harris Administration invests \$75 Million to provide clean drinking water and safe wastewater infrastructure

*New Infrastructure Will Support a Growing Economy and Provide Clean Watersheds for Thousands of People in Greenbrier County*

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Secretary Tom Vilsack joined Sen. Joe Manchin, Governor Jim Justice, and Lewisburg Mayor Beverly White on Wednesday, Aug. 31, to announce a \$75 million investment by USDA in critical infrastructure improvements that will ensure thousands of rural people in Greenbrier County have clean drinking water and sanitary wastewater systems for years to come.

"The Biden-Harris Administration is committed to providing a healthy community and environment to make sure people, children and families have clean wa-

ter and safe water systems that prevent pollution and runoff," Vilsack said. "Thanks to President Biden, Vice President Harris and to the tireless efforts of leaders like Sen. Manchin, USDA is making investments in rural communities where they are needed most. With today's announcement and historic investments like the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and Inflation Reduction Act, we will advance our work to ensure people in West Virginia and throughout the country can look forward to healthy, vibrant futures for their families and the communities they call home." See "Infrastructure" Page 2

## Freshwater Folk Festival returns bigger and better than ever

By Adam Pack

The Freshwater Folk Festival of White Sulphur Springs is returning to the fish hatchery this year on Saturday, Sept. 10, and the itinerary is packed. So much so that instead of the traditional 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. time slot, the festival will run two hours longer to accommodate the huge package of vendors, musicians, displays, exhibits,

and activities in store for attendees.

Larry Davis, President of the Friends of the White Sulphur Springs National Fish Hatchery, is beyond excited for this year's festival, especially given that

it's been on a two year hiatus. "We've got Carol Mansley organizing the event, and she's just been doing an incredible job all around, rounding up all kinds of vendors and people to come out and

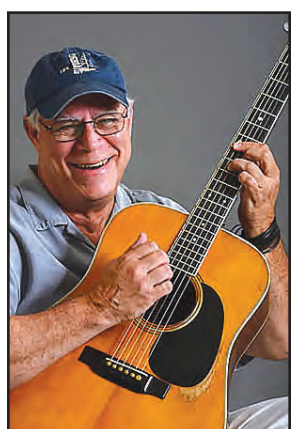
be a part, it's going to be a great time."

A great time, for a good cause no less, as the festival is primarily a fundraiser for the fish hatchery. Davis explained that most people know of the hatch-

ery for trout, however, "They've got more than just trout eggs popping out of there! They're under

the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and they're dedicated to maintaining not

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Jim Snyder



The Rust Brothers



Richard Hefner

## Nature's Way

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## Pickleball courts officially open at Hollowell Park

By Sarah Richardson

The City of Lewisburg hosted an official opening of the new pickleball courts at Hollowell Park on Friday, Aug 26, to a large crowd of eager players. The courts, which are located adjacent to the skate park, have already seen a good bit of use as the local pickleball fan club continues to expand.

Pickleball is a sport that combines elements from badminton, tennis, and ping pong into one fun game for either two or four players at a time. All that's needed to play are a couple of paddles, a ball, and a net. Locally, the Greenbrier Valley Pickleball Club boasts over 200 members online, and area players coordinate games, meet-ups, and educational opportunities for new members through Facebook.



Lewisburg Mayor Beverly White cuts the ceremonial ribbon to the new pickleball courts and viewing stands at Hollowell Park.

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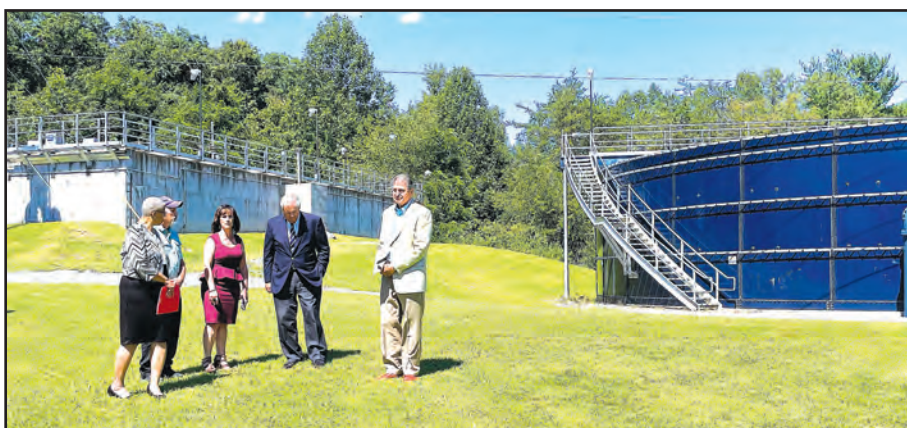
## Infrastructure

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Vilsack and Manchin were in Lewisburg to highlight two projects that will upgrade aging, failing water infrastructure. They attended a groundbreaking for an improved water treatment plant and announced new funding to update a wastewater system.

The City of Lewisburg has received \$52.7 million in USDA loans and grants to upgrade its water treatment facility. The city will construct a new raw water intake structure and two new water storage tanks, as well as replace roughly six miles of water distribution lines. Maintenance on the city's water system has become increasingly costly and difficult. Without these improvements, the 40-year-old system would continue to be compromised and customers would experience boil water notices and outages. The project is the largest utility investment USDA has made in West Virginia. It will benefit more than 13,000 people and businesses and allow the city to meet increased demand in an area that has been experiencing economic growth.

The Greenbrier County Public Service District No. 2 will use just over \$22 million in USDA loans and grants to replace aging infrastructure and equipment for its wastewater collection and treatment system, which has not been significantly upgraded in more than 30 years. The district will construct various upgrades to its wastewater treatment plant, replace approximately nine miles of gravity sewer main, and rehab outdated lift stations with new pumps and valves. The project will benefit more than 2,000 residents and more than 100 businesses in western Greenbrier County, including the communi-



**Lewisburg Mayor Beverly White (left), Public Works Director Tony Legg, and City Manager Misty Hill give USDA Secretary Tom Vilsack and Senator Joe Manchin a tour of the municipal water plant in Caldwell.**

(Photo courtesy of the Office of Secretary Tom Vilsack)

ties of Quinwood, Rupert and Rainelle.

USDA Rural Development's Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant Program is providing the majority of funding for both projects. They also have received state and local funding from the American Rescue Plan Act.

The investments in Greenbrier County continue the Biden-Harris Administration's actions to ensure rural people have access to clean water and safe wastewater systems. The projects reflect the Administration's renewed commitment to historically underserved communities, including those in West Virginia and Appalachia that are vital to the country's energy production.

Earlier this month, Secretary Vilsack announced a partnership between USDA and the Environmental Protection Agency to provide immediate assistance and sustainable solutions to historically underserved communities in critical need of wastewater infrastructure. The Closing America's Wastewater Access Gap Community Initiative is being piloted in 11 communities, including McDowell and Raleigh counties in West Virginia.

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## Pickleball

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The City of Lewisburg also offers a limited number of paddles and balls which can be rented at no charge. Simply call 304-645-2080 or visit City Hall to check out the equipment. If you need paddles for weekend games, make sure to pick them up on a Friday as City Hall is closed over the weekend. Due to the growing popularity of the sport, those wanting to ensure playing space may also reserve a court through City Hall. It's not uncommon for all courts to be taken, so make sure to call!

Completion of these new courts was made possible thanks to numerous generous individual donors and groups, the James Peyton Foundation, and the City of Lewisburg.

Visit "Greenbrier Valley Pickleball Club" on Facebook to stay up-to-date with all local pickleball happenings.



**Six new courts are now available for anyone to use. Make sure to call City Hall to reserve a court as it's not uncommon for them to fill up quickly!**

## Freshwater Festival

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just the trout and fish populations of the area, but also for introducing freshwater mollusks to the area in order to help protect the aquatic ecosystem here, as well as other creatures that live symbiotically with our waterways like crayfish."

A staple of the White Sulphur Springs area for over 15 years, the festival started when Davis, others, and the local Rotary Club wanted to find a way to help bring entertainment and business to the people of the town while also working to help the hatcheries work. "Really, other than the Dandelion Festival, people were leaving White Sulphur to do anything, so we thought we'd get something going here- and boy has it blown up. Now it's a massive event for vendors and families where people can do business, help a great cause, and where kids can learn a lot too.

Perusing the lineup of exhibits and displays at this year's festival, one gets the feeling that the event is equal parts folk concert and science fair all rolled into one: booths will be present where festivalgoers can learn the importance of bees and learn how to make their very own bee hotel, visit Sigma Xi and see and learn the science behind their array of mystifying and mysterious experiments, and learn all about how to become a "Citizen Scientist" with Susan Jane Clonch Ryan and submit photos to worldwide databases to be used in research at top universities all from your own backyard. Afterwards, feel free to stop by Usborne Books & More with Katy Alderman and find a great read to end the summer on. Art

fans will find plenty as well, as the recycled material sculpture of Jodi's Krazy Kreations will be on full display, as well an art demonstration and sale from award winning nature artist Kathryn Lehotsky.

Once you've filled your head and feasted your eyes, treat yourself to all the food and treats available from several local providers: Nana's Ice Cream will be serving everything from Pork Fried Rice to Corn Dogs to Funnel Cakes to Ice Cream and more. Guy's Dawgs will be on hand with hot dogs and cold drinks, and finish it all off with Little Jimmy's Italian Ice, served "by the Fishing Boatload" for your refreshment.

