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Lewisburg, White Sulphur Springs score high in Best of West Virginia contest

By Sarah Richardson

Greenbrier County businesses swept several categories in this year's annual Best of West Virginia contest, held by West Virginia Living. Lewisburg and White Sulphur Springs were prominent throughout the various categories, but especially in regard to dining and local shops.

The City of Lewisburg was named the winner for Best Downtown and Best Town for Foodies, and placed First Runner Up as Best Town for a Weekend Get-away and Best Town for the Arts. Lewisburg also placed as Second Runner Up as the Best Town for Retirees.

The following area businesses placed in their categories:

- Best Bed & Breakfast/Inn: Winner - General Lewis Inn, Lewisburg
- Best Boutique Hotel: First Runner Up - The Schoolhouse Hotel, White Sulphur Springs
- Best Campground: First Runner Up - Greenbrier River Campground, Cabins, and River Trips, Alderson
- Best Casino: First Runner Up - The Greenbrier Casino, White Sulphur Springs
- Best Convention and Visitors Bureau: Second Runner Up - Greenbrier County CVB
- Best Golf Course: Winner - The Greenbrier, White Sulphur Springs
- Best Resort: Winner - The Greenbrier, White Sulphur Springs
- Best Spa: Winner - Pomona Salt Cave and Spa, White Sulphur Springs, Second Runner Up - The Greenbrier, White Sulphur Springs
- Best Sports/Recreation Complex: First

- Runner Up - Greenbrier Valley Aquatic Center, Lewisburg
- Best Vacation Rental: Second Runner Up - Greenbrier River Campground, Cabins, and River Trips, Alderson
- Best Fair/Festival/Event: First Runner Up - State Fair of WV, Fairlea
- Best Live Music Venue: First Runner Up - Big Draft Brewing, White Sulphur Springs
- Best Local Newspaper: Second Runner Up - WV Daily News, Lewisburg
- Best Place To Work: Second Runner Up - Greenbrier Valley Brewing Company, Maxwelton
- Best Brewery: Winner - Big Draft Brewing, White Sulphur Springs
- Best Cider: First Runner Up - Hawk Knob Cider and Mead, Lewisburg
- Best Coffee House: Winner - Manic Espresso, Lewisburg
- Best Distillery: Second Runner Up - Smooth Ambler Spirits, Maxwelton
- Best New WV Libation Producer: Winner - Big Draft Brewing, White Sulphur Springs
- Best Brunch: Winner - The French Goat, Lewisburg
- Best Butcher Shop: Winner - Swift Level Fine Meats, Lewisburg
- Best Chef: Winner - Chef Jared Masters, The French Goat, Lewisburg
- Best Drive-In Restaurant: Winner - Jim's Drive In, Lewisburg
- Best Fine Dining: Winner - The French Goat, Lewisburg
- Best Hot Dog: Winner - Jim's Drive In, Lewisburg
- Best Italian Restaurant: Second Runner Up - The Humble Tomato, Lewisburg
- Best Specialty Food Marketplace: First



- Runner Up - Bella the Corner Gourmet, Lewisburg
- Best Bank: Winner - The Bank of Monroe
- Best Independent Bookstore: First Runner Up - A New Chapter Bookstore, Lewisburg
- Best Local Floral Shop: Winner - Gillespie's, White Sulphur Springs
- Best Local Place to Buy Women's Apparel: First Runner Up - Wolf Creek, Lewisburg
- Best Outdoor/Gear Shop: Winner - Serenity Now Outfitters, Lewisburg
- Best Real Estate Agency: Winner - Patterson & Co. Luxury Real Estate, Lewisburg, First Runner Up - Greenbrier Real Estate Service, Lewisburg
- Best Mayor: Second Runner Up - Bruce Bowling, White Sulphur Springs

American Pickers to film in West Virginia

The crew is currently looking for area leads on picks

The American Pickers are excited to return to West Virginia! They plan to film episodes of The History Channel hit television series throughout the area in March 2023. American Pickers is a documentary series that explores the fascinating world of antique "picking" on The History Channel. The hit show follows skilled pickers in the business, as they hunt for America's most valuable antiques. They are always excited to find sizeable, unique collections and learn the interesting stories behind them. As they hit the back roads from coast to coast, the Pickers are on a mission to recycle and rescue forgotten relics.

