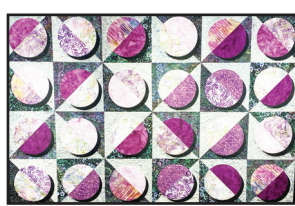




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Penny Pitch exceeds financial goal with over \$63K in donations

“The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members.”— Coretta Scott King

Once again, the community of the Greenbrier Valley has demonstrated its greatness as a community with the concern they’ve shown for others through Penny Pitch. Together we have helped many children and families through the holidays and beyond.

We have so many people to thank! First of all, thank you for our many thoughtful, generous donors. We are so grateful for all of your support.

Special thanks to those who helped us with the logistics: Coach Lee, Coach Baker, and the Greenbrier East Spartan Football Team; IGA in Fairlea; Grand Home Furnishings; Lewisburg Rotarians; Ronceverte Jaycees; Marsha Rodes and the Smoot Ruritan Club; United Way of Greenbrier Valley; all City National Bank locations; Abie Lucas; The State Fair of WV and employees; David Lumsden and Western Greenbrier Rotary; Greenbrier Valley Democratic Women; Greenbrier Valley Theatre; and our local Wal-Mart employees.

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Board of Education honors Community Servants, Soccer Team

By Adam Pack

The Greenbrier County Board of Education met on Tuesday, Jan. 10 and took time out of their schedule to applaud a variety of local events and individuals.

The first item for special recognition was the career of Brenda Elmore, who has served as the Davis Stuart liaison to Greenbrier County Schools for 30 years. After reading several accolades and well wishes from various colleagues, Deborah McClintic, Director of Secondary Education, spoke about Elmore’s service to the community.

“Elmore began as a liaison to Greenbrier East from Davis Stuart in 1992, after having served at the county level prior to that.” Teary-eyed, McClintic continued, “I can’t imagine Greenbrier East without her, she’s such a special person and she really makes a difference in the lives of the students and the faculty.”

The board then applauded the efforts of Elizabeth Reynolds, a WVU Youth Nutrition Educator through the WVU Extension Office. Paula McCoy, Greenbrier County Schools Lead Nurse, said, “One of the most important lessons we can teach our students is the importance of good health See “Board of Education”

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Elizabeth Reynolds (left) was honored by Lead School Nurse Paula McCoy for her work in nutrition education in county schools.



Brenda Elmore (center) receives recognition from the BOE, Secondary Education Director Deborah McClintic (front left), and Greenbrier East High School Principal Ben Routson (front right) for her work as Davis Stuart liaison to East while surrounded by current and former colleagues.

WSS tables lease agreement with 50 East following encroachment onto city property

By Sarah Richardson

The White Sulphur Springs City Council met this week with a crowded chambers as members of the public attended to make their voices heard regarding a proposed lease agreement between the City of White Sulphur and 50 East, a restaurant located on Main Street.

It has recently come to light that part of an expansion added to the restaurant last spring is encroaching onto city property, but city officials are unsure of by how much.

Area resident Thomas Taylor spoke to council, thanking them for allowing a public comment period, and explaining his disagreement with the basis of the lease agreement.

“Hopefully with this lease agreement that’s before you, you’ll be able to turn on your moral and ethical compass and make that decision for yourself as to if this is right or wrong,” he said. He noted the importance of “fairness and transparency” within government, and explained that “legally, he [Tom Crabtree] should be bound to remove what he has built on this property owned by the city. That’s the way I see it.”

Bobby White said that a survey needs to be completed to check all the boundaries, and that the building’s owner should have attained a building permit.

Speaking of the proposed lease agreement, Mayor Bruce Bowling said, “I came up with this, City Attorney Fred Giggenbach and I, and basically I got no direction from anybody on what they wanted to do, so it could be changed. This is for your all’s discussion.”

Councilmember Audrey Van Buren asked if a building permit was obtained for the addition, See “WSS City Council”

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County Commission elects Shifflett-Tincher President, approves review of \$12M broadband grant agreement

By Adam Pack

The Greenbrier County Commission met for their first regularly scheduled meeting of 2023, and with that handled the first-of-the-year designations and necessities. Before official business could begin, the incumbent members of the committee wished to recognize and congratulate newly elected County Commissioner Blaine Phillips.

Phillips, who was elected last November, occupies the seat left vacant by the retirement of former Commissioner Mike McClung. “It is an honor and a privilege to be elected by the people of Greenbrier County to be a member of your County Commission,” Phillips said.

The Commission then moved onto the election of a President, with Commissioner Tammy Shifflett-Tincher taking the unanimous vote. She thanked the other members of the commission for their vote and stated she is very excited for upcoming developments including the renovation of the Greenbrier County Health Department, ongoing work to expand and overhaul the Greenbrier County Courthouse, and work done to continue to bring broadband service to the region. “All totaled, 2023 is shaping up to be a great year,” she noted.

All three commissioners are sitting members on four committees within the county, including the Arts & Recreation Allocation Committee, the County Corrections Committee, the Courthouse Security Committee, and the Redistricting Committee. Commissioner Shifflett-Tincher already sits on the Greenbrier County Airport Authority, the Humane Society Advisory Board, the Extension Advisory Board, and the Greenbrier County Convention and Visitors Bureau Board. Commissioner Rose sits as the President of the Health Board, on the Economic Development board as a member, and is the Vice-Chair of the Region 4 Planning and Development

Board. Commissioner Phillips has expressed interest in sitting on the Planning Commission, the Region 1 Workforce Local Elected Officials Board, and the Emergency Planning Board. The current assignments for existing commission members were upheld, and the appointment of Commissioner Phillips to his new seats was approved by the commission.

Moving on to regular business, the commission approved several motions on Tuesday, chief among them the beginning of review of the grant agreement between the WV Department of Economic Development, Office of Broadband and the County. President Shifflett-Tincher noted that the grant, which was awarded to the county in 2022, amounted to a little more than \$12 million, while the cost of the entire project amounted to slightly over \$17 million. The commission did not have exact figures at this time, but they approved going ahead with the agreement and are looking forward to reviewing the details with county counsel.

In other business, the commission opened bids for a new generator for the courthouse building. The bids read as follows: H&M Contracting (Covington, VA), \$575,900, Gonday Enterprises, LLC (Charleston, WV) \$535,000, and Greenbrier Technologies and Electrical (Lewisburg, WV) \$475,497.02. The commission, which reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids, will make a final decision at a later date.

The sheriff also spoke to recommend the hiring of a new security officer for the courthouse. The sheriff said the candidate in question, one Michael Honaker, “was conscientious and dependable” from the evidence of his previous work history, and recommended his hiring. The commission approved unanimously.

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Legislative LookAhead: Lawmakers battle ‘demographic cliff’ and declining ‘college-going rate’ when growing higher education in WV

**By Autumn Shelton
WV Press Association**

Education is a main concern for state legislators as they prepare for their 60-day session beginning on Wednesday, but it’s not just K-12 classrooms they must consider - it’s providing the state’s students with the ability to attend institutions of higher learning and with increasing higher education enrollment numbers.

Last Friday, during the West Virginia Press Association’s Legislative Lookahead held at the Culture Center, George Zimmerman, assistant vice president of enrollment management at West Virginia University; Fred Albert, president of the American Federation of Teachers–West Virginia; Dr. Carla Warren, director of educator development and support services with the West Virginia Department of Education; and Matt Turner, executive vice chancellor for administration with the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission, discussed

what they believe should be high priority legislation.

According to Zimmerman, colleges and universities in West Virginia are facing declining enrollment numbers.

Factors for this decline include the “demographic cliff,” a result of the nationwide decline in birth rates beginning during the 2008 economic downturn, and the need to increase “student readiness skills” before entering an institution of higher education, Zimmerman stated.

“We have heard about the (low) math and English scores, we have heard about the need to better support our students, and that is something we are looking at, I know, at WVU,” Zimmerman said, adding that throughout the summer, students can visit the university via various programs to feel better prepared.

As a former middle school math teacher, Albert added

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Fred Albert speaks at Legislative Lookahead

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saying “that’s an important thing. If you are in the City of White Sulphur, I don’t care who you are [...] you’re supposed to come apply for a building permit before you do any improvements. That’s the first step. And if he didn’t do it, then that’s totally wrong on their part.”

Mayor Bowling said that he wasn’t sure whether or not a building permit was obtained, but he was going to look into it.

Councilmember Chris Hanna asked exactly how much of the structure is on city property, with Bowling answering, “We don’t exactly know, we’d need a survey, and that costs around \$1,000.” Councilmember Van Buren said a survey was necessary, and other members noted that it appears the business owner should be responsible for covering that cost.

Councilmember G.P. Parker motioned to table the item until the details of the process of construction are checked, which was met with agreement via a unanimous vote.

In other news, public hearings on the proposed updates to the city zoning ordinances will be held on Jan. 26, one at 10 a.m. and another at 6 p.m. Councilmember Hanna said a copy of the ordinances is available at City Hall, and it runs around 100 pages.

Mayor Bowling also acknowledged the City of Lewisburg and thanked them for their recent donation of a police cruiser after one of White Sulphur’s cruisers broke down. “They could have sold it, but they gave it to us. I really appreciate working with our other communities,” he said.

Board of Education

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and wellness routines; adequate exercise, adequate sleep, good hygiene, and proper nutrition. Elizabeth has been teaching all of these things to people here in Greenbrier County since 2007, and has been a Youth Nutrition Educator since 2018. She has worked closely with our schools and colleagues call her ‘detailed, professional, knowledgeable, and ‘one who always goes above and beyond with her job.’”