The mainstay of the Freshwater Festival, as always, is the incredible array of musical talent. Musicians performing at this year's fest are:

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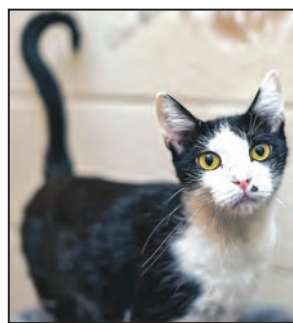
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Ying is a five-year-old pitbull terrier mix and weighs 42 pounds-



**DAPHNE**  
Daphne is a four-year-old female domestic shorthair

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

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

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

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

**DON'T SHOP • ADOPT!**

## Par Mar takes over store in Dawson

The Par Mar Stores Company proudly announces they will be taking over a new location in the area. As of Friday, Aug. 26, the existing store located at 2623 Lawn Road in Dawson will become a Par Mar Store.

"We love serving Greenbrier, Fayette and the surrounding areas," company President Brian Waugh said. "We listened to the community here, and when this store became available, we jumped at the opportunity to take it."

The Par Mar Stores Company was founded in 1967 and since 2016 the company has been owned by Croton Holding Company of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Par Mar operates 199 stores in five states, West Virginia, Kentucky, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Maryland.



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## American Heritage Music Hall, Inc.

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

## Market Days

### in the Meadow River Valley

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

## Local Veterans Ready to Help

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

## For the Record

### Deeds

Sheila V. Rose to Safet Berisa and Mary Berisa, 0.344 Acres, Lot G12, Lewisburg Corporate District  
Susan C. Touma and B. Joseph Touma to Michael J. Argento and Nicole B. Argento, 5.20 Acres, Fort Spring District  
Robert B. Anderson and Melissa V. Anderson to John Walter Yoder and Michelle Lee Yoder, Lots No. 97, 99, and 101, Patton Heights Subdivision, Lewisburg Corp.  
Savannah Elizabeth Burns to Mark Hickman, Lot No. 19, Atkinson Place Addition, Town of White Sulphur Springs, White Sulphur Municipality  
Gregory L. Richmond to Tony Hill, Lot No. 7, Edgewood Addition, White Sulphur District  
Nancy K. Payne to Barrett Lewis Level, Lots Nos. 114 and 115, Meadow Bluff District  
William H. Branch, III and Jane W. Branch to Robert L. Ludwig, Lot No. 36, Rolling Hills Estate, Sub. No. 3, Lewisburg Corp. District  
Kathy Lynn Kaylor Eure to Timothy A. Lavender and Leslie Lavender, Lot No. 3, 83.25 Acres, Frankford Dist.  
Clarence W. Lodge, James E. Hodge and Brenda Cooper to Matthew B. Wykle and Amy Wykle, Lot No. 54, Section No. 3, Rolling Hills Estates, Lewisburg Municipality  
Gary Dale and Carol Dale to Autumn Lee and Stuart Schwab, 1.456 Acres, Frankford District  
Jeffrey A. Forren and Holly S. Forren to Randolph M. Baker and Brian K. Baker, 1.16 Acres, Fort Spring Dist.  
Dateward D. Beavers to Scott F. Saunders, 23,900 Sq Ft, Meadow Bluff District  
Billy J. Brannon to Sarah L. Cook, Lot No. 44, Hamilton Place Subdivision, Town of White Sulphur, White Sulphur District  
William T. Winters and Alicia B. Winters to Jackson K. Thomas and Christina L. Thomas, Lot No. 3, Snedegar Acres Subdivision, Lewisburg District  
Shari B. Armstrong and Katie Windon to Stephen R. Armstrong, Lot No. 3, Sandy's Subdivision, City of Ronceverte

## Greenbrier County Magistrate Court Convictions

Cory B. Alderman, Marlinton, possession of controlled substance - Meth, NCP, fine \$200  
Christian Stuart Lockridge, White Sulphur Springs, domestic assault - 2nd, NCP, jail 11 months  
Tyler Anthony Bowman, Caldwell, driving a vehicle while in an impaired state, NCP, fine \$100, jail 10 days - suspended and placed on 9 months unsupervised probation  
Arthur L. Benedict, Lewisburg, 1) display of registration plates, GP, fine \$25; 2) driving on graduated drivers after curfew, fine \$25  
Melissa Ann Crookshanks, Ronceverte, driving a vehicle while in an impaired state, NCP, fine \$100, jail 1 day  
Danielle L. Kirk, White Sulphur Springs, driving too fast for roadway conditions, GP, fine \$10  
Alyssa D. Horne, Alderson, permitting no operators, NCP, fine \$25  
Michael Wayne Adkins, Jr., Rainelle, 1) digging ginseng before season, GP, fine \$100; 2) failure to plant seeds/illegal removal of seeds, fine \$100  
Chasity L. Biffin, Gap Mills, speed limitations generally (county highway), NCP, fine \$10

## Morrisey's Mobile Office schedule

West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrisey announced a representative from his office will meet with central and southeastern West Virginia residents in September to discuss consumer-related issues and answer any potential questions.

"These public events are a great way for consumers to talk one-on-one with our consumer representatives," Attorney General Morrisey said. "Residents can easily get questions answered, learn what is going on in their area and how to keep personal information safe and secure."

Justin Arvon, a consumer outreach and compliance specialist with the office, will host the events as scheduled below:

- Sept. 13: noon to 1 p.m. - Wendy's, HC 30 Box 182AA, 38232 Midland Trail E, Caldwell
- Sept. 19: 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. - Tootsie's Place, 728 Main St. E, White Sulphur Springs

For information on additional requirements specific to any location, attendees are encouraged to contact Justin Arvon at 304-590-6462.

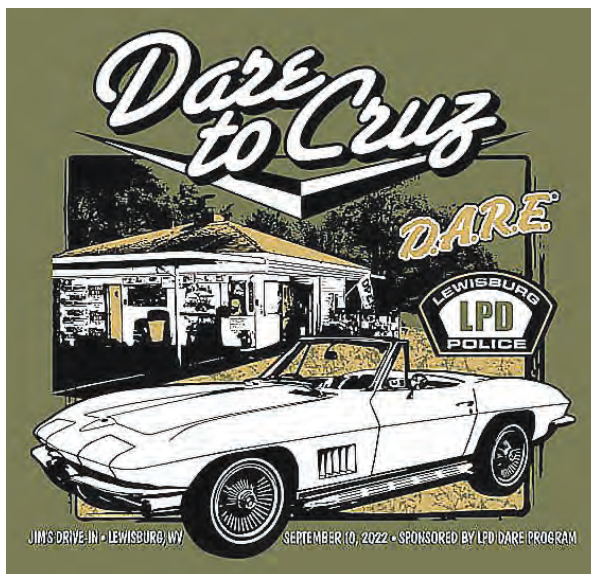
## Marriages

Jamie Lee Bradley (Alderson) to Jessica Pyanna Wykle (Alderson)  
Oscar Elison IV (Sterling, VA) to Katarina Marie Hamelin (Sterling, VA)  
Warren Dunlap Elliot II (Johns Creek, GA) to Katherine Karen Hicks (Ponte Vedra Beach, FL)  
Adam Dean Scott (Lewisburg) to Heidi Elisabeth Stidom (Crawley)  
Andrew William Mason (Midlothian, VA) Abigail Elizabeth Withrow (Midlothian, VA)  
Rodney Clayton Wickline (White Sulphur Springs) to Sarah Catherine Garret (White Sulphur Springs)  
James Ray Reed (Leslie, WV) to Natalie Nicole Richard (Rainelle, WV)  
Thomas Ray Perrine (North Port, FL) to Dorinda Sue Camerlin (North Port, FL)  
Peyton Scot Brown (Crawley) to Alexis Brown Vestal (Quinwood)  
Brandon Chase Dunford (Smoot) to Emily Ann Holiday (Smoot)  
Paul David Brackman (D.C.) to Samantha Elise Edmonson (D.C.)  
Brandon Steven Johnson (Catawba, NC) to Christine Rose Dunn (Rupert)  
Garrett Trey Midkiff (Meadow Bridge) to Lindsey Collynn Quick (Ronceverte)  
Brett Nathaniel Blank (Rupert) to Kaylee Nicole McCoy (Rupert)  
Zackary Seth McCoy (Clear Fork) to Cassidy Jane Hicks (Crawley)  
Christopher Warren Wade (Lexington, VA) to Megan Merritt Hana (Lexington, VA)

## 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  
In Re: The Marriage of: Kimberly D Wiley and Walter Carlton Wiley  
In Re: The Marriage of: David Wayne Hall JR and Tiffany Dawn Hall  
In Re: The Marriage of: Emily Suzanne Isaac and Franklin Kenneth Santmyer

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## DARE to Cruz returns to Lewisburg September 10

The Lewisburg Police Department has announced the details for this year's DARE to Cruz car show, which will be held on Saturday, Sept. 10, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Jim's Drive-In in Lewisburg.

"We are proud to partner with Jim's Drive In to raise money for the Lewisburg Elementary D.A.R.E. Program, taught by Patrolman Justin Deeds," said the LPD. "We look forward to packing Jim's Drive-In, US 60, and the Lewisburg Elementary School parking lot with those classic cars and trucks."

Applicants can pre-register for this event at the Lewisburg Police Department. The first 150 entries receive a free T-shirt. Those who can't attend or don't have a vehicle to enter can still show support by making a donation. Call 304-645-1626 for more information.

## 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.

### Gbr. Co. Board of Zoning Appeals

will meet Tuesday, Sept. 6, at 6 p.m. in the First Floor Courtroom of the Courthouse. On the agenda:

- Appeal by McCaden Brackenrich for a **Special Exception** from the Greenbrier County Zoning Ordinance. The appellant requests permission to operate an established K-9 training facility from his home at 715 Harper Road, Lewisburg.
- New Business
- Action on the Minutes from 6/7/21 regular meeting

### WVSOM Board of Governors

will meet Friday, Sept. 9, in the Conference Center located in the WVSOM Student Center at 400 Lee Street North, Lewisburg, and via teleconference.