Along the way, they want to meet characters with remarkable and exceptional items. They hope to give historically significant objects a new lease on life while learning a thing or two about America's past along the way.

The Pickers have seen a lot of rusty gold over the years and are always looking to discover something they've never seen before. They are ready to find extraordinary items and hear fascinating tales about them.

We at American Pickers continue to take the pandemic very seriously and will be following all guidelines and

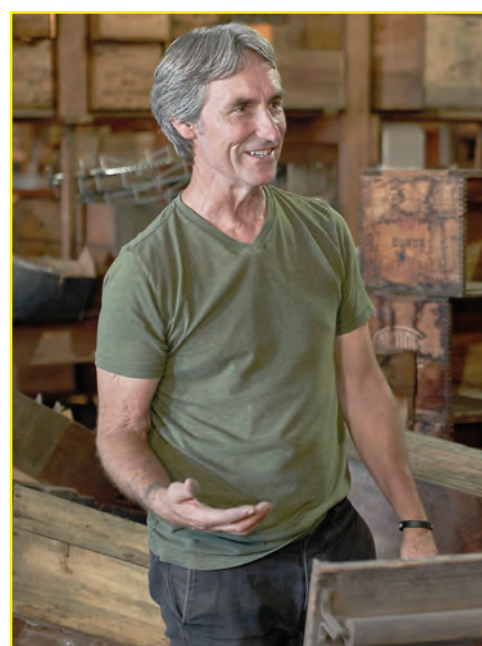
protocols for safe filming outlined by the state and CDC. Nevertheless, we are excited to continue reaching the many collectors in the area to discuss their years of picking and are eager to hear their memorable stories!

The American Pickers TV Show is looking for leads and would love to explore your hidden treasure. If you or someone you know has a large, private collection or accumulation of antiques that the Pickers can spend the better part of the day looking through we would love to hear from you! Please note, the Pickers DO NOT pick stores, flea markets, malls, auction businesses, museums, or anything open to the public.

If interested, please send us your name, phone number, location, and description of the collection with photos to americanpickers@cinetflix.com, call 646-493-2184, or visit Facebook @GotAPick.



American Pickers return to West Virginia to film an episode for their television series



Mike Wolfe, creator and star of History Channel's hit American Pickers

First Fridays After 5 on winter hiatus

The Downtown Lewisburg Businesses announce that there will be no First Fridays After 5 event until Apr. 7, and will continue on each first Friday of the month for the rest of 2023. Watch for event details in your local newspapers or on Facebook at "FirstFridaysAfterFive."

The Lewisburg merchants wish everyone a Happy New Year and thank you for your ongoing support of downtown Lewisburg. First Fridays After 5 takes place in downtown Lewisburg with shops, galleries and restaurants in downtown Lewisburg open until 8 p.m. with special events, complimentary refreshments, and live entertainment. First Fridays After 5: You'll find the lights on and the town alive!

For more information visit www.downtownlewisburg.com or call 304-645-6646.

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Gov. Justice unveils 2023 West Virginia Vacation Guide

First state travel guide in the country to feature cover image that changes at different viewing angles

Gov. Jim Justice unveiled the new West Virginia Vacation Guide last week, a free travel inspiration magazine dedicated to promoting Almost Heaven, West Virginia. The Department has received close to 8,000 pre-orders since Nov. 11, 2022.

“Every year I’m excited to see what the Department of Tourism comes up with when it comes to this printed piece,” Gov. Justice said. “This guide takes the cake. Beyond the innovative cover, inside the guide is a wealth of information and it’s just gorgeous to look at. I plan on sending a copy to all of my friends and family and you should too!”

West Virginia is the first state to have a cover with a lenticular design - by simply picking up the printed guide and shifting it back and forth, the prospective traveler will be met with an image, shot from within a tent at Watoga State Park. The cover image shifts from a gorgeous daytime view of a campsite at the International Dark Sky park to a starry night sky.