Reynolds was noted as having worked very hard to facilitate pop-up farmer’s markets for students, even coming in on days off to help organize them. Reynolds said that she was simply humbled by the recognition of the board and is more than happy to continue educating the students of the county on good health and wellness.

Lastly, the Board officially recognized the Greenbrier East men’s soccer team’s state title win. The entire coaching staff, which consists of Head Coach Lucas Lemine, Assistant Coach Bren Pittsenbarger, and Assistant Coach Todd Wagner were present, together with a handful of players. Coach Lemine spoke briefly to say that he was honored to be a coach for the team. “It truly was incredible to watch and they deserve so much credit. Furthermore, I just want to say thank you to Principal (Ben) Routson who took a chance on me straight out of college and for all the support I and the players have received from the community, the board, and Greenbrier East. Every state winning team has always had the same thing; a soccer specific space to train and play. You made sure East finally had that, and we are so grateful.”

“We’ve all been so impressed watching you all go on this historic run,” said BOE President Jeanie Wyatt. “We can’t wait to see what the future holds for this program.”

The Board of Education will be meeting again on Tuesday, Feb. 14 at 6 p.m. in the Kyle and Ann Forts Arts & Science Center. The public is encouraged to attend. Interested parties should call 304-647-6470 to confirm meeting time and date prior, as they are subject to change.

Two WVDOH plow drivers injured in separate accidents

Two West Virginia Division of Highways (WVDOH) plow drivers were injured in separate accidents Monday morning while treating icy roads.

Just before 5 a.m. Monday in Taylor County, a plow rolled over on US 250 S near US 50 at mile marker 9.3 while a driver was spot treating the road for weather.

The driver sustained an injury and was transported to a local hospital.

In Wood County at 6:36 a.m., two vehicles slid into a WVDOH plow truck on I-77. The driver of the plow sustained injuries and was transported to a local hospital.

The accident occurred at mile marker 158 near Beatysville in the northbound lanes. The driver was treating the interstate for icy conditions.

The WVDOH wants to remind motorists of safety tips while sharing the road

with plow trucks:

- Slow down when following a snowplow.
- Don’t follow too closely. If you can’t see the snowplow’s mirrors, the driver can’t see you.
- If a snowplow is spreading material, keep well back. Bouncing salt or other ice control material can damage your vehicle.
- If you have to pass a snowplow, make sure the driver can see you. If a plow is approaching from the other direction, move as far to the right as is safe.
- In snow and ice, stay off the roads unless absolutely necessary. If you have to drive, leave early, drive slowly, and keep your headlights on at all times.

For the latest updates and information on travel conditions throughout West Virginia, visit wv.511.org

2023-2024 Preschool and Kindergarten registration event dates announced

Greenbrier County Schools (GCS) will host preschool and kindergarten registration on two dates and locations for children who will be four years old before July 1, 2023, for preschool and five years old before July 1, 2023, for kindergarten. Students currently enrolled in a GCS Pre-K program will be automatically enrolled in kindergarten in their home school district; therefore, parents of GCS Pre-K students will not need to attend a registration session.

Preschool and Kindergarten registration will take place at the following locations:

- Mar. 21 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the old Greenbrier County Board Office, 197 Chestnut Street, Lewisburg
- Mar. 22 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Rupert Elementary School, Crawley

What to bring:
(children do not need to be present to register):

- Preschool parents should complete the online application at www.greenbrier-countyschools.org
- Official State issued birth certificate (not a copy);
- Immunization record;
- Copy of current physical exam
- Copy of most recent dental exam
- Two proofs of residency;
- Social Security card of child; and
- Relevant custody order, if applicable.
- Preschool parents should also bring proof of income.
- Preschool parents should also bring a copy of child’s insurance card

Kindergarten early entrance testing will be conducted in June 2023. To be eligible for this early-entrance evaluation process, a child must be 5 years old between July 1 and Sept. 15, 2023. Results of the tests and evaluations must provide evidence that the child not only has sufficient intellectual maturity but must also show social, emotional, and physical maturity to function within the academic setting.

Parents may contact Nancy Hanna, associate superintendent, at 304-647-6470 by May 31, 2023, to request an appointment for kindergarten early-entrance testing.

PICK OF THE LITTER



COCOA

Cocoa is a five-month-old Redbone and Shepherd mix. She weighs 23 pounds.



KLAUSE

Klaus is a three-month-old male domestic shorthair

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

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

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

Call 304-645-4775 for more information.

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

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Hampton Farms LLC. to Diamond Trucking, Inc. to
Lots 122 and 123, Home Realty Company Addition
Meadow Bluff District
Diana L. Sears to Jacob A. Lavender and Emily Fuller
Lot No. 13, Red Bank Hills Subdivision, Frankford District
Mary S. Wylie to Kenneth Wayne Wylie and Samantha Lee Wylie, 1.00 Acre, Williamsburg District
Sheridan Holdings LLC. to Greenbrier Vault Land Company LLC, 12,902 Sq. Ft., Fort Spring District
Kathryn L. McDonald to Waylon M. Gilkerson, Lots Nos. 1 and 5, Block 6, Res. Section A, Town of Rupert
Douglas Chadwick to John Preston and Roger Pence, 11.42 Acres, Fort Spring District
Jared W. Robertson and Amy Robertson to Lisa M. Kessler and Johnnie D. Kessler, 8.721 Acres, Blue Sulphur District
Sherry Fuller Robertson Sanders to Scotch Creek Properties, LLC., Lot No. 3, Block No. 1, S.B. Mason Addition, Town of Lewisburg
Sylvia Keen to David L. Keen, Lots Nos. 1 and 2, White Sulphur District
Leslee J. McCarty to Lance Syner, Lots Nos. 17, 18 and 20, Ronceverte Corporate District
Charles E. Vallandingham, III and Thomas M. Vallandingham to Cheryl L. Vallandingham, 13.5 Acres, White Sulphur District
Barbera M. Forney to David O'Brien and Roger Attkisson, Lots Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4, 0.459 Acres, Ronceverte Corporation

The Commission adjourned and will meet again on Wednesday, Jan. 25 at 10 a.m. Though not on its regularly scheduled date, this will be a regular meeting of the County Commission. The public is encouraged to attend.

- Resolutions
 - Resolution 504, Public Works Building pay request #1
 - Resolution 505, Water System upgrade project, pay request #7
 - Resolution 506, Storm water Study, pay request #2
- Proclamation
 - Volunteer of the Year
- Communications from Mayor White

Aleah Gibson, Ronceverte, no operators, NCP, fine \$25
Austin Wayne Clutter, Lewisburg, petit larceny, NCP, jail 90 days - suspended and placed on 9 months unsupervised probation
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Taylor D. Hardiman, White Sulphur Springs, 1) driving suspended, NCP, fine \$100; 2) following too closely, fine \$25
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Eli D. Reese, Covington, KY. distracted driving - cell phone, GP, fine \$100
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Jason Paul Lemons, Ronceverte, improper disposal, NCP, fine \$100
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- Approval of Minutes - Dec. 16, 2022 meeting
- Financial Report
- Manager Report
- Field Report
- Engineering Report
- Phase B extension project:
 - Payment Resolutions
 - Other project-related business brought before the Board
- Phase C extension project:
 - Payment Resolutions
 - Other project-related business brought before the Board
- Election of Officers of the Board for Calendar Year 2023
- Setting Board meeting dates and times for Calendar Year 2023
- Executive Session, Personnel
- Other business brought before the Board

Work crews will now top the 2,500 cubic yards of fill with gravel and stone and grade the surface flat to get ready for permanent repairs in the spring. The temporary bridge will remain in place until then.



OPINION

Nature’s Way

By Karen Cohen

What’s New

Just when I thought I might be shifting to low gear and taking it slow in the garden department, a blast of fresh air swept me off my feet! I attended the Virginia Biological Farming Conference for a weekend in Roanoke. Not only did I come home with new seed varieties from new seed companies, I also attended more than eight lectures from experienced growers. To say I am pumped is not accurate. I am fortified!

Did you know that individuals can start their own seed company? I met several growers who had started their own organic, non-GM (genetically modified) seed companies. Farmers also form seed co-ops where they can share “culturally meaningful seeds” in non profit cooperatives who strive to grow diverse crops, grains, herbs and flowers. For home growers, seed swapping is a great way to introduce new varieties into your plots and also use a different gene pool rather than your own year after year. When I buy a pack of tomato seeds, for example, it contains about 25 or more seeds which is more than I want to grow for just two people. Swapping with my backyard garden peeps allows us to trade seeds while they are fresh and still viable rather than saving a bunch year after year. Find a gardener or two to swap seeds with! Last year I traded oregano rooted starts for rhubarb roots for example.

Another group of commercial growers are producing micro greens for sale at farmers markets and to restaurants. Home growers can easily grow a variety of salad greens from seeds even in the winter inside a hoop house or a greenhouse. Micro greens such as baby spinach, lettuces, and kales are harvested either leaf by leaf or with scissors. Giving a tray of 4 inch greens a haircut allows them to grow more leaves and you have a salad of fresh micro greens. We plant a 3 ft. x 3 ft. block of mixed greens every 2 weeks under a hoop when the soils warm up in March and harvest week after week. Once the weather gets too hot in the summer, the plastic cover comes off and we plant our shade loving greens in the cooler garden spots behind the rows of tomato plants, climbing beans, and dwarf corn.

When you meet farmers and growers, you quickly learn that their jobs require long, often back breaking hours, and are never done for profit alone. Growing food or raising livestock does not provide instant gratification. Plants and animals take time to grow and you must monitor the health of your crops and your animals. People who do this work for a living or those of us who have backyard gardens love working outdoors and rely on nature and the seasons as guides. Our reward is fresh, untainted food that goes from garden to table in a matter of hours.