The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. The number to attend by phone can be found at [www.wvsom.edu/about/bog-2022-2023-meetings](http://www.wvsom.edu/about/bog-2022-2023-meetings). No committee meetings will take place. A copy of the agendas for all meetings are posted on the WVSOM website prior to the meetings and are available in the president's office. West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine board meetings are open to all who are interested, including the general public.

### 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 - repaint 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

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# OPINION

## Nature's Way

By Karen Cohen  
Master Gardener/Photojournalist/Artist  
A Grain of Salt


Take everything with a grain of salt. Where did that ancient proverb come from? Basically it means that everything tastes better with a grain of salt. Is that what inspired this saying? Research tells us that in 77A.D. Pliny the Elder, you remember him... (I don't) any who, he prescribed a grain of salt as a remedy for poison. Many countries have used this saying over the centuries and presently it means that you may not believe something completely, so "take it with a grain of salt." I guess that makes anything edible or acceptable, in theory.

We have heard all the expert TV chefs talk about a pinch of salt for flavor. Notice I said a "pinch" of salt. I've seen people adding salt like it was going out of style, (another crazy witticism). Too much salt will inflict misery to your taste buds, ruin a good meal, wreak havoc on your body, and make you extremely thirsty or dehydrated! Animals and plants need small amounts of salt to survive as do our bodies; we need sodium for muscles and nerves to work properly. Only about 500 mg per day keeps us healthy; more than that and we end up battling high blood pressure, heart disease and a possible stroke.

Now for the good news! Before you toss out that salt in your cupboard, did you know that you can use salt as a preservative? Most of us have made or eaten pickled beets, ramps, garlic, beans, and cukes in vinegar, salt, and water. Have you tried a very old traditional way of "putting" food up for long winter months in salted water? This method was used before refrigeration came into households. Salt keeps foods from spoiling and prevents bacteria.

In the old days when summer was over and the crops were harvested, some veggies were placed in large crocks to brine over time in salted water. An elder in my rural neighborhood had a large crock sitting right in her kitchen pantry that was filled with whole cucumbers immersed in salted water=brine. She would offer us a "pickle" whenever we visited. I've seen and tasted the same type of pickle in the New York deli's offering "house cured" pickles. Adding garlic to the salted brine will give a real zip to the flavor!

How do you make pickles in a brine? A standard recipe would be one tablespoon of kosher or sea salt to one cup of non-chlorinated water. Spring water tastes best. The water doesn't have to be boiled but stirring the salt until it dissolves in the hot water is mandatory. I pack a sterilized mason jar with cucumbers, I slice them into spears or I cut them into 1/2 inch round chunks. Then I add some fresh dill, 8 peeled garlic cloves, a few tablespoons of real pickle juice to get the process jump started, and top off everything with my salted water. Be sure to cover all your cucumbers, (we grew a ton of cucumbers this summer) entirely with water to the top of your container to prevent any rot and mold from setting in. I use a weight to keep those cucumbers from floating to the top, an upside down small glass



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jar or small ramekin will suffice. Do not use plastic. I leave my cukes brining in salt water with a glass weight and light cover, not a tightly sealed container which may burst with the fermentation process, in the fridge for about 2 months before I start to fish one out. Three to four months might be the ideal time but taste them to see how you prefer them. Brining takes longer than pickling/canning foods. The salt basically removes all the water from anything in it and keeps it from decaying. If a whitish skin forms on top of your brine, toss everything out, consider the process ruined or scrubbed!

Why kosher salt? This type of salt has no iodine added. Iodine is used in most table salts and adds a bitter taste to food products so switch over to kosher salt or sea salt for the best flavor in all your foods.

There must be something strangely sacred in salt. It is in our tears, and in the sea. - Khalil Gibran

*(Karen Cohen is an organic gardener using chemical free, natural practices in growing food, herbs, and flowers. Please email your comments, tips, and questions to [natureswaykaren@gmail.com](mailto:natureswaykaren@gmail.com) and Happy Gardening!)*

## Commentary

### September is National Voter Registration Month

Since 2002, the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS) has recognized September as National Voter Registration Month to encourage eligible Americans to register to vote or to update their voter registration information. The WV Secretary of State's Office is proud to join NASS in this annual effort.

West Virginia has a long and proud history with voter registration. The Mountain State played a key role in the passage of the 19th Amendment in 1920 which guaranteed women the right to vote. In addition, after a 29-year effort led by our late United States Senator Jennings Randolph, in 1971 Congress passed and the states ratified the 26th Amendment that reduced the voting age from 21 to 18.

Since taking office in January 2017, West Virginia has gained national attention in our effort to refine our voter registration file to be more representative of the actual eligible voting population in the history of our state. Working with all 55 county clerks, we've been able to eliminate more than 345,000 deceased, duplicate, out-of-state, outdated, and currently under conviction felon voter files from our voter registration list of just over 1.1 million registered voters.

Our office will use the entire month of September to work with County Clerks and high schools to encourage eligible West Virginians to register to vote. Our Field Representatives will be working with county clerks to host numerous public events and school visits during the month. September is also a good time before the November 8 General Election to encourage those already registered to be sure that their voter registration is accurate.

Voting is a right guaranteed to every eligible citizen. But you must be properly registered. In West Virginia, we're making it easy, safe and secure to register online and in person.

Over the last six years with my administration working closely with the state's County Clerks, more than 297,000 eligible West Virginians have been registered to vote. That number includes more than 85,000 high school students.

Those are incredible numbers given the small size of our state. Our efforts to make it easy to register and easy to vote in West Virginia have been recognized throughout the nation.

Today, eligible voters can register online anytime by going to the WV Secretary of State's safe and secure website at [www.GoVoteWV.com](http://www.GoVoteWV.com). Eligible voters can also register to vote in person by going to their local County Clerk's office.

Or, you can call your County Clerk to request that a paper Voter Registration Form be mailed to you. You can also find a County Clerk's Directory at [www.GoVoteWV.com](http://www.GoVoteWV.com).

National Voter Registration Day is Tuesday, September 20. My office is working with many of our County Clerks to host a voter registration drive outside of their courthouse that day to bring awareness to National Voter Registration Month.

We want every eligible West Virginian to be registered and ready for the upcoming November General Election.

*(Mac Warner is a graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point, WVU College of Law, and a Master's Degree recipient from UVA Law School. He has over 35 years of public service in the Department of Defense, the US State Department, and WV State Government. He was first elected WV Secretary of State in 2016 and then re-elected in 2020.)*

## Commentary

### Morrissey renews warning for consumers to watch out for Publishers Clearing House scam

West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrissey is warning consumers to be on the lookout for a Publishers Clearing House scam that continues to be reported around the state.

A few have fallen victim since after the Attorney General sent out an alert in June when a fake letter with the state seal of West Virginia, supposedly signed by the governor and bearing the Attorney General's name, surfaced. It claimed that Attorney General Morrissey flew to New York to meet with the Board of Directors of Publishers Clearing House to negotiate the prize for the recipient of the letter.

Scammers have been known to use familiar names to lure consumers into a false sense of trust and unquestioned acceptance which leads them to give the scammers money to claim the supposed prize.

"I want to reiterate the importance of looking for warning signs such as unusual word choices in the letter or improper grammar," Attorney General Morrissey said. "Most importantly, never give money to a scammer or

allow them to access your credit card or computer."

Although Publishers Clearing House does award prizes, there are some things to look for to verify the legitimacy of any win:

- Publishers Clearing House sweepstakes are free to enter and winners never pay to receive their prize.
- Consumers should never agree to send cash, wire money, buy gift cards or provide account numbers associated with a credit/debit card or bank in order to claim a prize.
- Publishers Clearing House representatives also will never call winners or ask for personal information. They instead notify winners in-person or via certified mail.

Anyone who believes they have been the victim of a scam should contact the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division at 800-368-8808, the Eastern Panhandle Consumer Protection Office in Martinsburg at 304-267-0239 or visit the office online at [www.wvago.gov](http://www.wvago.gov).

travels wherever the gigs take him. Besides being a performing artist, he is also the Director of the WV Winter Music Festival and the D Street Art & Music Series. He'll be joined by bassist Bob Riggelman and percussionist Scott Logsdon.

#### The Sea The Sea

Chuck and Mira Costa are The Sea The Sea - an indie folk-pop duo from Upstate New York. Winners of the prestigious Kerrville Folk Festival, The Sea The Sea is known for stunning vocal harmonies and creative song arrangements. Not surprising, since both Chuck and Mira are award-winning songwriters. Mira combines her extensive training in dance, theater, and music with the folk roots she cultivated growing up in the wings of Mountain Stage as the daughter of its musical director, Ron Sowell. Before meeting Mira, Chuck toured the festival and coffeehouse circuit for years as a solo artist and independently released five albums. He garnered many songwriting accolades over the years (Rocky Mountain Folks Fest, Falcon Ridge "Most Wanted," Telluride Bluegrass Troubadour.)

#### Kipyn Martin

Kipyn Martin is an emerging Indie Folk singer-songwriter whose roots sink deep into the banks of the Shenandoah River. She is a three-time winner of the coveted Gold Award in the Mid-Atlantic Song Contest, was the Washington Area Music Association's WAM-See "Freshwater Festival" Page 9

## Freshwater Festival

### Richard Hefner & the Black Mountain Bluegrass Boys

Legendary banjo player Richard Hefner will be on-stage with his band, The Black Mountain Bluegrass Boys. This band is one of West Virginia's longest-standing bluegrass bands, having been around for over fifty years. Multi-instrumentalist Dave Bing plays fiddle, banjo and guitar. He grew up in a household filled with music, and like his brothers Mike and Tim, taught himself how to play. Fiddler, Blaine Sprouse, is one of the top fiddlers in the US today. Sprouse began his career as a teenager, playing with the "King of Bluegrass," Jimmy Martin. As for Joanna Burt-Kinderman, Hefner has known her since she was born. She grew up listening to his banjo playing, and then one day picked up the bass in his living room and started plucking away. Hefner encouraged her to continue, teaching her along the way, and now she's a member of his band. Make sure you're sittin' in the front row and ready to dance when this blazin' bluegrass band takes the stage at the Freshwater Folk Festival!