“Choosing what location to feature on the cover of the guide each year is a decision our team carefully considers,” said West Virginia Department of Tourism Secretary Chelsea Ruby. “Watoga State Park was one of three West Virginia state parks that received an International Dark Sky Park designation by the International Dark-Sky Association at the end of 2021, and we wanted to celebrate that award in a big way. The next time you visit Watoga, be sure to check out neighboring Calvin Price State Forest and Droop Mountain Battlefield State Park for their internationally recognized dark skies.”

The 2023 Vacation Guide was produced in partnership with Dotdash Meredith, a leading publisher that



To request a copy of the free 2023 West Virginia Vacation Guide, visit WVtourism.com

also produces Southern Living, Real Simple, and Parents magazines. This spring, in addition to the 200,000 guides the Department plans to distribute directly to consumers, more than 100,000 West Virginia Vacation Guides will be included with subscriber copies of Travel + Leisure magazine to encourage travel to the Mountain State.

The 2023 Vacation Guide showcases undiscovered locations, world class outdoor adventures and spirited small towns. Readers will also find a field guide in the beginning of the book with a collection of shorter sto-

ries, a trip-style quiz and more. The bulk of the book is organized by season; travelers will find gorgeous imagery and everything they may need to know about the time of year they plan to visit West Virginia along with the activities they can enjoy.

“We have the distinct pleasure of inspiring folks to dream about their next vacation and long for it to be in Almost Heaven,” Ruby said. “This guide does just that and also serves as a helpful resource once travelers get it here. Order your copy today and use it to lead you to places you’ve yet to discover in West Virginia.”

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House Education Committee approves bill allowing teachers to carry concealed handguns

By Matthew Young, RealWV

Despite powerful testimony from Ron Arthur, school safety and security administrator for the W.Va. Division of Protective Services, the House Education Committee, on Wednesday, advanced a bill which would allow elementary, middle, and high school personnel to carry concealed handguns on school property. The committee’s meeting - which lasted well over three hours - was often contentious, frequently disorganized, and, at several points, chaotic.

While explaining potential school-shooting scenarios, Arthur - who retired as a Captain from the West Virginia State Police - said, “You’re in a school and it’s chaos and you’re under stress. It’s worse than people can imagine unless you’ve been there in real life.”

“You place a really good shot under stress, and it goes through soft tissue and it hits a 12-year-old girl that’s standing behind the target,” Arthur continued. “That’s asking a lot (of school personnel).”

Introduced by Del. Doug Smith, R-Mercer, HB 2549 would allow elementary and secondary school teachers, administrators or support personnel to be designated as a “school protection officer (SPO).” These individuals must be in possession of a valid concealed carry permit. The position of SPO would be considered voluntary, and duties would be performed in addition to all other responsibilities. However, each school district would be required to fund any training required for a designated protection officer.

According to Smith, 35 states currently allow school personnel to carry concealed weapons.

“It’s not political,” Smith said, after citing New Jersey as being one of the 35 states.

As stated in the text of the bill: “Any person designated by a school district as a school protection officer shall be authorized to carry concealed firearms or a stun gun or taser device in any school in the district.” Aerosol

devices, such as pepper spray, would be prohibited.

The bill also states that SPOs would remain anonymous. Furthermore, information obtained for the purposes of designating an individual as an SPO would be kept confidential, and, “may not be subject to a request for public records.”

“I will respectfully oppose this legislation as I don’t agree with all the elements of it,” Del. Sean Hornbuckle, D-Cabell, said. “We didn’t listen to the concerns of students that might be in that classroom. I would submit to this body that it’s going to make it awfully hard and challenging in those schools when you have at least half of those students having a personality clash with teachers because they have a firearm, especially if it’s a classroom dealing with students who have behavioral disabilities. Where does that leave us?”

“I think that, while the intent is very good - I agree with the intent - I think there’s just a better way to do this that also listens to the concerns of parents, students, and teachers,” Hornbuckle added.

Del. Todd Longanacre, R-Greenbrier, felt differently, saying, “There are increased mass-shooting events, seemingly weekly, across this nation.”

“This bill, I would submit, increases security for those teachers, for those students,” Longanacre continued. “Even if no teacher decides to volunteer for this, the would-be shooters do not know that. All they know is, ‘Uh-oh, there’s a law - this place might be a hardened target.’”