When you peruse the seed catalogs, you have a wide variety of choices. Eggplant can be grown in different colors: black, purple and white, and varying sizes: round, oblong and elongated shapes. You don’t see that kind of variety in the grocery store, do you? Cherokee Purple or Mortgage



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West Virginia Extension offers a wealth of info for gardening in our state along with a gardening calendar for 2023 called Colors of the Garden. You can download and print out from your computer. Go online to <https://download.ext.wvu.edu/garden-calendar>. You can learn about how to avoid creating herbicide resistant weeds, garden pests, and FNP - the Family Nutrition Program; there’s even healthy recipes to check into. There is no end to learning and growing!

(Karen Cohen is an organic grower, photojournalist, and avid explorer. If you have seeds to swap, please email natureswaykaren@gmail.com, and Happy Gardening!)

Lawmakers push to regulate ‘Forever’ PFAS chemicals

By Nadia Ramlagan for WVNS

West Virginia lawmakers are expected to introduce legislation in 2023 aimed at regulating PFAS chemicals in the state’s drinking-water systems.

Commonly found in Teflon cookware, water-resistant clothing, fast-food packaging and other consumer goods, PFAS have been linked to cancer, immune suppression, neurodevelopmental disorders, thyroid disease, decreased fertility and other conditions.

Luanne McGovern, a member of the board of directors of the West Virginia Highlands Conservancy, explained that The Clean Drinking Water Act of 2023 - modeled after last year’s House Bill 4055 - would outline a strong set of actions to curb residents’ exposure to the chemicals.

“The legislature, first off, wants to set state-specific maximum contaminant levels for certain PFAS chemicals,” said McGovern. “They also want to establish a PFAS action-response team to go after some of the really high areas. They also want to require facilities that are using PFAS to report their use.”

Last summer the Environmental Protection Agency released drinking-water health advisories for some PFAS

compounds, listing the threshold of contamination least likely to cause harm to human health. The advisories are only recommendations and are not enforceable.

Earlier this month the agency released its new PFAS database, which it says will help public-health experts and scientists better understand potential PFAS sources in their communities.

A federal study released in 2022 found PFAS in 67 West Virginia public water systems, out of more than two hundred tested.

McGovern pointed out that the bulk were concentrated along the Ohio River, in the Parkersburg area, and in the eastern panhandle - all highly populated regions.

“I think,” said McGovern, “having this study has really empowered people to go to their local water treatment, their local town or city, and say, ‘Hey, what are you doing with this? What are we doing to put in the right equipment to be taking PFAS out of our drinking water?’”

Meanwhile, some manufacturers are moving away from using the chemicals. The company 3M announced last month a plan to phase out PFAS by the end of 2025.

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that the numbers of those who enter teacher education programs are in serious decline.

“So, what can we do?” Albert asked. “Well, we can support our teachers for one. You know, respect is not just an Aretha Franklin saying. Respect is a real practice.”

Ensuring the safety of all who are present in a school facility, increasing salaries and lowering class sizes are just a few ways to show educators respect, Albert continued.

Warren added that teacher recruitment is needed in West Virginia to fill the 1,544 classroom positions that are currently led by those who are not certified to teach that subject, or grade level.

“We have certified teachers, but they are teaching outside of their content area,” Warren began, adding that of the 18 teacher preparation programs in the state, nine of them graduated less than 20 teachers last year. In three of those programs, no students graduated with a teaching degree.

“We know that teachers are not coming to the profession,” Warren stated, noting that this trend began before the pandemic.

One of the ways that the state has been working to address this is through the innovative Grow Your Own WV Pathway to Teaching,” Warren continued. This program financially assists students who want to become teachers by providing them dual-credit opportunities while still in high school. There is also an incremental wage structure for the apprenticeship model through the U.S. Department of Labor.

“We are removing barriers such as cost and time, particularly, but we are increasing levels of support,” Warren stated. “This can only happen with strong partnerships. So, we’re working with workforce, we’re working with labor, we’re working with government to make sure that all of the pieces are in place. It is an ongoing chal-

lenge for us, but one that we are willing to take on.”

Turner added that there is a market for post-secondary education in West Virginia.

“Our class of 2021 had the lowest college going rate since we have been tracking numbers - just under 46% - 45.9%,” according to Turner.

He continued that economic development is “blossoming” in West Virginia, but a primary concern of employers is finding “a skilled, highly educated workforce.”

“We have got to create these pathways for our young people and continue to cultivate an atmosphere that is conducive to business and good jobs that will pay families a good, strong living wage and enable them to prosper here in West Virginia. So, that’s what the employers are telling us—a high school diploma is not good enough.”

Like the Grow Your Own Pathway, Turner said it would be beneficial to have a “statewide, state-funded” dual-credit program for all high school students who take college courses.

He said this would help colleges and universities matriculate students in all fields of interest, including healthcare, IT and manufacturing.

“We do have fantastic programs, but getting the word out is tough, and reaching that student who has never had that person who told them what college is about and what it is going to be is tough,” Turner said, adding that there are still many first generation college students throughout the state who can use help.

In response to a question about state funding for higher education, Turner said that the percentage of funding has “significantly dropped” over the last 20 years as part of a nationwide trend.

Following a recent legislative policy change, Turner said that beginning next year state funding for higher education will begin to be based upon performance, which will include enrollment data.

West Virginia Revenue Secretary Hardy explains Governor Justice’s \$4.8 Billion budget

By Matt Young
West Virginia Press Association

West Virginia Revenue Secretary Dave Hardy, on Wednesday, provided members of the media with a preview of Gov. Jim Justice’s \$4.884 billion budget proposal

The preview, which came just hours ahead of the 2023 State of the State address, featured Hardy, along with Deputy Secretary Mark Muchow and Michael Cook, director of the State Budget Office.

“It’s clear that we are in historic times,” Hardy began. “Whatever adjective you want to use - unprecedented, jaw-dropping - whatever word you want to use, we’ve never had times like this before. And that was our starting point with this budget.”

The governor’s proposed budget for fiscal year (FY) 2024 represents a \$248 million increase over last year. However, according to Hardy, the state’s record-setting revenue increases have created a “historic window of opportunity,” as the fiscal year 2023 surplus is expected to exceed \$1.7 billion.

“I’m talking about our ‘big four’ revenue streams,” Hardy said. “The severance tax and consumer sales tax, personal income tax (PIT) and corporate net income.”

Regarding rising interest rates, Hardy said: “We’re very happy about that. A year ago we were six months into the fiscal year (2022) and our net interest revenue was \$21,000. Now, we’re six months into the fiscal year (2023) and our interest income is \$38 million. That is purely the result of interest rates going up.”

“With \$25 million worth of pension funds, we pay very close attention to what our rates of return are,” Hardy noted, before adding that, “Inflation has continued, but it appears to be on the decline.”

The revenue increases, Hardy explained, reflect growth numbers which are “disconnected” from the surplus. Severance tax revenue has grown, year-to-date, by 112.8%. In that same period, consumer sales tax has grown by 5.8%, corporate net income has grown by 11.8%, and PIT has increased by 13.6%.

“That leaves room for a lot of discussion,” Hardy said. “The big conversation-piece in the budget this year will be the surplus.”

“The governor instructed us to build, what we call, an essentially flat budget,” Hardy continued. “[That] means we start off with the idea that we’re going to hold the line, and be very cautious about our base growth.”

The \$248 million budget increase from FY 2023 is the result of an increase in the school aid formula, an increase in PEIA subsidies to meet the proposed reimbursement rates, and salary increases for state employees.

“The demand for energy across the globe went up relative to supply,” Muchow said. “And when demand exceeds supply, the price goes up.”

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, Muchow explained, West Virginia’s General Revenue Fund experienced a decline of 5.5% in 2020. However, since that time, the state has had three consecutive years of double-digit growth; 11%, 18.1%, and 21.2% respectively.

Between FY 2019 (last full fiscal year prior to the pandemic) and FY 2023, the average annual percentage in the state’s revenue growth was 8.1%, or \$817,635 million. At \$331,776 million, West Virginia’s severance tax revenue is the primary driver of that increase, followed by PIT at an increase of just over \$214 million.

“When you look at inflation for that period of time, the rate is running right about 4.2%,” Muchow noted. “So the average growth rate is running a bit higher than the average inflation rate.”

“Usually when states have surpluses like that, those states cut taxes, and that might be happening here,” Muchow said, in reference to the governor’s later-announced proposed three-year plan to reduce PIT by 50% in the State of the State.

“Let’s say you’re cutting taxes in calendar year 2023,” Hardy continued. “You’re not going to see the full impact in this fiscal year. It’s going to take place in fiscal year 2024. It will change certain parts of the budget.”

Under the governor’s plan, PIT would be reduced by 30% within the first year, followed by 10% each year for the next two years. According to Hardy, should the legislature adopt the governor’s proposal, a revised budget will be released before the end of the session. According to Hardy, should the legislature adopt the governor’s proposal, a revised budget will be released before the end of the session. However, it will only impact total revenue growth, as, “The expense side will remain untouched.”



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Lola Lewis Level Boone



Organ Cave-Lola Lewis Level Boone passed away at her home in Organ Cave on Sunday, Jan. 8, 2023 at 80 years of age. Born Oct. 24, 1942, Lola was the only child of Charles Edgar Lewis and Evelyn Flint Lewis of Griffith's Creek.

She was a member of the Griffiths Creek Baptist Church and studied her Bible regularly.