### Jim Snyder w/ Bob Riggelman and Scott Logsdon

Singer-songwriter Jim Snyder has been playing guitar and singing since he was a boy when he taught himself to play his father's ukulele. His music runs the gamut from folk, rock, and gospel to blues and bluegrass. He'll tell you that he does everything from Mother Maybelle to Jimi Hendrix. He makes his home in Lewisburg but

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# OBITUARIES

## John Wood Wiley



**Lewisburg**—John Wood Wiley, 87, passed away peacefully on Friday, Aug. 26, 2022, at Bowers Hospice House (Beckley) surrounded by family listening to his favorite songs.

John was born Apr. 11, 1935, in Lewisburg, to the late John and Eva (Wood) Wiley and was preceded in death by his brothers Tom and Ted Wiley.

He graduated from Lewisburg High School and attended Marshall University. He moved to Maryland where he met the love of his life, Dee (Hedgecock) Wiley. John and Dee married on Oct. 12, 1963. They have two wonderful children, Leland Wiley (Christie) and Lynn Dennie (Rowland)

and four grandchildren. John was affectionately known as Granddaddy to Dixon and JD Wiley and Gaga to Caitlynn and Connor Dennie. He always dressed up as Santa Claus for Christmas and sang a special autoharp serenade for each birthday, which was cherished by the entire family.

His career was in sales, however, his most rewarding job came later in life as a school bus driver for special needs children in Montgomery County, MD. On holidays and special occasions John drove the bus in costume and always had special made cookies for the children, some of whom he remained in contact. He brought so much joy to the children and their families.

In 2005, John and Dee retired to Lewisburg where he became active in the Lions and Ruritan Clubs, delivering Gwen's Meals and sharing his gift and love of music by singing and playing his autoharp at local nursing and assisted living homes, as well as Lewisburg United Methodist Church. John

also enjoyed performing in Riders of the Flood on the Greenbrier River and visiting Flanagan's Barbershop. He was a fifty-year member of the Masons A.F. & A. M. Greenbrier Lodge No. 42.

He cherished spending time with his family and friends, watching WVU football and westerns, playing games with his grandchildren, and relaxing in his recliner. John always had a joke to tell and a smile to give.

In lieu of memorials and/or flowers, please consider providing a donation to Hospice of Southern West Virginia (<https://www.hospiceofsouthernwv.org/>) or Gwen's Meals (<https://www.greenbriershepherdcenter.com/donate>).

There will be a celebration of life service held at a later date.

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

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

## Zella Leah Wade



**White Sulphur Springs**—Zella Leah Wade, 87, passed away Thursday, Aug. 25, 2022, at Autumn Way Assisted Living, Rupert, WV.

Born Dec. 13, 1934, in White Sulphur Springs, she was the daughter of the late Lewis Thomas and Myrtle Marie Meddens Campbell.

Zella was a homemaker and a member of the Wild Meadow Baptist Church.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a son, Thomas C. Wade; sister, Mary Gallagher (Andy); brother, Paul Campbell (Georgia); and an adopted son, Terry Ellis.

Survivors include her loving husband, Carl E. Wade; daughter-in-law, Patricia Wade of Glasgow, WV; brother, Gerald Campbell (Phyllis) of White Sulphur Springs; adopted daughter, Ruth

Pierson of Caldwell, OH; grandchildren, Christopher Wade of Charleston, WV, Carla Clark of White Sulphur Springs, and an adopted grandson, Josh Coats of White Sulphur Springs; great-granddaughter, Sierra Clark of White Sulphur Springs; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral service was held on Sunday, Aug. 28, at the Wild Meadow Baptist Church, White Sulphur Springs, where Pastor Lowell O'Dell and Pastor Donald Fury officiated. Burial followed in Greenbrier Memorial Gardens, Lewisburg.

Visitation was at the church one hour prior to the service.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made to Peyton Hospice House, 1265 Maplewood Avenue, Lewisburg, WV 24901 or to Autumn Way Assisted Living, 408 Nicholas Street, Rupert, WV 25984.

Online guestbook may be signed at [www.morganfh.net](http://www.morganfh.net)

Arrangements by Morgan Funeral Home, Lewisburg, WV.

## Alston Bradford Blankenship

**Renick**—Alston Bradford Blankenship, 80, passed away Monday, August 29, 2022, at Greenbrier Valley Medical Center.

Born Sept. 29, 1941, in Havre De Grace, MD, he was the son of the late Edra Blankenship and Ora Maggie Blake McClure.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two daughters, Teena Ross and Regina Randow, sisters, Juanita McClure, Janice Channel and Sharon Gaskin.

Survivors include his loving wife of 62 years, Sallie Blankenship; son, Garry Blankenship of Airville, PA; sister, Charlene Williams of Farm Grove, PA; and grandchildren, Sheena White, Willy Randow, Jamie Ross, Sallie Ann Blankenship, Garry Blankenship; great-grandchildren, Slate, Blaire, Liam, Addison and Brent.

Funeral service was held on Thursday, Sept. 1, at the Morgan Funeral Home Chapel, Lewisburg. Burial followed in the Ellis Chapel Cemetery, Renick. Visitation was one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

Online guestbook can be signed at [www.morganfh.net](http://www.morganfh.net)

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## WSS Public Library Book Sale upcoming

Calling all bargain book lovers! The White Sulphur Springs Public Library will be hosting a book sale, made possible through generous contributions from our community, on Saturday, Sept. 10, starting at 10 a.m. in conjunction with the Freshwater Folk Festival at the White Sulphur Springs National Fish Hatchery.

Discover children's books, vintage books, barely used best sellers, and more. This sale will include teacher guides, Scholastic books and other beginning reading books, plus a large selection of books by local author James E. Martin. We will also have a variety of books and audio books by bestselling authors like John Grisham and James Patterson. Hardbacks will sell at \$2, and paperbacks and audio books for \$1. All proceeds will go to support the Library. Any materials left after 3 p.m. will be reduced.

If the weather is fine, the book sale will be held at the National Fish Hatchery in White Sulphur Springs. If the weather is rainy, the book sale will take place inside the Library at 344 Main Street West in White Sulphur Springs. Please call the Library at 304-536-1171 closer to Sept. 10 for the book sale location.

Remember, if you're looking for something specific and can't find it at the book sale; make sure to check out the library's circulating collection. We lend materials for free and are happy to loan you that perfect item.

Please call us at 304-536-1171 if you have any questions. Hope to see you there!

## State Historic Preservation Office seeks nominations for Preservation Awards

The West Virginia State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) is seeking nominations for Our Legacy, Our Future Preservation Awards. Nominations will be accepted until Sept. 15. Individuals, organizations, resources and historic districts are all eligible for consideration. The awards will be presented at a reception at West Virginia Independence Hall in Wheeling on Sunday, Oct. 9, at 2 p.m. Nominations will need a one-page summary of the reasons for the nomination and up to five supporting documents.

This awards program honors the exemplary work of dedicated people who keep the state moving forward as they help to preserve and protect its historic resources. The three award categories include the Betty Woods "Snookie" Nutting Award, Individual Historic Resource Awards and Historic District Awards, with five awards being presented.

The Snookie Nutting Award will be presented to a West Virginian who embodies the spirit and dedication that is making a difference in a community. Nutting has a passion for historic preservation that is inspiring and contagious. Her lifelong pursuit of preservation projects in her hometown of Wheeling is an example of how one person can have an impact on a community.

The Individual Historic Resource Awards recognizes historic preservation efforts associated with an individu-

## Infrastructure

The USDA-led Rural Partners Network (RPN) also will be expanded to include communities in West Virginia in the coming months. RPN is an all-of-government collaboration that helps rural communities access resources and funding to create jobs, build infrastructure and support long-term economic stability through place-based strategies.

USDA Rural Development's Water and Environmental Programs help rural communities obtain the technical assistance and financing necessary to develop drinking water and waste disposal systems. Sanitary waste disposal systems and clean drinking water are vital not only to public health, but also to the economic vitality of rural America. Rural Development is a leader in helping rural America improve the quality of life and increase the economic opportunities for rural people.

Under the Biden-Harris Administration, Rural Development provides loans and grants to help expand economic opportunities, create jobs and improve the quality of life for millions of Americans in rural areas. This assistance supports infrastructure improvements; business development; housing; community facilities such as schools, public safety and health care; and high-speed internet access in rural, Tribal and high-poverty areas. For more information, visit [www.rd.usda.gov](http://www.rd.usda.gov). If you'd like to subscribe to USDA Rural Development updates, visit our GovDelivery subscriber page.

USDA touches the lives of all Americans each day in so many positive ways. In the Biden-Harris Adminis-

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# CLUB & CHURCH

## Williamsburg CEOS: 'Let's Reorganize'

Every year the Williamsburg Community Educational Outreach Service Club meets to plan for the coming year by electing club officers and committee chairs, develops working budgets, and choosing educational programs. Those participating in the 2023 reorganization at the August meeting were Barbara Deeds, Cassandra Perkins, Shela McComsey, Burl and Patty Post, Loretta Shirley, Blanche Knicely, and Laura Ann and Denver

Tiller.

Everyone brought school supplies to give to the children at the Greenbrier Valley Children's Home which were delivered that afternoon.

The club will meet again on Sept. 13 at noon at the Williamsburg Historical Museum to enjoy the program "Williamsburg Soups." All are welcome to participate just bring your favorite soup recipe to share!



Williamsburg CEOS Club members with the items they donated to the Greenbrier Valley Children's Home.