“They (armed school personnel) will be a deterrent to death, not a catalyst for it,” Longanacre concluded.

Should HB 2549 become law, any school wishing to designate one or more protection officers would be required to hold a public hearing to decide if such a designation will be allowed. Notice of that public hearing must be published a minimum of 15 days in advance.

In summation of the bill, Del. Smith said, “It’s one more tool in the toolbox to protect the lives of our children.”

With the approval of the House Education Committee, HB 2549 will now be forwarded to the Judiciary Committee. RealWV will provide updates regarding the progress of HB 2549 as additional information is made available.

PICK OF THE LITTER



BARNEY
Barney is a six-year-old hound mix and weighs 37 pounds.



KASEY
Kasey is a three-year-old female domestic short-hair

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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WVU System and New River CTC partner to expand educational opportunities for students

The West Virginia University System, including West Virginia Institute of Technology (WVU Tech), and New River Community and Technical College (New River CTC) announced a new agreement today to assist New River CTC graduates in continuing their education.

Under the new agreement, New River CTC associate degree program graduates are guaranteed admission into the WVU System, including WVU Tech. Currently, 13 bachelor’s degree career paths have been developed to allow New River CTC graduates to build on their associate degree in pursuing a bachelor’s degree eliminating unnecessary course duplication.

“We are thrilled to be able to work with WVU Tech to expand educational opportunities for our graduates,” said New River CTC President Dr. Bonny Copenhaver. “Agreements like this one assist us in fulfilling our mission of providing accessible educational opportunities.”

WVU Tech Campus President Dr. T. Ramon Stuart agrees. “Higher education is so important to the future of West Virginia. Whenever there is an opportunity for institutions like New River Community and Technical College and the WVU System to work together to develop a pipeline to make higher education more accessible and affordable at all levels from a certificate up to a doctoral degree, we must be intentional about developing collaborative partnerships that allows us to meet students where they are and help them go to places they never dreamed,” said Stuart.

The pathways developed in the initial agreement will aid New River CTC graduates in pursuing bachelor’s degree opportunities in the fields of chemistry, history,

psychology, political science, sociology, business, agribusiness management, and sustainable food and farming. Both institutions plan to add additional pathways in the future.

For more information about programs offered at New River CTC, visit www.newriver.edu, email admissions@newriver.edu or call 866-349-3739. The signed agreement and all established pathways will be posted to <https://registrar.wvu.edu/transfer/articulation-agreements/new-river-community-technical-college>.

New River Community and Technical College serves nine counties in southeast and south-central West Virginia: Fayette, Greenbrier, Mercer, Monroe, Nicholas, Pocahontas, Raleigh, Summers and Webster. The College offers classes online, in Beaver at the Raleigh County Campus, in Ghent at the Advanced Technology Center, in Hinton at Summers County ARH Hospital, in Lewisburg at the Greenbrier Valley Campus, in Marlinton at One Room University, in Princeton at the Mercer County Campus and in Summersville at the Nicholas County Campus.

If he sees his shadow... ...it means six more weeks of winter

GROUNDHOG DAY
February 2

Briefly

American Heritage Music Hall, Inc.

located at 496 Island Park, Ronceverte, is open to the public, all welcome, handicap accessible. Listeners and tourists welcome. Admission \$7 Tuesday nights, \$10 Saturday - Audience provides food. Doors open at 7 p.m. Jam & Dance every Tuesday 7 to 10 p.m. **Dance Jan. 28 features Eade's Mountain Boys Band 7 to 10:30 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.

Jack Goodman Memorial

Scholarship Shooting Match & Food

The next Williamsburg Shooting Match will be on Feb. 4, at the Williamsburg Community Building. All proceeds will go to the Jack Goodman Scholarship Fund. There will be an expanded menu of food. The food concessions will open at 5 p.m., an hour earlier than usual. Dine-in or carry out. The Shooting Match will begin at 7 p.m. Match will be eight rounds, 12-gauge guns only. First seven rounds are \$2 per shot, eighth round 50/50 at \$6 per shot. Shooters must compete in the first seven rounds in order to compete in the eighth round. 50/50 splatter match is \$1 per chance between rounds. Cash prizes will be awarded. You do not need to be a shooter to win! For more information and directions visit website www.williamsburgwv.com, or contact Bill Jarvis at 304-645-3690.