In addition to her parents, Lola was preceded in death by her late ex-husband, William Patrick (Pat) Level of Organ Cave; her late husband, Orville "Otie" Boone originally from Alderson; and daughter-in-law, Maryann Allen Level of Organ Cave.

Survivors include Lola and Pat's children: three sons, William C. (Billy) Level of Organ Cave and Sandy Isaacs, Danny Level of Caldwell and Barrett Level of Organ Cave and fiancé Lynn Woods; one daughter, Angie Level Shaffier and husband Kirk of Rockville, VA; six grandchildren, Alan (Brittany), Ethan (Brittany), Lindsey and Hayden Level, and Patrick and Will Shaffier; two great-granddaughters, Riley Noel Level and Eleanor Marie Level; and great-grandson, Jackson Barrett Level. She had three step-great-grandchildren, Arlo and Anse Justice and Jonas Miller.

Lola grew up on their family farm in Griffiths Creek with a variety of livestock and crops and attended Talcott High School, graduating in 1960. Lola's most coveted animals were her beloved horses. Her Daddy taught her horsemanship at a very young age. She owned, rode, and showed her horses all her life and could most often be found at the barn. She also enjoyed milking cows on the family farms. Lola had a profound love for her three dogs (Cricket, Dina and Bobby) and multiple barn cats. She cared for her animals with an unrestrained love and always made absolutely sure their needs were met.

She was employed as a trail guide at The Greenbrier Hotel Stables and the Homestead Resort Stables for many years. Lola was a tender hearted but tough lady. She loved to laugh and was a hard worker. There was nothing she could not do.

Visitation will be Friday, Jan. 13 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Wallace and Wallace Funeral Home in Lewisburg.

Funeral service will be held at 1 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 14, at the funeral home with Pastor Joey Morgan officiating. Burial will follow in the Alderson Cemetery.

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In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be made to: Greenbrier County Humane Society, Ref: Lola

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Please send online condolences by visiting www.WallaceandWallaceFH.com

Ruby Howard Moran



Our dear mother, Ruby Howard Moran went to be with the Lord on Monday, Jan. 9, 2023.

She was a wonderful mother and a dear friend to those that knew her. She loved being outdoors and enjoyed her flowers. She also loved going to the beach with her family and loved playing bingo. She will be sadly missed.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jabie Moran; and two sons, Allen Moran (Sharon) and Donald Moran (Shannon).

Her surviving children are James "Butch" Moran and companion, Valerie of White Sulphur Springs, Joseph "Joe" Moran and wife Karen of Arnold, MD, Martin "Mo" Moran and wife Becky of Callaghan, VA, and daughter, Martha Denton and husband Steve of Marietta, OH; 13 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren; special caregivers, Vanessa Kelly, Shelby Depriest, Pam Tolley, Jennifer Tolley and several others.

Per her request there will be no services.

Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in White Sulphur Springs is in charge of arrangements. Please send online condolences by visiting www.WallaceandWallaceFH.com

Sharon Kay Serreno McCallister



Alderson-Sharon Kay Serreno McCallister, 76, went home to be with the Lord on Monday, Jan. 9, 2023.

Born Nov. 25, 1946, in Charleston, WV, she was the daughter of the late Albert Frank and Virginia Lee Taylor Serreno.

Sharon was also preceded in death by son, Kenneth Lockridge II; sisters, Norma Lee Gilkerson, and Tammy Lynn Bennett; five brothers, Albert Serreno, Grant Wayne Serreno, Milton Dean Serreno, and

Tom and Joe Serreno.

Mrs. McCallister was a caregiver having taken care of many friends, neighbors, and clients over her lifetime. She was of the Baptist faith. In her journey of life, she never met a stranger. Sharon was the rock of her family. She enjoyed traveling and being with her family.

Those left to cherish her memory include sons, Gregory Lockridge of Elyria, Ohio, Michael Lockridge of Alderson, and Albert Lockridge (Tina) of Elyria, Ohio; daughter, Sherry Oleyar, (Jeff) of Elyria, Ohio; brothers, Allen Serreno of Alderson, and Douglas Serreno of Lewisburg; sisters, Connie Brecke (John) of Sheridan, WY, and Bonny McConnell (Robert) of Princeton, WV; and a plethora of grand-children, great-grand-children, nieces and nephews.

Sharon's viewing will be held on Friday, Jan. 13, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Lantz Funeral Home, 101 Davis Street, Alderson, WV.

Her funeral will be held on Saturday, Jan. 14, at 1 p.m. at the funeral home. Interment will follow in Lockbridge Cemetery at Meadow Bridge, WV.

Lantz Funeral Home is honored to serve Sharon's family in their time of need.

Linda Carol LaRue



Vago-Linda Carol LaRue, 75, was called home to her Lord and Savior at her home, Sunday, Jan. 8, 2023.

Born Apr. 20, 1947 on Alta Mountain, she was the daughter of the late Lester Hefner and Louise Hinkle Holt.

Linda was a great homemaker, mother and friend to everyone. She was an avid Elvis fan.

Survivors include her husband, Edgar LaRue; children, Elvis LaRue of Vago Road, and Timmy LaRue (Tammy) of Frankford; grandchildren, T.J. Larue (Chelsey) of Fort Spring, and Ryan LaRue of Virginia; great-granddaughter, Clara; sisters, Betty Waters (Rodger) of Front Royal, VA, and Kay Hefner (Rod) of Maryland; and brother, Mike Hefner (Debbie) of Union. She was also survived by a special friend, Bonnie Ramsey (Kirby) who helped greatly during her illness.

Funeral service will be at 12 noon, Friday, Jan. 13, at the Morgan Funeral

Home, Lewisburg. Visitation will be on Friday one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Burial will follow the service in the Lewis Chapel Cemetery, Vago Road, Frankford, WV.

Online guestbook may be signed at www.morganfh.net

Marion Elizabeth Perdue Bailey

Frankford-Marion Elizabeth Perdue Bailey, 90, went home to be with the Lord on Sunday, Jan. 8, 2023, following a short illness.

Marion was a loving wife, sister, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend.

She was preceded in death by her devoted husband of 58 years, James Rodgers Bailey; her parents, Kenneth and Weston Perdue; and her brothers, Michael, Donnie, and Kenneth, Jr.

Marion is survived by her children, Pamela Marcus, Mike Bailey (Kathy), and Christina Loudermilk (J.D.); sons-in-law, Jack Marcus, and Harry Farnack; grandchildren, Seth Farnack (Bridget), Jacob Farnack, Tanner Farnack (Larra), Harrison Marcus (Courtney), Derrek Marcus (Amber), Victoria Marcus, Garrett Bailey (Katie), Brooke Bailey, Hannah Yates (Mason), and Ali Loudermilk; great-grandchildren, J.W., Mary Jo, Maebel, Beau, and Frankie; sisters, Joann and Barbara; and many nieces and nephews.

Marion was a lifetime member of Enon Baptist Church, and enjoyed participating as a member of the EBW, of which she served as president for many years. She could be found lending a hand at every function and was renowned for her cooking at each church dinner. Her friendships and bonds with fellow members were congenial and live beyond Marion's days on Earth.

Marion was the pianist at Enon Baptist Church for well over 30 years - a self-taught passion from girlhood that continued long after her time playing for her beloved church community.

Marion will be remembered fondly by many for her kindness, her generosity, and the love she extended to those in her life.

Funeral service was held on Thursday, Jan. 12, at the Enon Baptist Church. Visitation was one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial followed the service in the church cemetery.

Online guestbook can be signed at www.morganfh.net

Arrangements by Morgan Funeral Home, Lewisburg, WV.

Gladys Marie Hedrick Paulin

Renick-Gladys Marie Hedrick Paulin, 80, passed away, Saturday, Jan. 7, 2023, at Stonerise Lewisburg.

Born June 26, 1942, in Essex, MD, she was the daughter of the late Dewey M. and Elva Pearl Wheeling Hedrick.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Bartley Vincent Paulin; infant twin children; and sisters, Dorothy Johnson, and Linda Gascon.

Gladys was a member of the St. Catherine of Senna Catholic Church in Ronceverte. Gladys was a graduate of the first class of the Region IV School of Practical Nursing, volunteered at the Red Cross, was a former member of the OES Hillsboro and was a past member of the WVLPN Association.

Survivors include her daughter, Bethany Peake (Scott) of Renick; brother, John M. Hedrick (Nancy); sister, Helen Reinholt; grandchildren, Xavier, Dulce and Ezekiel; adopted son, JT Conner (Darcy) and their children, Lydia, Frank and Wesley; special family friends, Karen and her children, Hazel, Benjamin and Rosie; and her quilting partners, Joyce Callison and Polly Kelley.

Memorial service will be at 6 p.m., Friday, Jan. 13, at the Morgan Funeral Home Chapel with Father Jim Conyers officiating. Visitation will be at 5 p.m. until time of the service at the funeral home.

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Sylvia Ann Williams Lewisburg

Sylvia Ann Williams, 83, passed away unexpectedly Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2023 at her home in Lewisburg.

She was born May 19, 1939 at White Sulphur Springs, a daughter of the late James and Edna Helen Brooks Faulkner.

Sylvia was of the Baptist faith and was a homemaker. She loved flowers and being outdoors.

In addition to her parents, Sylvia was preceded in death by her husband, Orville Henry Williams in 2019; a daughter, Edna Sturgill; one sister and four brothers.