## White Sulphur Lions Club Raffle and Eyeglass support

The White Sulphur Springs Lions Club begins its annual Rifle Raffle immediately after Labor Day. Chairman George Gillespie will be setting up sales at the Battleground Crossing Shopping Center near Walgreens, and tickets will also be available through any of the Lions members.

They do this fundraiser (and others) to help support the community in several ways. One, is to provide eyeglasses and exams for those who cannot afford them. If you need help and live in the White Sulphur area, contact Mary Ann Hensley for an application. She can be reached at 304-992-2337. This particular club only provides for the White Sulphur area, but clubs in Lewisburg, Union, and Ronceverte also can help in their respective areas.

Lions not only support local needs, but also contribute to the International Foundation, which provides humanitarian services and grants for flood relief and other disasters. Several times after West Virginia floods, local clubs have received grants to provide immediate cash relief to help residents.

The White Sulphur Club meets each second and fourth Monday at 7 p.m. in the St. Thomas Episcopal Church on Main Street. They are always looking for new members who are interested in community projects.

## Greenbrier East High School's Golfer of the Week



Issac Cantrell

Name: Issac Cantrell  
Grade: Sophomore  
Parents: Matt Cantrell/Debbie Cantrell  
Hometown: Ronceverte  
Favorite Golfer: Jordan Spieth  
Favorite Quote: "Believe in yourself!"

Coache's Comments: Issac, by far, has improved more than any other golfer on the team in the past three weeks. He has improved his average score by 4 strokes.

"Big-I" has moved up to be our #3 player this week. (Behind two of the best golfers in the state)

Getting better in golf or in life does not happen by accident. Issac has decided to stay focused, practice, and most importantly, believe in himself. We believe in Issac!

## The Mary B. Nickell Foundation, Inc. accepting grant requests

The Mary B. Nickell Foundation, Inc., a 501(c)(3) organization, is now accepting grant requests from qualified organizations for suitable projects and purposes in Greenbrier County.

This Foundation was organized for the charitable and educational purposes of administering funds entrusted to it for the promotion of the arts and for educational purposes to encourage the development and appreciation of the arts and for the promotion of the happiness

and well-being of the community centered in and around Greenbrier County, WV, by expending funds itself for such purposes and in cooperation with institutions qualified to carry out these objectives most efficiently, all to the end of benefiting charity.

You may request a grant form by email to jjohnson@summitfgi.com or by mail to Summit Community Bank, Inc. Attn: Julie Johnson, P.O. Box 1559, Bluefield, WV 24701. Grant requests must be postmarked by Sept. 30, 2022.

The Mary B. Nickell Foundation, Inc. reserves the right to make awards in its sole discretion and without explanation as to any decisions made or denial of requests.

## Cristen Walton joins Patterson and Co.

Please join us in welcoming Ms. Cristen Walton, Realtor to the Patterson and Co. Luxury Real Estate team!

Although Cristen grew up in Alleghany County, Virginia, she discovered the beauty of wild and wonderful West Virginia with her employment at the prestigious Greenbrier Resort in White Sulphur Springs.

Cristen has been in the hospitality industry for 5+ years and has always had a passion for connecting with people from all walks of life, which led her to the exciting world of real estate.

In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with her family, going to MLB games, seeking adventure, and exploring unfamiliar destinations. However, as much as she loves to travel, Cristen knows the importance of having a place to call home and is honored to join Patterson & Co. Luxury Real Estate to assist others in finding their home sweet home.

From the first contact to final closing, Cristen is ready to help you every step of the way. Cristen can be reached at 540-958-0403 or Cristen@PattersonandCo.com.

Alisha Patterson, Broker/Owner says Cristen will be an invaluable asset to our vibrant and expanding team as she is very personable, friendly, intelligent, trustworthy and has excellent work ethic.



Cristen Walton



## WV Lions seeking students to travel abroad

Each year the Lions Clubs of West Virginia provide the opportunity for several students to travel abroad. This year six travel grants of \$1,500 will be awarded to students in grades 10-12 or a recent graduate, toward a four to six-week cultural exchange to countries such as Austria, Switzerland, France, Germany, Finland, Japan, Italy, Peru or Australia during the summer of 2023. Destination countries are not limited to those listed above. Application deadline is Nov. 11, 2022.

The Lions of West Virginia rely heavily on the guidance counselors in each high school to get the word out about this program. Students may contact their high school guidance counselors for more information, an application and contest rules.

The Youth Exchange Scholarship Application and Scholarship Contest Rules forms are also currently available on our West Virginia Lions website at www.wvlions.org/youth.html.

If you have any questions about the contest or about the Youth Exchange Program contact Lion Lorrie Krautwurst at 301-467-9868 or Lion Henry Krautwurst at 301-467-1032.

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## Dear Recycle Lady

**Dear Recycle Lady,**

I have some old containers of pesticides that I no longer use as I want to help the pollinators survive. How can I dispose of the remaining pesticide that is in the plastic containers?

*Wiser About Pesticides*

**Dear Wiser About Pesticides,**

According to [www.epa.gov/safepestcontrol/safe-disposal-pesticides](http://www.epa.gov/safepestcontrol/safe-disposal-pesticides), unused pesticides must be safely disposed of for the protection of people, pets, and the environment. Check your pesticide label for disposal instructions. Never pour pesticides down the sink, toilet, sewer, or street drain. Your wastewater treatment center may or may not be equipped to remove all pesticides. Pesticides that get into waterways can harm fish, and plants, as well as other living things. Never reuse an empty pesticide container as it may contaminate the new contents, resulting in serious harm. Our local solid waste authority does not handle pesticides, but they have hosted several state-sponsored, county-wide pesticides collections. At this time a collection is not scheduled, but hopefully there will be one in the not too distant future. Contact Earth 911 at [www.earth911.com](http://www.earth911.com), or 1-800-CLEAN for more information. Have you considered using a homemade weed killer that is highly effective? Mix ¼ cup liquid Dawn dish soap and 2 cups Epsom Salt in 1 gallon white vinegar. Shake it well, then spray it anywhere you want to kill weeds or prevent new weeds from coming up. Reapply when new weeds begin to appear.

**Dear Recycle Lady,**

Recently my Hoover vacuum cleaner quit working. When I called the Hoover Company about it, I was given several recommendations for a replacement sweeper. At the end of the conversation, the service agent said, "Be sure to take your old sweeper to your local Recycling Center."

*Happy with Hoover*

**Dear Happy with Hoover,**

Kudos for the Hoover Vacuum Company for recommending that old, nonworking vacuum cleaners be taken to a Recycling Center. There are lots of parts and pieces in all electrical appliances, large and small, that can be reused or recycled. According to [www.greencitizen.com/blog/appliance-recycling](http://www.greencitizen.com/blog/appliance-recycling), any hazardous materials are removed, individual components like copper tubing, wiring, motors, compressors, etc., are recycled, and scrap metal is sold to the appropriate dealers - a win-win in several ways. The owner no longer has the old machine, and all reusable or recyclable parts are removed before sending the remaining parts to the landfill.

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*Energy Saver*

**Dear Energy Saver,**

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## A Look Back

**By William "Skip" Deegans**

Pictured is a portrait of Charles Blair Macdonald painted by American artist Gari Melchers. Macdonald, who designed the Old White golf course at The Greenbrier, was born in 1855 in Ontario, Canada. He grew up in Chicago and was sent to Scotland as a teenager to live with his grandfather and attend St. Andrews University. The "gawfers" in St. Andrews caught his attention, and Macdonald's grandfather arranged for his grandson to learn the sport from Tom Morris, one of the great players. Morris won the British Open four times.

Macdonald returned to Chicago in 1874. In 1892, he laid out his first course - seven holes - on his in-law's estate in Lake Forest, Illinois. He went on to design the first 18-hole course in America at the Chicago Golf Club. A good player, Macdonald was the first person to win the U. S. Amateur Championship in 1895. He became a successful stockbroker in Chicago and New York and designing golf courses was something of an avocation.

In 1913-1914, he designed The Greenbrier's Old White, the first of three 18-hole courses at the resort. In 1914, while visiting The Greenbrier, Macdonald was entertained at the nearby Oakhurst 9-hole course on the estate of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Montague. Oakhurst is considered to be the first golf course in America and the site of the first golf club.

Known as the father of golf course architecture, Macdonald died in 1939, but left us with this quote: "The object of a bunker or trap is not only to punish a physical mistake, to punish a lack of control, but also to punish pride and egotism."

*Sources: Golf Course Architecture, Golf Bible, Metropolitan Golf Association, Yale University, New York Times.*



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# Those scammed likely to be scammed again

Submitted by WV Senior Legal Aid

Charlie didn't realize it but once he fell for the fake sweepstakes scam, he became a big target for many similar scams.

He was pleased to be a winner, so he bought seven \$50 gift cards as requested to cover handling costs for his great, but elusive, sweepstakes prize.

Charlie was anxious to make sure he would get the fabulous reward even though he didn't think he had heard of the sweepstakes before or had any memory of entering.

Charlie had no clue about it, but there is actually a "sucker list" industry that keeps track of scam victims. Criminals sell this information to other criminals because it's a highly successful pathway for taking people's money.

How could Charlie be fooled? Scammers find ways to make their victims feel good about the process that's going on, even when frustrations occur. They also know what to say to eliminate suspicion. It's happening this very minute to other unsuspecting Charlies and Susies and Annas.

You can avoid being scammed. When any so-called wonderful opportunity includes buying gift cards to assure that everything works out, slam the phone down! Delete that email! The gift cards are the signal that this is a big-time rip-off scam.

The use of gift cards assures that all your money will disappear. There will be no benefit for you at all, and you won't be able to get your money back.

For those who believe its real, like Charlie did, other scammers will be happy to get your name and contact information. Whether the next one will be a tech support scam or a fake online sweetheart for you (another scam that often involves thousands of dollars lost and real heartache), the whole system is designed to take your money.