Democratic Executive Committee

will hold the next meeting of the Greenbrier County Democratic Executive Committee on Wednesday, Feb. 8, at 5:30 p.m. at the Better Homes and Gardens Real Estate office in Lewisburg.

Public Meetings

Rainelle Town Council

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

Gbr. Co. Farmland Protection Board

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

Lewisburg Planning Commission

will meet in working session Thursday, Feb. 2, at 5:30 p.m. in the Paul R. Cooley Council Chambers, 942 Washington Street, West. On the agenda:

- Comments from the Public
- Review, consider and discuss uses not permitted in the historic overlay
- Review, consider, and discuss draft zoning map
- Review, consider, and discuss the zoning map
- Comments from the Commissioners
- Comments from the Zoning Officer

The next scheduled meeting of the Lewisburg Planning Commission will be Thursday, Mar. 2, with a working session at 5:30 p.m. and a regular meeting at 7 p.m.

Renick Town Council

will meet Monday, Feb. 6 at 7 p.m. at Renick Town Hall. Agenda items include:

- Community Comments
- Approval of Meeting Minutes
- Approval of Financial Reports
- Old Business
- New Business
- Committee Reports
- Other Business

For the Record

Deeds

James D. Tincher to Angela Beverly and Carolyn Beverly, Lots Nos. 27 and 28, Section 12, Levelton Land and Improvement Company's Addition, Rainelle Municipality

Eula Gaye Hunter Eilts to Robert Gene Hunter and Doris V. Hunter, 54 acres, Meadow Bluff Tax District Mark J. Linkous to 706 Tuckahoe, LLC., Lot No. 55 and 56, Atkinson Place Addition, White Sulphur Springs

Johnathon Hedrick to Steve Hedrick, Lots Nos 11, 12, and 13, Honaker & Gibson Addition, Town of Alderson Thomas H. Jankowski and Debra J. Jankowski to Gerald H. Dawson and Sandra L. Dawson, Lots Nos. 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, Villa Park Addition, White Sulphur Springs Corporation

Charles B.W. Loudermilk to Keaton Wayne Midkiff and Kaytelyn Bliss Midkiff, 1.00 Acre, Meadow Bluff District

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USDA seeks applications for rural energy for America Program

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development is accepting applications for its Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) to help strengthen the bottom lines of rural West Virginia businesses and agricultural producers.

REAP is intended to help lower the cost of energy for small businesses and agricultural producers in West Virginia by investing in renewable energy projects and energy efficiency improvements. The USDA is making \$300 million available through REAP, which includes an additional \$250 million provided by the Biden-Harris Administration's historic legislative package known as the Inflation Reduction Act.

Two significant changes to this additional funding include an increase in the maximum Federal grant share from 25% to 40% of total project cost and an increase of maximum grant amounts from \$250,000 to \$500,000 for energy efficiency projects and an increase from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000 for renewable energy systems. Projects in underserved areas are prioritized for funding under this notice.

USDA RD West Virginia will host an informational webinar for applicants and stakeholders from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 9, 2023. To register, visit: <https://tinyurl.com/REAP23>.

Agricultural producers and rural small businesses

are eligible applicants for loan guarantees and grants to develop renewable energy systems and to make energy efficiency improvements. State and local governments, federally-recognized tribes, land-grant colleges or universities or other institutions of higher education, rural electric cooperatives, public power entities, and Resource Conservation & Development Councils (as defined in 16 USC §3451) are eligible applicants for grants to conduct energy audits and provide development assistance.

Interested applicants are encouraged to contact Jesse Gandee, West Virginia's USDA Rural Development Business Programs Director by phone at (304) 238-5655 or by email at jesse.gandee@usda.gov. Applicants should reach out well in advance of the application deadline to discuss their project and ask any questions about the REAP program or the application process. Applications are due March 31, 2023.