Survivors include her daughters, Sarah Smith (Daniel) of Loganville, GA and Debbie Chapman of Lewisburg; four grandchildren, Tanya Pascale, Nicole Hale, Joshua Smith and Benjamin Sturgill; five great-grandchildren, Tyler Pascale, Parker Hale, Tucker Hale, Carter Herman and Savannah Sturgill; sister, Catherine Hancock of Norfolk, VA; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held on Monday, Jan. 16, at Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Lewisburg, with Sylvia's daughters officiating the service. Burial followed in Wallace Memorial Cemetery, Clintonville.

A visitation was held one hour prior to the service on Monday.

Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Lewisburg is in charge of arrangements. Please send online condolences by visiting www.WallaceandWallaceFH.com

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Last week you requested information on what to do with old Christmas trees. Here's a suggestion: give them to goats. My goats love them. <https://www.dcnewsnow.com/news/local-news/maryland/want-to-know-how-to-get-rid-of-your-christmas-tree-try-feeding-them-to-the-goats>

Love My Goats
Dear Love My Goats,
Great suggestion for anyone with goats! According to the website, goats love pine needles, which are full of nutrients such as antioxidants and minerals. Plus, they are a natural winter dewormer for goats. Trees must be free of tinsel and snow flocking. Readers, any other suggestions for reusing old Christmas trees or wreaths?

Dear Recycle Lady,
I just heard that topping off the gas tank when putting in gas is bad for the environment. How can that be true? I thought added gas meant added mileage.
Doubting Thomas
Dear Doubting Thomas,
Topping of the gas tank is bad for the envi-

ronment. According to www.automoblog.net/topping-off-learn-why-you-should-never-top-off-your-gas-tank, gasoline fumes are toxic and harmful to breathe. They are also toxic to the ozone layer. When topping off, a spillage of gas is likely that releases air pollutants that are toxic, flammable, and carcinogenic. It also can get gasoline on hands or clothing, which can be harmful to you. Additionally, when you hear the gas pump click indicating the tank is full, some of the gas you pump after that is going into the hose for the next customer, not in your gas tank. Thus, topping off actually costs you money! Plus, topping off your gas tank can evaporate vapors into your vehicle's vapor recovery system and ruin the engine.

Dear Recycle Lady,
I received a flat FedEx mailing envelope that had an address label on one entire side that was covered with plastic. Does this plastic need to be removed before recycling the mailer with cardboard?
Interested Recycler
Dear Interested Recycler,
Yes, the plastic covering

on the mailer should be removed before recycling as plastic coverings (polystyrenes) are a contaminant. Be sure to remove any Styrofoam, plastic bags, or packing material that may have come in the mailer before adding it to the cardboard bin. Tape and staples do not need to be removed.

Dear Readers,
For the last several years, the public has been asked to cut plastic six-pack rings so that animals and birds couldn't get tangled up in them. Now we need to do the same thing with the strings on face masks. Reports of wildlife and birds getting tangled up in discarded masks are beginning to increase. Please cut the strings on all face masks before properly disposing of them. This small action will prevent injuries to both wildlife and birds.

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

A Look Back




By William "Skip" Deegans
Coralie Franklin Cook (pictured) was born in Lexington, Virginia, in 1861 to enslaved parents, Albert and Mary Elizabeth Edmondson Franklin. Cook was a descendant of Thomas Jefferson's slave, Elizabeth Hemings. She graduated from Storer College in Harpers Ferry, West Virginia, and attended Boston's Emerson College. It is thought that she was the first descendent of Monticello slaves to graduate from college. Following graduation, she taught English and elocution at Storer. She moved to Washington, DC, to become a professor at Howard University and the Washington Conservatory of Music. In 1898, she married George William Cook, a professor and later dean at Howard. George Cook escaped from slavery, attended school and graduated from Howard with undergraduate and law degrees.
Coralie Cook, a skilled public speaker, was active in the civil rights movement, was one of the founders of the National Association of Colored Women Clubs, and was the second woman of color to be appointed to the Washington, DC, Board of Education. She was also active in the women's suffrage movement. She is quoted as stating, "Disfranchisement (sic) because of sex is curiously like disfranchisement because of color. It cripples the individual, it handicaps progress, it sets a limitation upon the mental and spiritual development." She died in 1942.

Storer College grew from a Freewill Baptist mission school founded after the Civil War to educate formerly enslaved children to West Virginia's first college for students of color. Storer was the site of the Niagara Movement conference that led to the founding of the NAACP. At its outset, the college was not well received by some residents of Harpers Ferry. At one point, faculty and students armed themselves in light of threats by the Ku Klux Klan. The college helped African-Americans, including Coralie Cook, purchased houses in Harper's Ferry. Her house still stands and is included in the Harper's Ferry Black Heritage Walking Tour. Storer closed in 1955 after nearly 90 years of operation.
Photo courtesy of the West Virginia University Regional History Center.
Sources: www.monticello.org, National Park Service, Harper's Ferry-Bolivar Historic Town Foundation.

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Every game will be broadcast live by the Greenbrier Valley Channel, with experienced announcers and high-quality video. The games will be shown on Facebook, Roku and YouTube, providing maximum exposure to both athletes and sponsors.
The 2023 boys' field features Class AAAA No. 2 Parkersburg South, Class AAAA No. 6 Greenbrier East, Class AAAA No. 9 Cabell Midland and Class AAA No. 1 Shady Spring. Cabell Midland won the boys' championship in the inaugural event. Shady Spring and Parkersburg South each finished as the state runner-up in its respective class in 2022.
The girls' field features Class AAAA No. 10 Greenbrier East, Class AAA No. 3 Nitro, Class AA No. 1 Wyoming East and Class AA No.

3 Mingo Central. Greenbrier East is the defending champion in the girls' division. The girls' teams have combined for an impressive 28-6 record through the early portion of the 2022-23 season.
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hope parents, friends and basketball fans will come out and show their support for what promises to be a fantastic week of basketball."
Games begin Friday, Feb. 3. Seating will be limited, so advanced ticket purchases are encouraged. Tickets will be sold on a single-game basis. The arena will be cleared and cleaned after each game, and a new ticket will be required for the next game. For more information or to purchase advanced tickets, visit [https://greenbrier.com/Holidays-Events/Battle-for-the-Springhouse-\(1\)](https://greenbrier.com/Holidays-Events/Battle-for-the-Springhouse-(1)).

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The operation is discharging into Hughart Creek and Sinking Creek of Muddy Creek of the Greenbrier River and is located near LEWISBURG in Williamsburg District of Greenbrier County, Longitude 80° 33' 18" and Latitude 37° 53' 03" (Coordinates from USGS Topographic Map).

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Appalachian Aggregates, LLC	171 St Clairs Crossing, Bluefield, VA 24605
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Larry, Jake & Josh Huffman et al	1469 Sinking Creek Road, Clintonville, WV 24931
James E. Huffman	218 Moon Hill, Clintonville, WV 24931
Danny B. Rowe	2178 Sinking Creek Road, Crawley, WV 25984
Earl L. Hiser, III	PO Box 1894, Lewisburg, WV 24901
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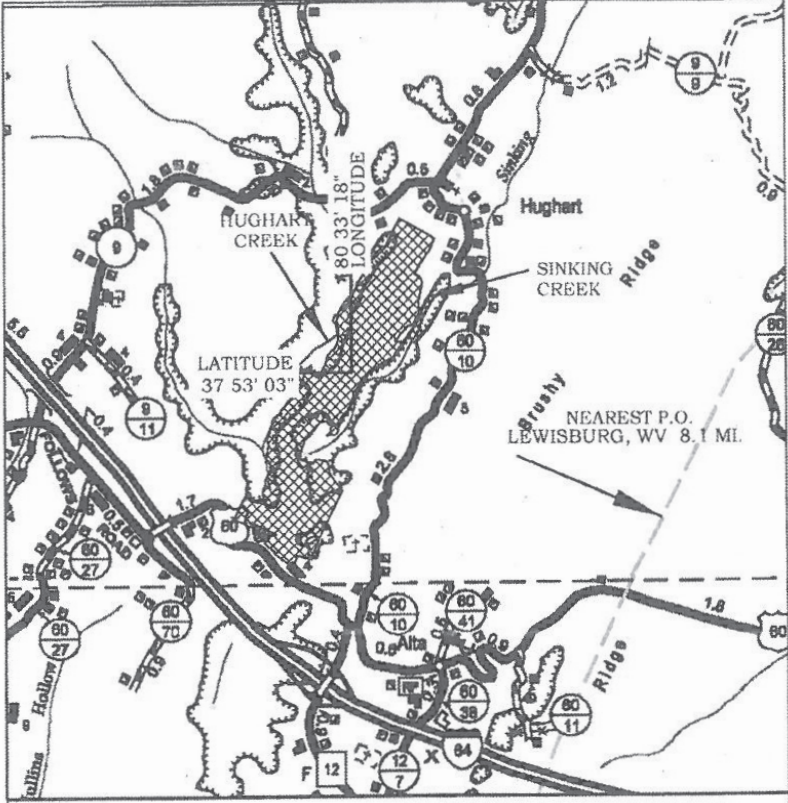
Comments on the application shall be in writing and shall identify the applicant and application number and be sent to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) at the address above. Comments received by February 13, 2023, or thirty (30) days from the date of initial date of publication, will be considered.

A copy of the application will be available until February 13, 2023, or thirty (30) days from initial date of publication in the DEP Regional Office located at the address above and is available at:

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Call	Contract	State Project	Federal Project	Description
025	2014000511	U313-WHI/TE-1.02	TEA-2011(184)D	PEDESTRIAN/BIKE FACILITIES Howards Crk Hike/Bike Tri & Ped Br Howards Crk Midpoint COUNTY: GREENBRIER

DBE GOAL: 3% OF CONTRACT BID AMOUNT. BIDDER MUST PROVIDE WRITTEN ASSURANCE OF MEETING GOAL ON FORM IN PROPOSAL.