The scammer doesn't care if he or she bleeds you dry. They will just move on to the next victim.

Many don't realize that a side effect of several medications can decrease a person's inhibitions. Without realizing it, a person can become less skeptical than before and more prone to taking risks than they would have been without that medication.

The medication and its new behavior can actually lower the barriers to accepting the scam. Yes, taking certain pills can help with medical needs while also making a person more gullible.

Family members and friends need to be aware of this potential side effect.

Also, many victims will do their best to hide that they've been scammed. They feel foolish and embarrassed. Many become very good at covering up these situations and keep believing it will work out.

Those who learn of the victim's situation should remember that being judgmental will likely lead to having the victim shut them off.

Whether we want to believe it or not, any adult of any

age can be scammed.

While some feel that they should always answer their phone and never screen their calls, scammers appreciate that attitude.

An answering machine can save you from being the next scam victim. If you are receiving a valid call, that person will leave a message. But most computers from call rooms don't.

Also, to protect yourself against telemarketers (but probably not scammers), sign up for the National Do Not Call Registry at donotcall.gov.

Whether calling from Nigeria, Jamaica or just up the road, the scammers are thieves and know they are hard to catch. Avoiding them takes some effort, but it's your hard-earned money on the line.

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# Lions Club members continue making a difference across generations

By Adam Pack

The Lions Club International was founded in a meeting at the La Salle Hotel in Chicago, IL in 1917 as a way for midwestern businessmen to put their money and time to good use helping alleviate the social problems of the early industrial era. Despite adopting the word international in their logo from their onset, it wouldn't be until 1920 with the founding of the First Canadian Lions Club that the organization would truly cross national borders.

Now the world's largest serving club and organization, the Lions Club quickly expanded from their roots in middle America. By 1925 there were Lions Clubs in every state in the country; by the 1950's they were in at least one country on every continent on the Earth (even boasting a club made up of a team of scientists on the north pole. By the 70's Leo Clubs were introduced in order to give high school and middle schoolers the opportunity to become Lions, and by the mid 80's women were allowed full membership.

Today these clubs are in a majority of countries, crossing religious, ideological, and cultural boundaries with their message of coming together to serve and better the lives of those less fortunate. Currently, many know the Lions Club for their glasses drives and focus on vision-related issues. This harkens back to the dire plight of blind and sight-impaired peoples one hundred years ago. Blindness or any physical handicap for much of history has been an almost complete barrier to the typical lifestyle of the able-bodied. This deeply affected early Lions, especially after Hellen Keller gave a speech to the Cedar Point, Ohio Lions Club, calling on them to "become Knights for the blind in the crusade against darkness." Ever since, Lions have been helping directly or indirectly in every area of need for the visually impaired, be that funding free eye exams, providing blind and sight-impaired friendly materials to schools, and of course providing glasses to those who cannot afford them.

There were historically four Lions Clubs in Greenbrier County; Lewisburg, Alderson, White Sulphur Springs, and Ronceverte. Of those four, the Alderson club is now defunct. These clubs together have and have been providing services and aid, especially with vision-related issues, to Greenbrier County residents for decades.

Two prominent White Sulphur Lions, George Gillespie and Eric Dowdy, were more than willing to discuss their time as Lions and what it has meant to not only them, but to their neighbors.

Newly elected President of the White Sulphur Lions Club, Eric Dowdy, recalled his youth with the Club, highlighting the importance of family and tradition. "You have to be 18 to join, so I first got involved with the Leo Club, which is the underaged version of the Lions Club, in middle school. I had already grown up going to all the meetings and helping out with glasses drives and just all kinds of stuff as a kid with my grandparents so it was just natural that I join."

The Lions Club dedicates itself to serving and better-

ing the community and people around them, as Former District Director for the Lions Club and 56 year member George Gillespie recalls. "I joined in 1966 as a way to help those less fortunate than myself. It's not like it is now; there are people who are poor and hurting now, but then there were a lot of people who needed a lot of help and the Lions were a great part of the community in helping those people and had plenty of people willing to help." Dowdy echoes the sentiments of his grandfather Gillespie when he describes why he enjoys serving with the Lions Club. "As to why I eventually joined up and stayed with it, it's just such a great organization because they're always helping people out, especially with eye-glasses, not just giving them out but also helping people get to eye appointments and paying for everything. But beyond that if you show up and have something you want to help with, like a church bake sale or something of your own, you can probably always get some Lions to come help. Further than that, when there was a natural disaster, the Lions Club was able to receive and facilitate donations and volunteers from around the state, around the region, around the country, and even from other countries, because the Lions Club is an international organization."

Echoing the well-rounded approach to volunteerism, Lewisburg Lions Patty and Danny Gray say that the Lions have a hand in nearly all philanthropic efforts in the communities in which they serve, in addition to their work with the seeing-impaired. "We donate or help with the Family Refuge Center, Child and Youth Advocacy Center, schools, the library, the North House, the Greenbrier Valley Theater, just all kinds of stuff. If anyone feels a need or wants to serve their community, they really need to get in touch with the Lions so we can keep that going. For myself, I always loved serving and such and so when women were allowed to join it was just a natural fit. For anyone with the same inclination, I'd imagine it'd be just as natural for them."

Ronceverte Lion Pam Arnold found a similar path to the Lions and says that it's incredibly valuable for families. "Serving together with kids and grandkids is a joy to us as Lions because it gets kids involved in helping the community and perhaps ensures that there will be lions in the future, but it's also a great way to strengthen those relationships. Bonds made through serving are very strong and make memories that can last a lifetime." Arnold went on to say that the sense of community among Lions makes them "a family all their own," contributing to stronger communities.

Alongside facilitating other groups and charitable endeavors, as well as their tireless work for the blind, the Ronceverte Lions know first hand how to bring benefits to the community and the family alike. For decades the Ronceverte Lions have been responsible for the youth basketball program in Ronceverte, even now owning the very gym that houses the league. "It's something we're very proud to continue, and it's our hope that people through that, through the glasses drives, and all that we do, will see the value of joining their local Lions clubs, lean in, and step up to make sure that this thing keeps going. I've seen a lot more enthusiasm from the 30 to 50 year old crowd than in many years past, but we need as many as we can get and from across all ages."

The various Lions Clubs of Greenbrier County would be more than happy to spread the benevolent labor they do for the community, as well as the personal gratification and deep interpersonal bonds that only come from community involvement, to you. Any Lion at any club can help facilitate your membership in the club that best fits your needs, so look into becoming a Lion.

## Freshwater Festival Continued from Page 4

MIE Award winner for New Artist of the Year in 2015, a Gold Award winner at the international United Kingdom Song Contest, and has had multiple WAMMIE nominations for Songwriter of the Year and Folk Contemporary Vocalist. Martin is blessed with an incredible voice. Karin Fuller of the Charleston Gazette says "Kipyn is something else" and has the purest voice she's ever heard. Kipyn Martin is one of those artists whose music casts a spell and brings a hush over the audience.

### The Rust Brothers

The Rust Brothers are George Piasecki on bass, Jim Wright on guitar and Bob Ducharme on guitar and guitjo. What is a guitjo? It's a six-string banjo with a guitar neck. Banjos typically have five strings. As Bob will tell you - with a twinkle in his eyes - these three guys have had day jobs totaling more than 150 years. They bring together more than 75 years of living in the Greenbrier River areas of Lewisburg and Greenville, and they've spent just about as many playing music! They perform music that they like, ranging from golden oldies to classic folk with a bit of rock'n roll and blues tossed in, and they do it in a back porch, parlor, good-time kind of way. As Bob says, "Fun first, and lastly!"

The schedule of performances at the hatchery amphitheater on Saturday, Sept. 10 is as follows:

10 a.m. - The Rust Brothers

11 a.m. - Jim Snyder with Bob Riggelman and Scott Logsdon

12:15 p.m. - Kipyn Martin

1:45 p.m. - The Sea The Sea

3:30 p.m. - Richard Hefner & the Black Mountain Bluegrass Boys

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TO: Liam Jayce Redden  
LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLICATION  
CHANGE OF NAME PROCEEDING

Notice is hereby given that on the 18th day of October, 2022, at 3:30 o'clock p.m. on said day, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, Racheal Redden, will apply by Petition to the Family Court of Greenbrier County, West Virginia, for the entry of an order by said court changing the name of her child or ward from Liam Jayce Hinkle to Liam Jayce Redden, at which time and place any interested party may appear and be heard, if they so desire.

You are hereby notified that this matter may be rescheduled without further notice of publication.

A copy of said can be obtained from the undersigned Clerk's office at: 650 Court Street South, Suite D, Lewisburg, West Virginia.

Entered by the Clerk of said Court this 19th day of August 2022.

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Site Changes — This year's sites will be located in main central locations only, but with expanded hours to accommodate more people. We regret that we cannot return to a full Health Fair schedule, but hope that this year's expanded sites into the Hillsboro and Cass/Green Bank areas will help more individuals receive services.



# STEPPIN' OUT

## Dance for a Functional Body at Trillium

Dance for a Functional Body will be held on Tuesdays from 5:30 to 7 p.m. for age 13 and up. Classes will begin Sept. 13 at the Lewis Theatre in downtown Lewisburg. This class, which is open to all skill levels, is both therapeutic and fun! The movement patterns integrate elements of classical ballet, modern dance, mat practices (like yoga and Pilates), and tai chi to build healthy habits and protect the spine and other joints during everyday activities. We'll focus on moving in a structurally sound way, but we won't forget about the joy of dancing in the process!