Additional information on the required materials and how to apply for the REAP program are available on page 77059 of the Dec. 16, 2022, Federal Register.

If you'd like to subscribe to USDA Rural Development updates, visit our GovDelivery subscriber page.

WV Wrestling Dual Team State

Championships set for next weekend

The fourth annual West Virginia Wrestling Dual Team State Championship will be held on Friday, Feb. 3, and Saturday, Feb. 4, at the West Virginia State Fairgrounds in Fairlea. Weigh-ins will be held at the Underwood Building, and the wrestling venue will be in the West Virginia Building. Doors to the wrestling venue open at 9:30 a.m. both days.

This event is endorsed by the WVSSAC and sponsored by the West Virginia Wrestling Coaches Association. It is the premier Duel Team Championship in the state. The top eight teams from around the state will be represented in both divisions, AAA and AA/A, for a total of 16 teams. Over 300 high school wrestlers will be competing, and over 1,000 visitors from across the state are expected to attend this event.

The two-day championship will be broadcast live on flowrestling.com, and Mat Time WV will provide interviews and live updates. Concessions will be available at the venue.

Follow WVStateDuals on Facebook and Instagram for the latest updates. Direct questions to Brian Miluk, Tournament Director, at 304-667-7296, or email bmiluk@k12.wv.us

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OPINION

Nature's Way

By Karen Cohen

Oh Snap!

After an afternoon of research, I learned a ton about self propagating asparagus. I decided to order purple asparagus online this winter for my spring garden. Join me now in reviewing some fact based revelations.

Asparagus come in 3 colors: green, purple, and white. Purple contains the highest amounts of antioxidants, green next in line, and white have the lowest levels. Eaten raw, asparagus can be added to salads adding a distinct crunch. I cook cleaned asparagus in salted water in a pan and when they are fork tender, lift them out with a slotted spoon and serve as is with a splash of lemon, dash of salt and pepper. Very simple and the flavor sings. The acid in this veggie after it goes through your system has an asparagus smell released in one's urine but the benefits of eating asparagus override this little trait.

Most folks prefer to grow asparagus from crown roots rather than seeds. Seeds take too long and crown roots are (almost), guaranteed to grow. When buying asparagus crowns, about 8 crowns per consumer will be plenty. In a clean, weed free garden bed, create a 12" wide, hand dug trench about 8 inches deep to place your crowns into with the roots facing down. Plant each crown about one foot apart from the next. Top with 3" of loamy soil and water once a week to establish them. All trenches should be a foot apart. Asparagus want full sun, well-drained soil, and no fertilizer or wood chips for the first few years. Don't pick any spears in their first year; allow the crowns to grow bigger underground. Asparagus spreads slowly and will fill in the blank spaces over time. These perennials can last for well over 15 years. Keep their patch free of any other plantings including weeds and you will have success in raising delicious, tender asparagus year after year.

An old wives' tale is to sprinkle some plain table salt over your asparagus bed to kill the weeds and help the asparagus to grow. You can water the entire bed with lightly salted water to accomplish the same trick. One treatment of this is enough. A very important tip in the early growing stage is not to allow any asparagus spears to grow top ferns because that's what feeds the asparagus beetles. These bugs are black, white, and red, are easy to hand remove and then drop into soapy water to kill them.

Be sure to snap off or cut all asparagus spears near the base when 6-10 inches tall in their second year for eating. Longer stalks become tough and woody. In the spring, spear tips fresh out of the ground are yummy raw. They will grow quickly as the soil warms up. Harvest usually ends by July. Let the plant grow a ferny top in the fall, that helps them to store energy back into the root as they die down for the fall and winter.

A good companion plant with asparagus is strawberries. First put in your asparagus crowns, top off with a bit of soil, then add your strawberry plants along the perimeter of your bed. Don't bury the strawberry plants, they will dig in on their own. There is no need to mulch this area at all.

The health benefits of asparagus are many. Packed with vitamins, minerals and fiber, they are also rich in antioxidants. 0% fat, 0% carbs, 0% cholesterol, and 32 mg potassium. Asparagus can help with weight loss/maintenance. Just four asparagus contain 22% of the



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daily recommended allowance of folic acid, very beneficial for pregnancy. Add a few spears to your morning breakfast with eggs= fiber and protein.