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023	2018001099	U313-LEW/SW-1.00	TAP-2017(183)D	ContWrk Typ US 60 S Lafayette US 60 S Lafayette Sidewalk Improvements COUNTY: GREENBRIER

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF GREENBRIER COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
BCS RENTALS, LLC,
Plaintiff,
v.
JEREMIAH LEE WINDON
and KIMBERLY MCCOLL,
Defendants,
Civil Action No.: CC-13-2022-C-116

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

Jeremiah Lee Windon
273 Belltown Road
Quinwood, WV 25981

The object of the above-entitled civil action is to obtain possession of a portable storage building located at 273 Belltown Road, Quinwood, West Virginia.

It appearing by Affidavit filed in this civil action that Plaintiff has used due diligence to ascertain the residence and whereabouts of Defendant, Jeremiah Lee Windon, without effect, it is hereby ordered that Jeremiah Lee Windon serve upon Marc Lazenby, Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is Lazenby Law Office, P.O. Box 4968, Princeton, West Virginia 24740, an Answer, including any related Counterclaim or defense which Jeremiah Lee Windon may have to the Complaint filed in this civil action, or before thirty (30) days after the date of the first publication of this Order of Publication in a newspaper of general circulation in Greenbrier County, West Virginia. If Jeremiah Lee Windon fails to do so, judgment may be taken against him for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

A copy of the Complaint may be obtained from the office of the Greenbrier West Virginia Circuit Court Clerk.

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The operation is discharging into unnamed tributaries of /and Big Clear Creek, unnamed tributaries of/ and Mill Creek of Meadow River of Gauley River of Kanawha River and is located 3.5 miles, southeast of Quinwood in Meadow Bluff District of Greenbrier County, Longitude 80° 40' 18" and Latitude 38° 0' 56" (Coordinates from USGS Topographic Map).

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Highland Mineral Resources LLC	876 North Jefferson Street, Lewisburg, WV 24901
Frederick J. Taylor	P.O. Box 411, Rupert, WV 25984

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Written comments and/or requests for an informal conference of the permit renewal application shall identify the applicant and application number and will be received by the Permit Supervisor at the DEP address above until March 6, 2023, or thirty (30) days from the date of **final publication**. A copy of the application will be available for review until March 6, 2023, or thirty (30) days from the date of final publication in the DEP Regional Office located at the address above and is available at:

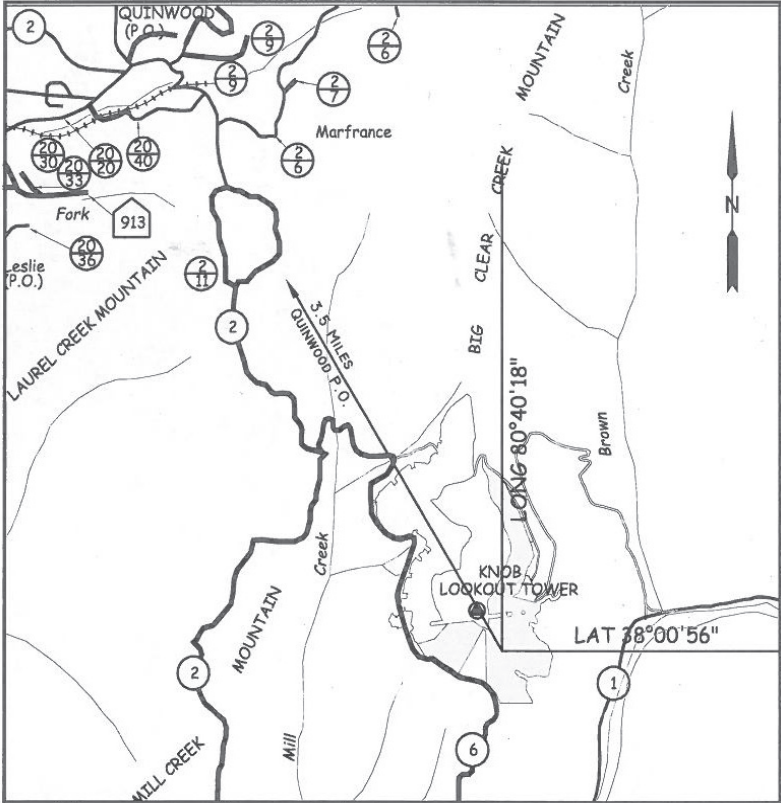
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WEST VIRGINIA GENERAL HIGHWAY MAP

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024	2014000633	U313-GRE/EN-6.00	TERT-2014(116)DTC	ContWrkTyp Greenbrier River Trailhead ACQ and CON Greenbrier River Trailhead ACQ and CON COUNTY: GREENBRIER

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Notice to Tax Payers

West Virginia, Greenbrier County Commission Regular January 10, 2023 Term

Take notice that the Board of Equalization and Review of Greenbrier County, composed of the County Commissioners of Greenbrier County, will convene at the Courthouse at 10 a.m. on the 1st day of February 2023, for the purpose of hearing complaints any tax payer may have as to the assessment placed upon his/her property by the Assessor of this County.

It is the duty of the Board to reduce the value of property if it is too high and to increase it if it is too low. This may be done upon motion of any tax payer interested or upon the Board's judgment. This Board will meet the tax payers from the several districts and corporations at the Courthouse in the County Commission room of said County, on the following dates: February 1st, February 6th, February 9th, February 14th, and February 17th and ending no later than the 28th day of February 2023. **Instructed by WV State Code 11-3-24: the County Commission may adjourn sine die anytime after February 15th and will do so if no hearings are scheduled.** Anyone desiring to appear before this Board is requested to make an appointment with the Assistant to the County Commission, Kelly Banton, at 304-647-6689 ext. 0, Monday through Friday, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. If the Board finds it proper to do so, it may adjourn from day to day no later than the 28th of February, 2023. Anyone desiring to review their assessment may do so online at www.greenbriercounty.net or by contacting the Assessor's office at 304-647-6615.

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002	2022890002	S389-REC/AL-23. 00	STBG-2023(009)D	PAVEMENT MARKINGS D-9 RECALL STRIPING 2023 DISTRICT WIDE COUNTY: FAYETTE, GREENBRIER, NICHOLAS, OTHER
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42 Crows
43 Oscar winner Brody
44 Like a straight line, in life

45 Work to get
46 Mimicking an angry dog
48 1993 event at Mount Carmel Center
55 Comic actor Danny
56 Spill the info, with "up"
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67 "Please help!"
70 Venue of the 2002 Humanitarian Bowl
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79 Prefix with dynamic
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81 Read hastily
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87 Something Plus White toothpaste claims to remove
92 Water, humorously

95 Potting stuff
97 TV journalist Chung
98 Mimicked Daffy Duck
101 A cut from the short loin
105 Playwright Fugard
106 Vocalists
107 Simile middle
108 University in northern California
110 McKellen of "X-Men"
112 Most native
117 Aquarium
118 One of 18 on a golf course
119 They're in eight answers in this puzzle
122 Slushy drink
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128 Cherished "Mother"
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2 Aroma
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14 Gucci of fashion
15 Unlike or Shearer righties
16 Farewells
17 Go back to the way it was
18 Belfry sounds
24 Call off
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34 Single-pot meal
35 Verdi heroine
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39 Diagnostic pic
40 Ran on TV
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47 Emperor before Galba
49 A la — (menu words)
50 Hammond instruments
51 Potential plant
52 "Three Sisters" sister
53 Tighten up a muscle
54 Destiny
57 Under wraps
61 Kyoto sash
63 Actress Kelly or Shearer
64 Suffix with prophet
65 Andean llamas
66 Quantity: Abbr.
67 Little quarrel
68 Classic cookie
69 Kosovo native
71 "No" votes
72 Apple device
75 Opening in a parka, say
78 Lacks
80 DeLuise of "Hot Stuff"
82 Large city in

84 Window unit
85 Kazan of film
86 Search for
88 Green with Grammys
89 Ill-bred man
90 "Oh, woe —!"
91 Jordanian queen dowager
93 Tile artwork
96 Like some trading
98 Milk-related
99 Cornell University city
100 Gives off light
101 Used a rotary telephone
102 Puts in
103 Big T-shirt size: Abbr.
104 Some chair craftspeople
106 Hot pot spot
109 Movie or play
111 "Zip- — -Doo-Dah"
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BUSINESS

Sen. Manchin hosts Bill Gates to highlight WV’s role in ensuring America’s energy security