As a native of Lewisburg, Ross Honaker began studying dance here in the Trillium Performing Youth group. After high school he went on to complete a BFA in Dance and Choreography at Virginia Commonwealth University. With his degree in hand Ross moved to NYC to pursue his dance career. While there Ross had the privilege of performing with world class dance companies such as Doug Varone and Dancers and VIVO Ballet at illustrious venues including the Brooklyn Academy of Music (BAM). He also danced for Arch8, an international company based in Amsterdam where he lived while working with them. After the onset of the pandemic Ross moved from NYC back home, and transitioned to a career as a licensed massage therapist. He recently opened Valley Health Massage here in his hometown, and continues to dance by teaching, choreographing, and performing with Trillium.

Check out [Trilliumperformingarts.org](http://Trilliumperformingarts.org) for other classes and registration forms. Scholarships are available. For more information call the Trillium office at 304-645-3003.



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## Carnegie Hall Calendar of Events

**Friday, Sept. 2: Carnegie Hall Fantasy Gala: Bowties & Boas** - Special Event Fundraiser at The Greenbrier on Sept. 2, at 6 p.m. The event includes an evening of live music, dancing, dinner, drinks, and both live and silent auctions. Tickets are \$195 (full tables available). Ticket sales end Aug. 26. For tickets visit [carnegiehallwv.org](http://carnegiehallwv.org), call 304-645-7917, or stop by 611 Church Street, Lewisburg.

**Thursday, Sept. 8: Lady D** - Carnegie Hall's Ivy Terrace Concert Series continues Thursday, Sept. 8, at 6:30 p.m., with Lady D. Ivy Terrace Concerts take place outside in front of Carnegie Hall and are free to the public. Concertgoers are encouraged to bring a lawn chair or blanket and pack a picnic. Concerts are over at 8 p.m.

**Friday, Sept. 16: Gyasi (Special Event)**

- The Smooth Ambler Second Stage Series at Carnegie Hall presents glam rock artist Gyasi on Friday, Sept. 16, at 7:30 p.m. in the Hamilton Auditorium. Tickets are \$15. For more information visit [carnegiehallwv.org](http://carnegiehallwv.org), call 304-645-7917, or stop by 611 Church Street, Lewisburg.

**Rotating Galleries:**

**Old Stone Room Gallery - "Life In Transition"** by Shari O'Day Mann. Runs through Oct. 28.

**Museum Gallery - Works by Steven Hutchins.** Runs through Oct. 28.

**Lobby Gallery - "Witch-ful Dreaming"** by Susanna Robinson. Runs through Oct. 28.

**Permanent Exhibit: Arts From The Ashes: The History Of Carnegie Hall** - The exhibit features memorabilia, photographs, artifacts and more of Carnegie Hall since its construction in 1901. Located on the second floor. Free admission

Carnegie Hall is open Monday - Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, please visit [carnegiehallwv.org](http://carnegiehallwv.org), call 304-645-7917, or stop by 611 Church Street, Lewisburg, WV.

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10 Eyes, to bards

14 Step heavily

19 Like zebras' necks

20 Author Sarah — Jewett

21 Beet or yam

22 Womanizer, perhaps

23 Spotted steed

25 Womanizer, perhaps

26 Bacteriology gels

27 Some sporty trucks, briefly

28 Jai —

29 Illegal boxing blow

31 Superhero with a magic ring

34 Fruit such as a peach or plum

35 Chicks' hangouts

36 Heavy horn

37 Baldwin of "Drunk Parents"

38 Rascally sort

41 Moniker for Lincoln

44 Royal Dansk treat

48 Speaker's stand

52 Cash caches requiring PINs

55 Wingtips' tips

56 Impassioned

57 Bee or Em

58 Neighbor of Burkina Faso

60 Off. helper

62 Their young are kids

63 The clear, open outdoors

66 Epps of "Juice"

68 City in southern California

69 Stephen of "Angie"

70 A tyrant rules with one

74 Prefix with skeleton

75 Common chamber group

77 Conductor Solti

80 Capital of Peru

82 Painter Dufy

83 TV's — May Clampett

84 Annie player Quinn

86 Ankle-length skirt

88 Caused to propagate

89 Airline to Tel Aviv

90 Spur-of-the-moment choice

93 Federal benefits org.

95 "Yoo-hoo!"

96 — Hashana

97 2006 Nintendo debuts

100 Taj —

105 Bursts in space

107 Figure at Madame Tussauds

110 Former Seabee, say

114 Scottish island

115 Agts. going after tax evaders

116 Banishment

117 Fix up text

118 What someone who completes this puzzle does?

120 "Daniel" singer John

121 Solemn act

122 The Beatles' "Let —"

123 Arm bones

124 School VIPs

125 Luminary

126 Warty critter

127 Actress Sharon

**DOWN**

1 Challenge as questionable

2 — d'

3 French for "years"

4 Prepare

5 Tokyo, once

6 Dough

7 Off-course

8 As originally found

9 Once called

10 Hatch of Utah

11 Large crucifix

12 Unlimited

13 Wheel turner

14 Von — family

15 Rascally sort

16 Arab country

17 Bygone Ford div.

18 Sumptuous

24 TV's Linden

29 "Sauer" hot dog topping

30 New Mexico's flower

32 Top-secret govt. org.

33 Fade away

37 "This is only —"

38 Swedish retail chain

39 Floss flavor

40 Furry adoptees

42 "— Cafe" (old Whoopi Goldberg sitcom)

43 Drinking alcohol

45 Exactly

46 Leia's last name

47 Unscented

48 Smidgens

49 Halo effect

50 Hip to

51 Florida or Ohio pol, e.g.

53 Poet Angelou

54 NBC fixture since '75

59 Short-hop plane

61 Rotational forces

64 Daggoned

65 Berlin loc.

67 Gives shape to, a Brit

70 Humpbacked lab helper

71 "— do you good"

72 Actress Ward

73 "Gotta go," to a texter

75 Pulverize

76 Catch

77 Deep cut

78 Article in Augsburg

79 Big name in skin cream

81 "That went right by me"

85 Chutzpah

87 Cedar Rapids native

91 Paint applicers, e.g.

92 Veto

94 Sound box at a concert

98 Really digs

99 Floor-washing robot

101 "Insomniac" comic Dave

102 Showing benevolence

103 Sports spots

104 Contacts, e.g.

105 Floss fiber

106 Cake bakers

107 Sea filler

108 Single

109 — Vegas

110 Necessity

111 Wheel turner

112 "La Dolce —"

113 Hayworth of old films

118 Set of parts to be assembled

119 Ant or beetle

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

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TODAY'S WORD

## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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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.

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Differences: 1. Hot dogs are missing. 2. Spatula is smaller. 3. Apron is shorter. 4. Neckline is different. 5. Bell is different. 6. Bottle is missing.



# STEPPIN' OUT

## Ivy Terrace Concert Series presents Lady D September 8

Carnegie Hall's Ivy Terrace Concert Series is in its last month with only two concerts left. Next up is Lady D on Thursday, Sept. 8, at 6:30 p.m. Sponsored by City National Bank, the concerts take place outside on Carnegie Hall's Ivy Terrace as attendees watch from the expansive lawn in front of New River Community and Technical College. Concert-goers are encouraged to bring a lawn chair or blanket and pack a picnic to enjoy live music. All Ivy Terrace concerts are free, open to the public, and alcohol free.

Lady D is known as West Virginia's First Lady of Soul. From the age of three, singing is all that she ever wanted to do. So, that's what she did. Like many little African American girls, her first public singing experience was at church. She sang in the gospel choir from the age of seven until she graduated high school. She also sang in a community choir as a teenager that was directed by Bishop T.D. Jakes. She went from the gospel choir to an R&B band and then marriage. This accounted for a major gap in her singing career. Almost twenty years later, she went back to college and earned a bachelor's degree in Communications.

In 2003, she debuted her original one-woman stage play called "The Lady and the Empress" based on the life and music of blues legend, Bessie Smith. She recorded the soundtrack for that show, called "Nobody's Bizness."

Her band MI\$\$ION performs private parties and events. Lady D has recorded five more CDs: My Turn - 2006, She's Nobody - 2012, Lady D's Rock 'N' Blues Sampler - 2012, Reflections - 2014, and Disturbing My Peace - 2020. Her original song "Go Higher" was chosen as the best Obama Inaugural Song and Lady D and MI\$\$ION were invited to play at the Obama For Change Inaugural Ball in Washington D.C. in January 2009.

She has written a book of poetry called "Appalachian BluesSpeak" and discovered the visual arts and began ex-



Lady D

pressing herself through painting on fabric and canvas. She has organized jazz & blues festivals and has hosted a blues radio show for the past six years.

In 2020, she released her latest studio album, "Disturbing My Peace," a reflection of the events and collective emotional trauma during that year.

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.carnegiehallowv.org](http://www.carnegiehallowv.org) or call 304-645-7917.

## Fall Crafter Vendor Show set for September 9 and 10

This will be the second annual Fall Crafter Vendor Show will be held at the American Heritage Music Hall in Ronceverte on Friday, Sept. 9, from 2 to 7 p.m., and Saturday, Sept. 10, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

A variety of local crafters and vendors will be in attendance, including: Helen Dosier of Asbury, Kay Shafer of Lewisburg, Millie Arbaugh of Asbury, Susan Clemson of Hinton, Bonnie Mitchell of Lewisburg, Vicky Anderson of Sinks Grove, Amy Shelton of Alderson, Jill Highlander of Alderson, Tina Fox of Lewisburg, Bailey Callison of Renick, Karen Campbell of Ronceverte, Christina Altizer of Frankford, Lynell Braught and Dinah Rhodes of White Sulphur Springs, Kimberly Baker of Ronceverte, Kelsey Peters of Ronceverte, Donna Simms of Ronceverte, Hope Ridgeway of White Sulphur Springs, Melissa Crane of Crawley, Carrie Huffman of Lewisburg, Jackie Defibaugh of Ronceverte, and others.

There will be door prizes, 50/50 drawings, and a raffle for a large red metal truck with a fall decoration in it.