Soups are great in the cold winter months; put creamed asparagus soup on your to do list. Easy and delicious, here's a recipe I use.

1. In lightly salted water, cook 2 lbs of medium asparagus, cut in half, till fork tender. Save this water for the broth.
2. Melt unsalted butter in a pan.
3. Dice onion or chopped leeks, one carrot, one celery stalk, and one small diced potato. Drop in one bay leaf and saute them together till tender. Optional: 1 tbsp of dry white vermouth.
4. Remove and discard the bay leaf and put the cooked mixture in a blender with a few parsley sprigs, ½ cup heavy cream (optional), 1 tablespoon of grated parmesan cheese, and a few cups of the salted water.
5. Taste it. If you desire a deeper flavor, you can add chicken broth in place of water. Blend it all till you have the creamy consistency you like, add more broth if needed.
6. Reheat this and serve.

Tip: I place a small chunk of french bread in a bowl and pour the soup on top, let it soak in and then dive into this green splendor.

(Karen Cohen is an organic gardener and loves to share recipes, seeds and tips. Please send your comments to natureswaykaren@gmail.com. Happy gardening!)

Commentary

WV Dental Association supports HB 2604 and SB 290

By Travis Wills, DDS, Shady Spring, WV
2023 President, West Virginia Dental Association

It doesn't take much to see how poorly dental insurers are serving people under the current system. More than half of Americans delay getting medical care - or avoid it altogether - because of burdensome costs, and the most frequently skipped form of care is dental work.

Compounding that problem in West Virginia, many dentally-insured patients are losing access to their dentist of choice.

- Many dentists are refusing the excessive demands insurance companies place on their dental care delivery
- Dental insurance patients are shocked to learn their private insurance reimburses less than Medicaid for many procedures. The most well-known dental insurance company reimburses 16% less than Medicaid for a root canal and 32% less than Medicaid for an adult cleaning in West Virginia!
- The decades-old \$1,000 limit on coverage buys much less today - especially with recent inflationary pressures.
- Up to 40% of dental insurance premium dollars are kept by insurance companies to cover administrative costs rather than the actual cost of care.

That is why the WV Dental Association is supporting the Dental Insurance Transparency Act, which would require more transparency from dental insurers about how they spend their money. Your State Legislature will have an opportunity to help fix this problem by passing House Bill 2604 or Senate Bill 290.

How? Dental insurers, who are exempt from certain federal regulations, ought to be held to higher standards. The proposed legislation will:

Require Transparency: Patients deserve visibility into how much of their dental insurance premiums are paying for their oral healthcare - as opposed to dental insurer administrative, marketing, and operations costs.

Increase Accountability: Available data indicates that up to 40% of dental premium dollars are used by insurance companies to cover administrative costs, profits and executive compensation, instead of being directed toward patient care. Reporting requirements can restore employers' confidence in their choice of plans when providing a dental insurance benefit to their employees.

Enhance Consumer Protection: The lack of adequate consumer protections for dental patients has allowed dental insurers to put their own profits ahead of serving consumers and supporting the oral health of patients. By requiring that a minimum share of premium dollars be spent on patient care, dental insurers would be given a meaningful incentive to expand the number of procedures they cover or reduce out-of-pocket expenses if their medical loss ratio is below that threshold. Otherwise, insurers would have to reimburse their clients.

Ensure Parity: Dental insurance plans have not been subjected to the Affordable Care Act's 80% MLR mandated standard for health plans. Addressing this disparity in West Virginia through a dental loss ratio reporting requirement would hold dental plans accountable for prioritizing patient costs over profit.

Given how much more coverage people get from their medical insurance than they do from dental insurance, it's clear that setting some baseline for how premium dollars are spent ultimately benefits consumers.

West Virginia dentists care about their patients, and it is unfair that patients' money is being spent on administrative costs rather than paying for actual patient care. Overhead costs, profits, and executive compensation should not outweigh the priority of providing residents of our State with accessible, affordable dental health care.