WV Press Release Sharing
U.S. Senator Joe Manchin, D-WV, chairman of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, welcomed Bill Gates, founder of Breakthrough Energy, to West Virginia on Monday to highlight the role the Mountain State has played in powering the nation.
Manchin used the visit to showcase the opportunities - made possible through the bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (also known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law) and the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) - to invest in our existing energy infrastructure, new advanced energy technologies and energy manufacturing in West Virginia that could help the nation become energy independent.
Manchin and Gates traveled to Glasgow, WV, to tour the Kanawha River Plant, a closed coal-fired power plant that used to provide 400 MW of electric generation capacity for homes and businesses across the region and employed more than 140 West Virginians at its peak. The tour highlighted the existing energy infrastructure that is ready for reinvestment and the skilled West Virginia workers ready to help develop new and advanced energy technologies to help realize the energy

security benefits of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and the IRA.
Throughout the day, the two met with federal and state officials representing West Virginia, local business leaders and various stakeholders who are evaluating opportunities from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and IRA to site new energy production and manufacturing in West Virginia, including through re-developing existing sites that have been closed. The day concluded with a moderated discussion hosted by Marshall University President Brad Smith.
“It was an honor to welcome my friend, Bill Gates, a world-renowned tech innovator, to West Virginia and introduce him to the people, communities and history that represent the best of our great state. For generations, West Virginians have made tremendous sacrifices to produce the energy and fuel this country has relied upon to become the superpower of the world,” said Manchin.
“Today’s visit both recognized those sacrifices and looked toward a future where West Virginia - America’s energy powerhouse - can continue to lead the nation in energy production and innovation. Thanks to the investments we’ve made in the Bipartisan Infrastructure law

and the IRA, our state’s abundant energy resources and skilled workers are uniquely positioned to help the United States achieve the objective of both laws: to become an energy secure and independent nation,” he added.
“I will continue working with Bill, West Virginia’s federal and state lawmakers, my bipartisan colleagues in Congress, stakeholders and business leaders as we explore ways to ensure West Virginia continues to produce affordable, dependable and reliable energy that will create good-paying jobs in our state, reduce our reliance on foreign supply chains and help the entire nation and our allies,” said Manchin.
“West Virginia has a unique opportunity to build on its energy history by leading the clean energy transition. It has been great to learn more from West Virginia’s government, business, and civic leaders on the state’s legacy of powering the country, and I’m thankful for Sen. Manchin’s invitation and leadership on this work. Through historic government investments and the technological progress achieved in recent years, clean energy industries in West Virginia are well positioned for rapid growth, with the support of leaders prepared to drive forward this opportunity,” said Gates.

CLUB & CHURCH

Henning Church of God Ladies hold January meeting

The Ladies of the Henning Church of God met on Tuesday, Jan. 10, in the church fellowship hall for their regular monthly meeting. President Carole Spencer presided and Kim Brookman led in prayer.
Dyan Hefner presented the devotion, “Having that Old Tree Age,” with scripture reference II Peter 2:18. The layers in a tree forms a ring. This can help determine how old the tree is, what years were wet and dry, how much air pollution, migration of insects and how much sunlight was absorbed. How many layers do Christians have? Do they absorb Sonshine and drink in His water? The outer bark of the tree provides protection from the outside world. In Ephesians 6, we need to use the full armor of God and prayer to protect us. The phloem is the inner layer of the bark. This is the pipeline for leaves to have food provided. The food for Christians is God’s word. The cambium is the cell layer of the tree. It is alive and produces new bark

and wood. We need to be active for Christ by keeping on witnessing. The xylem or sapwood sends water up through the leaves. We need to keep on growing in Christ daily. (I Peter 2:3) The heartwood is the dead part of the tree, it is firm and will not fall apart and keeps the layers in place. This may keep the tree standing for a long time. We need layers of faith to withstand the world and make us strong like a towering tall tree. Don’t be lead away by the world. We should always want to grow. Christians should act their age. What is your age?
Barb Seldomridge brought us our missionary education report “52 Days in Captivity” from the Voice of the Martyrs. Eight young Christians (five men and three women) had just finished a three month discipleship series and were headed to western Pakistan near Afghanistan. They had a flat tire on Dec. 24, 2017. This area was inhabited by Muslims and many drug abusers. They decided to

pass out leaflets in neighborhood. They were all taken by the secret police to the police station. They went through their van and took all of their belongings. The five men were accused of spreading Christianity. Burlap bags were placed over their heads and they were transported to another place. They were beaten and interrogated every day and taken to other places. Each day was the same. They wanted the men to accept Islam. The five missionaries were ready to die. They had a prayer schedule and one of them fasted each day. After 52 days, they were loaded into a truck and taken to a top of a hill and told to count to 500. The captors left them. “God has answered our prayers.” They flagged down a passerby and returned home. The three women only received verbal abuse and returned home after a week. One of the missionaries still does missionary work, however, he suffers anxiety and is haunted by the memories, but prayer

gives him strength. In this country, we do not suffer persecution like this. (Matthew 5:10-12)
Pauline Perkins read last month’s minutes.
Carole Spencer read several Christmas cards sent to the group. The Laugh group helped 14 people and nine nursing home patients with our donation. The Renick and Williamsburg food pantries were grateful for our food donations. The group is looking for ideas or suggestions to help other people and organizations.
The group will be serving the Maxwelton Ruritan on Jan. 26. The dates for our yard sales will be May 6 and Sept. 9.
The next meeting will be Feb. 14. Cindy Fleshman dismissed in prayer.
Attending were Alice Coff, Angie Scott, Barb Seldomridge, Carole Spencer, Cindy Fleshman, Dyan Hefner, Jamie Harvey, Joan Vance, Marsha Merritt, Marty Burns, Pauline Perkins, Patty Owens, Peggy Seldomridge, and Sue Hunt.

Looking for things to do this winter?

Sprouting Farms has two more winter cooking classes coming up! Classes will be held on Jan. 21 and Feb. 18. Sprouting Farms invites you to attend our cooking classes at the Graham House, down the road from the farm, starting at 10:30 a.m. The Graham House is located at WV-12 in Pence Springs.
The class group will learn to use winter variety produce to cook a healthy meal that will then be shared with the group as we all sit down to eat. The event will be hands-on and based on teamwork. Our class on Feb. 18 will be meat-free for the meat-free eaters out there.
If you are interested in signing up you can email beth@sproutingfarms.org. Registration is required and spots are limited, so reach out as soon as you can! The classes are free, but donations are appreciated.
Sprouting Farm’s farm stand in Talcott is open for shopping Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. In addition, our Mobile Farmers Market travels to locations in Summers and Monroe County every Tuesday and Thursday. Tuesdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. we are set up in Hinton at the Hinton Park across from the Big 4 Drug Store. On Thursdays we are in Monroe County from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Union Senior Center, and 2 to 4 p.m. at the Greenville Pavilion at the Greenville Senior Manor. We accept cash, check, card, EBT, and Senior Vouchers at both the farm stand and mobile market stops. We also provide SNAP Stretch discounts to EBT shoppers buying fruits and vegetables. This discount can be 50-75 percent off fruits and veggies.
To learn more about Sprouting Farms check out our website, sproutingfarms.org, or follow us on Facebook @SproutingFarms and Instagram @sprouting_farms. Have questions? Email contact@sproutingfarms.org or give us a call at 304-466-5175.

SCHOOL

Writing workshop at New River CTC

Begin the year honing your writing skills in a new writing course offered through New River CTC from author Belinda Anderson, “The Plot Thickens.”
“Readers love trying to figure out what’s happening and what’s about to happen,” Anderson said. “This course focuses on the element of plot in relation to character and setting. Knowing how to compellingly present a course of events is important in both fiction and nonfiction.”
Starting Feb. 9, “The Plot Thickens” will meet for three weeks on Thursdays at 10 a.m. This is an audio-only conference call course. “Students can play with plots from home, never mind the winter weather,” Anderson said.
Students can attend the class either by phone or through an internet conference call connection (high-speed internet is not required). Class meetings will include lecture, time for questions and participant sharing, and group e-mail follow-up as needed.
Regarding Anderson’s fiction, West Virginia Poet Laureate Marc Harshman wrote this about one of her collections of short stories: “Full of humor, under-stated romance, and unexpected suspense, this book has something for everyone.”
Children’s author Anna Egan Smucker reviewed Anderson’s “Jackson vs. Witchy Wanda,” writing saying, “Belinda Anderson has created a middle-grade novel that sizzles with suspense.”
Tuition for the class is \$75, and the registration deadline is Jan. 26. Participants will be emailed the conference call number and access codes after registering and paying.
Visit www.newriver.edu/community for information on upcoming classes or register for the course or contact Gloria Kincaid (304-793-6101, gkincaid@newriver.edu).
Learn more about Anderson and her work online at <http://www.BelindaAnderson.com>
New River CTC’s Workforce Education Division provides community education classes and employable educational opportunities including noncredit courses, workforce development programs and customized training.



Amelia Nichols



Titus Mathis

EGMS announces Spelling Bee winners

Eastern Greenbrier Middle School would like to congratulate the 2022-23 School Spelling Bee Winners: First Place - Amelia Nichols and Second Place - Titus Mathis. The two students will represent EGMS at the county bee in February.



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Carnegie's Kitchen Arts classes feature nationally recognized teaching artists



Work by Bob Hoffa

Upcoming events at the Alderson Artisans Gallery

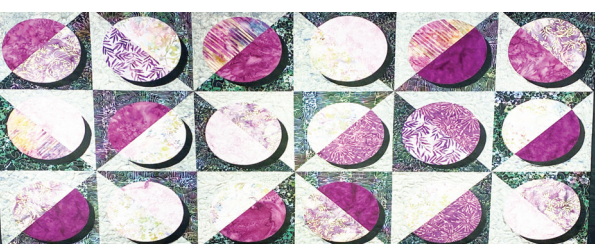
The Alderson Artisans Gallery is pleased to announce the showing of creative works by Tenley Shewmake and Bob Hoffa. The opening will be held on Jan. 14 from 2 to 4 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. Enjoy the Eastern and Appalachian inspired fashion designs of Tenley Shewmake and the “retro” fun and electrifying works by Bob Hoffa.

The showing will run from Jan. 14 to May 5. Gallery hours are posted on our website at www.aldersongallery.com. The Alderson Artisans Gallery is a cooperative nonprofit organization.



Work by Tenley Shewmake

Old Stone Room Gallery features Trish Tuckwiller



“Shadows II: Twilight” by Trish Tuckwiller

Carnegie Hall's Winter Exhibits are underway with three new galleries featuring the works of regional artists. The Old Stone Room Gallery features works by artists Trish Tuckwiller. The Old Stone Room is located on the ground floor of Carnegie Hall.