It can be seen on the American Heritage Music Hall's Facebook page. Food concessions will also be available with the proceeds from the setup fees, 50/50 drawings, raffle, and food sales going to the Music Hall which is a nonprofit organization.

The music hall is open every Tuesday night for a jam session where local musicians get together and play from 7 to 10 p.m. with a \$7 cover charge.

The fourth Saturday of every month a live band is on stage to provide music for dancing or just sit and enjoy from 7 to 10:30 p.m. with a \$10 cover charge.

Food is served on Tuesdays and Saturdays, which is provided by all that attend.

No smoking or alcoholic beverages are allowed, and these events are open to all ages. The venue is handicap accessible.

So come on out to shop, eat, and enjoy the show and support the Music Hall and all the area crafters and vendors.

## Wheel Throwing Classes & Workshops with Sean O'Connell at Carnegie Hall

Carnegie Hall's Fall Classes & Workshops get an early start with a great opportunity to learn how to wheel throw class with Sean O'Connell. There will be two six-class sessions starting Monday, Sept. 5.

In this introduction to wheel-thrown ceramics, teens and adults will explore how to prepare clay for throwing, learn how to center clay on the potter's wheel, and make simple vessel forms such as the cylinder, bowl, and plate. Through this process, students will get a feeling for working with earth-based clay and the many possibilities it offers for creativity. Students will also learn techniques for glazing and finishing their work. Having fun will be emphasized. Beginners and those with experience are all welcome.

Session 1 take place on Mondays, Sept. 5, 12, 19, 26, and Oct. 3, and Thursday, Oct. 27 (no class Oct. 10 and 17). Students wanting to create ceramic gifts as presents should take Session 1 to have their items fired before the Holidays. Session 2 takes place on Mondays, Oct. 31, Nov. 7, 14, 28, Dec. 5, and 19 (no class Dec. 12). All classes are from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

Registration is \$225 for members (\$250 for non-members), but all students qualify for an automatic

scholarship and pay only \$200. All materials are provided. Students must be 17 years old and class size is limited. To enroll or for a complete list of classes and workshops visit [carnegiehallowv.org/classes-and-workshops](http://carnegiehallowv.org/classes-and-workshops) or pick up a Classes & Workshops brochure at 611 Church Street, Lewisburg.

Sean O'Connell is a ceramic artist from upstate New York and Greenbrier County resident since 2013. From 1995 to 2003, O'Connell studied all aspects of ceramic arts with Professor Regis Brodie at Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs, NY. He has done exhibitions in several museums and art centers in New York and Massachusetts, including the Ginofor Gallery in Cambridge and Tang Museum in Saratoga Springs. Today, Sean teaches ceramic art classes at Carnegie Hall in Lewisburg. He also maintains a working studio at Lee Street Studios in Lewisburg.

Carnegie Hall 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.carnegiehallowv.org](http://www.carnegiehallowv.org)



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# STEPPIN' OUT

## Allegheny County to hold bicentennial celebration

Allegheny County's bicentennial celebration has been set for Saturday, Sept. 17, at Mountain Gateway Community College.

Festivities begin at 3 p.m. and include free live music and fireworks, a 4-H and kids festival, food vendors, local arts and crafts, a car show and beer garden. Performers include Eaglemania, Caleb Bailey & Paine's Run and Caleb Carpenter.

"Allegheny County's bicentennial celebration is a great opportunity for the community to step back from their normal day-to-day and appreciate not only our present but also our past and everything that brought us to this point," said Chad Williams, Allegheny County director of parks & recreation and chairman of the Allegheny County Bicentennial Celebration Committee. "Allegheny County is a wonderful area with many things past, present and future to celebrate."

The committee tasked with planning the bicentennial celebration was appointed over the last several months by the board of supervisors. Members of the Allegheny County Bicentennial Celebration Committee include Williams, Suzanne Adcock-Nicely, Beverly Bowers, Ricky Bourne, Teresa Hammond, Megan Persinger, Paul Linkenhoker, Shelly Mongold, Reid Walters, Pam Warren and Michelle Rucker.

A banner commemorating the county's 200th anniversary has also been designed and is on display at various locations throughout the county.

Hammond, the executive director of the Allegheny Highlands Chamber of Commerce and Tourism, said her organization is pleased to help highlight and celebrate the county's bicentennial.

"This milestone is an opportunity to explore Allegheny County's rich 200-year history; to bridge the past, present and future; and bring the community together during this celebration," Hammond said.

Allegheny County was formed from parts of Botetourt and Bath along with a portion of Mon-

roe County, now a part of West Virginia, on Jan. 5, 1822, by an act of the Virginia General Assembly. Its name was taken from an old Indian word meaning "endless," which was used to describe the Appalachian mountains that surround the county.

The city of Covington serves as the county seat. The sale of public town lots in Covington began on Aug. 24, 1818, and were recorded in Botetourt County, since Allegheny County would not be formed until some four years later. Over the years, Covington grew from a village known as "Merry's Store" or "Mouth of Dunlap" and was incorporated in 1833. By 1855, 43 houses were located on two streets, and one of those main streets for years was known as Bath Street, referencing its former connection to Bath County.

Covington was named in honor of Gen. Leonard Covington, a hero in the War of 1812. It became a Second Class city in 1952 by an act of the General Assembly.

To the east, Clifton Forge was originally called Williamson Station. It was settled in the late 1700s by Scotch-Irish pioneers and named for a family that had settled in the area. Williamson became a town in 1884 and the name was changed to Clifton Forge, the name derived from the iron furnace located in the Iron Gate gorge and chosen by the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway for its new depot. Clifton Forge became a town in 1906.

During the Civil War, iron from Longdale Furnace in eastern Allegheny County was used for the CSS Virginia (Merrimac). Regiments from Allegheny County were present at Appomattox when Gen. Robert E. Lee surrendered to Gen. Ulysses S. Grant, marking the end of the Civil War.

As the iron mines began to disappear, Clifton Forge became noted as a railroad town until the railroad industry began a decline in the 1970s and 1980s.

Allegheny County is composed of the city of Covington and the towns

of Clifton Forge and Iron Gate. Located to the south and east of Clifton Forge, Iron Gate was truly a by-product of the Iron Age and served as an industrial hub from the late 1800s into the early 1900s.

Industrial development pivoted to the paper industry when in 1899 the West Virginia Pulp and Paper Company located its mill in Covington. Today, WestRock continues to be a major employer in Allegheny County.

"Allegheny County has gone from being on the fringe of the western frontier to an industrial hub and a recreational destination," said Linkenhoker, president of the Allegheny Historical Society. "We've endured some growing pains along the way, but we're quite proud of our heritage, and we look forward to the next 200 years."

Allegheny is spelled in a number of different ways, but Allegheny County has a second "A," different from the Allegheny Highlands, spelled with a second "E." According to legend, Allegheny County and Pocahontas County were formed at about the same time, but the names of the two counties were transposed; Allegheny County was originally slated to be called Pocahontas County, now in West Virginia, and vice versa.

Allegheny County is comprised of 449 square miles, much of which is national forest land. According to the 2020 U.S. Census, its population stood at 15,223.

*(Editor's Note: Much of the information in this article was taken from a book on Allegheny County heritage that was published in 1997.)*

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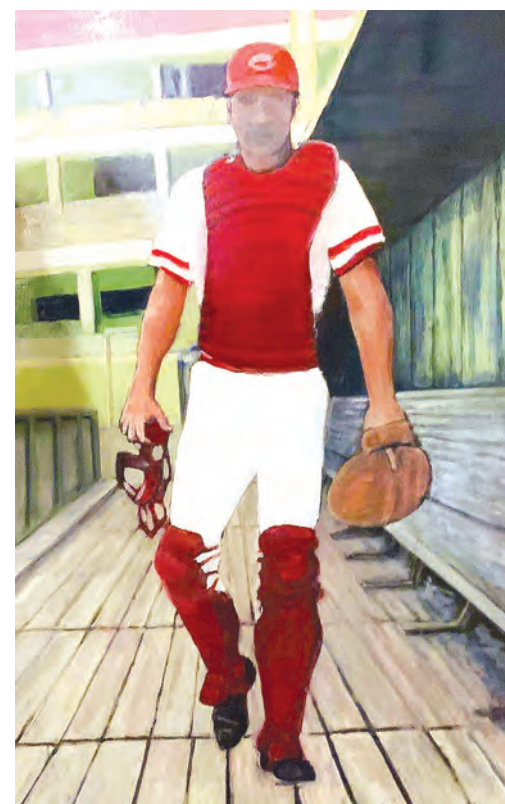
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## Carnegie Hall's Board Room showcases pop-up gallery featuring Dr. Pat Cross

The Board Gallery re-opens as part of Carnegie Hall's August/September/October Exhibits with work by Dr. Pat Cross and the late Pauline Cross. There will be an opening reception this Saturday, Sept. 2, from 5 to 7 p.m. with light refreshments in the Board Room, located adjacent to the Hamilton Auditorium.

Dr. Pat Cross was born in Marlinton in 1957 and moved a year later to White Sulphur Springs where he lived until graduating from Greenbrier East High School in 1975. Over the next years, Pat earned three degrees from West Virginia University, a BSEE in 1981; MSEE in 1993 and PhD in 1998. His engineering career has taken him from West Virginia to Texas, Massachusetts, Arizona, and Alabama, where he currently resides.

Cross began painting at the age of nine alongside his mother, Pauline, also an accomplished artist. He resumed art as a hobby in 1980 and continued to dabble. His work took a serious turn under the



Art by Dr. Pat Cross

tutelage of Alabama artist Jennifer Stottle-Taylor. Bringing his experience and imagination as an engineer to his work, he continues to grow in his craft.

Cross' Carnegie Hall exhibit houses his work that include select pieces of his late mother, dating from 1970 until the time of her death in 1996.

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

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