Trish is a mixed media/ acrylic artist who is truly inspired by nature and her surroundings. Growing up in the hills of West Virginia, she often took walks in the woods observing the insects, wildlife, and landscapes. One of her favorite memories is fishing with her father at William's River trying to catch one of the many golden trout that swam there.

Trish has always been a creator, beginning with clothing and moving on to quilts. In 2016, she experienced a desire to break away from traditional quilting and use textiles and various other elements to create artwork and use it to express her love of nature.

She currently is not only creating with mixed media but also with acrylic paint. Tuckwiller has over 40-years' experience with textiles/mixed media and continues to improve her skills through self-study of various techniques and classes. She enjoys learning new techniques to implement into her artwork and improve her skills.

She was co-owner of WV Fine Artisans, an art gallery in Lewisburg, where she showed her work until the pandemic struck. Rather than reopen

the gallery, Tuckwiller decided to continue to do private shows and sell her work primarily online in order to use her time most efficiently.

She lives in the wonderful Greenbrier Valley of West Virginia on a cattle farm with her husband and two cats. For more information about the artist visit www.trishtuckwillerart.com.

Carnegie Hall exhibits are free and open to the public, Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and run through Feb. 24. For more information, please visit carnegiehallwv.org, call 304-645-7917, or stop by the Hall at 611 Church Street, Lewisburg.



Mike Costello and Amy Dawson of Lost Creek Farm processing their heritage sausage.

Carnegie Hall Spring 2023 Spring Classes & Workshops offer a wide range of learning opportunities that enlighten and inspire students of all ages. These unique learning opportunities are taught primarily in small group settings at the Hall. The Spring 2023 Classes & Workshops options are now available, and the Appalachian Heritage Series features nationally recognized teaching artists - Mike Costello, Amy Dawson, Genevieve Bardwell, and Susan Ray Brown.

The Appalachian Heritage Series is designed to introduce new students to old traditions by experiencing a hands-on opportunity to learn arts and crafts. Students learn to keep Appalachian roots alive by learning through the arts with Carnegie Hall.

On Saturday, Mar. 25, from 9 to 11 a.m., as part of the Appalachian Heritage Series, instructors Genevieve Bardwell and Susan Ray Brown, with special guest Eleanor Marshall, teach students the traditions of Baking Salt Rising Bread. Cost is \$55 (\$50 for members). Class size is limited, and students must be 16 years of age.

Come for a taste of nostalgia with Genevieve Bardwell as she shows how to make salt rising bread, using the same three-step process that has been passed down through West Virginian families for centuries. Bardwell will share historical research that reveals how the Appalachian women were ingenious in their use of natural leavening methods to raise biscuits, gingerbread, and salt rising bread. The class includes hands-on instruction of salt rising bread and sourdough bread. Attendees will leave with warm loaves of salt rising and an authentic sourdough

starter.

After the workshop, Carnegie Hall presents a free lecture by Genevieve Bardwell and Susan Ray Brown on Saturday, Mar. 25, at 11:30 p.m. Admission is free but registration is required. Space is limited so register early.

Genevieve Bardwell lives and works in Mt. Morris, Pennsylvania, an Appalachian community where salt rising bread has been a part of life for nearly 200 years. Inspired to understand this beloved heritage bread by Susan Ray Brown, they have spent decades extensively researching its history, lore, and science. This quest has taken them to libraries, bakeries, and bread museums across the world, as well as into the kitchens and living rooms of many expert salt-rising bread bakers. They also co-authored the original book - Salt Rising Bread: Recipes and Heartfelt Stories of a Nearly Forgotten Appalachian Tradition (Bardwell and Brown, 2016).

Genevieve started Rising Creek Bakery, in Mt. Morris, PA, then sold it in 2017. Rising Creek Bakery specializes in salt rising bread and ships hundreds of loaves weekly throughout the US. Genevieve graduated from the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, New York,

and went on to earn a master's in Plant Pathology. She continues to conduct research and teach classes about salt-rising bread.

Lost Creek Farm's Mike Costello and Amy Dawson will lead a two-day class of Traditional Sausage Making on Friday, Apr. 14, from 6 to 9 p.m., and Saturday, Apr. 15, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$150 (\$125 for members). Automatic scholarships are available for Greenbrier County students over 50 years of age who will pay only \$85. Class size is limited, and students must be at least 16 years of age to participate.

Focusing on heritage sausage recipes from the Spanish and Italian communities of north-central West Virginia, as well as recipes and techniques from their own families, the course will include storytelling, recipe instruction, and hands-on learning. Students will make at least three types of sausage which will be sampled and taken home after class. The first day will cover basic butchery, an introduction to the cultural significance of various sausage traditions, portioning, grinding, and seasoning. The second day will include stuffing and finishing linked sausages, smoking Spanish sausages, and canning Amy's family's traditional sausage.

Named 2022 James



Genevieve Bardwell pulling fresh salt rising bread loaves from the Carnegie kitchen ovens.

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- ★ Ceramic Earrings and Pendants w/ Kelsie Tyson

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11

- ★ Easter Bunny Candy Bowl with Amie Durrman

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18

- ★ Woodturning 101 with the WVWA
- ★ Head Planters with Amie Durrman

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20

- ★ Scratch the Surface: Sgraffito Club w/ Kelsie Tyson

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Met in HD Live at GVT: Fedora



Be sure to join Greenbrier Valley Theatre (GVT) for the first Met in HD Live performance of the year this Saturday. Watch as 35 brilliant performers complete Umberto Giordano’s exhilarating drama. Fedora returns to the Met repertory for the first time in 25 years - don’t

miss it and wait another 25 years - see it at GVT this weekend!

Packed with memorable melodies, show-stopping arias, and explosive confrontations, Fedora requires a cast of thrilling voices to take flight, and the Met’s new production promises to deliver. Soprano Sonya Yoncheva, one of today’s most riveting artists, sings the title role of the 19th-century Russian princess who falls in love with her fiancé’s murderer, Count Loris, sung by star tenor Piotr Beczaa. Soprano Rosa Feola is the Countess Olga, Fedora’s confidante, and baritone Artur Rucinski is the diplomat De Siriex, with much-loved Met maestro Marco Armiliato conducting. Director David McVicar delivers a detailed and dramatic staging based around an ingenious fixed set that, like a Russian nesting doll, unfolds to reveal the opera’s three distinctive settings - a palace in St. Petersburg, a fashionable Parisian salon, and a picturesque villa in the Swiss Alps.

To see showtimes and to purchase tickets, visit <https://ci.ovationtix.com/35773/production/1135360>

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Watercolor exhibit at Greenbrier County Library



Lewisburg artist Jeanne Brenneman has an exhibit of original watercolors at the Greenbrier County Library during January and February. She has painted in Greenbrier County since 1973 and is a founding member of Greenbrier Artists, which began in 1974 and who maintain a rotating exhibit at the library. Jeanne paints many local subjects, and her prints are available at Plants, Etc. in

Lewisburg. She also has a large display of originals and prints at Lee Street Studios, which is open to the public on Fridays and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Greenbrier County Library is open every day. For details visit their website at greenbriercountylibrary.com

Woodturning 101 back by popular demand



Spring 2022 Woodturning 101 Section 2 students with their newly turned live edge bowls.

Carnegie Hall and the West Virginia Woodturners Association (WVWA) continue their partnership to offer Woodturning 101 for the spring 2023 Class & Workshop Series. The

six-week introduction to woodturning course will take place at Lee Street Studios in Lewisburg. It is a part of the Appalachian Heritage Series, which is designed to introduce new

students to old traditions by experiencing hands-on opportunities to learn about Appalachian arts and crafts. The spring 2023 Classes & Workshops options are now available just

in time for the holidays.

During the six-week series, students will begin with a review of safety issues and equipment, including tool usage and sharpening, before mov-

ing on to wood selection and preparation. Design concepts will be discussed as students learn turning, sanding and finishing techniques. All students will experience hands-on the steps necessary to produce their own bowl - from start to finish. The long-term goal of this series is for students to gain the knowledge and confidence to enjoy woodturning at the WVWA studio on their own.

Woodturning 101 will take place in the WVWA woodturning shop at Lee Street Studios, located at 232 North Lee Street, Lewisburg. A rotating cast of WV Woodturners Association members will provide instruction, including WVWA club officers Ron Manning, Gary DeGraff, George Boxwell, Bruce Brenneman, and Mike Cope. Maximum class size is limited to four students (must be 18 or older). Section 1 takes place Saturdays, Feb. 18, 25, Mar. 4, 11, 18, and 25, from 9 a.m. to noon. Section 2 takes place Saturdays, Apr. 8, 15, 22, 29, May 6, and 13, from 9 a.m. to noon.

The West Virginia Woodturners Association provides woodturners in southeastern West Virginia and western Virginia with an opportunity to meet other turners, enhance their skills, and share their skills and interests in woodturning. Send an email to info@vwwoodturners.com to request additional information about the club and its activities.

The class cost for Carnegie Hall Members is \$200 plus \$35 for a WV Woodturners Association membership. The cost for nonmembers is \$250, plus the WVWA membership fee. To enroll and for a complete list of the Appalachian Heritage Series or other classes and workshops visit carnegiehallwv.org/classes-and-workshops. You may also pick up a Classes & Workshops brochure at Carnegie Hall at 611 Church Street, Lewisburg, West Virginia.

Limited scholarships for classes and workshops are available for students ages 50 and over thanks to the generous contribution of the Mary B. Nickell Foundation.