As the mouth-body connection between dental health and overall physical health is better understood, it is clear that healthy mouths are essential to healthy bodies! Please encourage your state legislator to support the Dental Insurance Transparency Act today.

Commentary

Commissioner Leonhart encourages farmers to participate in 2022 Ag Census

Commissioner of Agriculture Kent Leonhardt and the West Virginia Department of Agriculture (WVDA) are encouraging all farmers and farm operations to participate in the 2022 Census of Agriculture. The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) mailed paper questionnaires to producers in December.

"We encourage everyone who receives a census to participate. This is the only source of impartial, comprehensive, state and county level agriculture data in the nation. Most importantly, the data collected is used when developing funding formulas for Farm Bills. It also helps local governments, extensions educators and researchers make informed decisions that directly affect our state's farm operations, communities and industries," said Commissioner of Agriculture Kent Leonhardt. "That is why it's important that every producer in West Virginia is counted and represented."

Farm operations of all sizes, urban or rural, which produced and sold, or normally would have sold, \$1,000 or more of agricultural product in 2022, are included in the census. The data inform decisions about programs,

rural development, and research. The Census of Agriculture is the producer's voice in the future of American agriculture.

"The 2022 Census of Agriculture is an opportunity for West Virginia ag producers to make their voices heard. The data will tell the story of agriculture at the national, state, and county level," said West Virginia State Statistician Alissa Cowell-Mytar. "Ag census data are used by decision-makers in government, businesses, research institutions, and more. To make response easier and save time, NASS improved the online questionnaire at www.agcounts.usda.gov so that it skips questions that do not pertain to you and includes some previously reported data."

Producers can respond to the census online at www.agcounts.usda.gov or by mail. The deadline to respond is Feb. 6, 2023. All information will be kept confidential by Federal law, published in aggregate, and will only be used for statistical purposes.

For more information, visit www.nass.usda.gov/ag-census or call 888-424-7828.

Letter to the Editor

'Thank you' from Samaritan's Purse

Dear Editor:

I am writing to thank Lewisburg-area residents for sharing the true meaning of Christmas with children in need this past holiday season.

Generosity throughout contributed to a successful shoebox gift collection season at drop-off locations for the Samaritan's Purse project Operation Christmas Child. Across the U.S., the project collected over 9.3 million shoebox gifts in 2022. Combined with those collected from partnering countries in 2022, the ministry is now sending nearly 10.6 million shoebox gifts to children worldwide.

Through shoeboxes - packed with fun toys, school supplies, and hygiene items - Lewisburg-area volunteers brought joy to children in need around the world. Each gift-filled shoebox is a tangible expression of God's love, and it is often the first gift these children have ever received. Through the continued generosity of donors since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has collected and delivered more than 209 million gift-filled shoeboxes to children in more than 170 countries and territories. This year, Samaritan's Purse delivered its milestone 200 millionth

shoebox, which was packed on a country-wide tour and then hand-delivered to a young girl in Ukraine.

Across West Virginia, shoebox packers often shop for deals on shoebox items throughout the year, and many serve at a deeper level by becoming a year-round volunteer. Information about ways area participants can get involved year-round can also be found at samaritanaspurse.org/occ or by calling 937-374-0761.

Although local drop off locations for gifts are closed until Nov. 13 - 20, 2023, anyone can still be a part of this life-changing project by conveniently packing a shoebox gift online in just a few simple clicks at samaritanaspurse.org/buildonline

These simple gifts, packed with love, send a message to children worldwide that they are loved and not forgotten.

Sincerely,
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OBITUARIES

Danny Alan Windon



Renick-Danny Alan Windon, 57, passed away Friday, Jan. 21, 2023, at the Peyton Hospice House.

Born Dec. 21, 1965, in Ronceverte, he was the son of Sadie Morrison Windon and the late Jackie Lewis Windon.

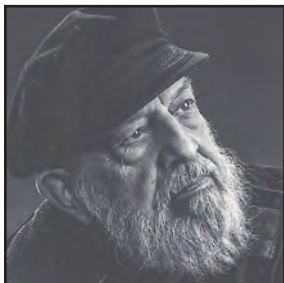
In addition to his father, he was proceeded in death by a brother, Brian Keith "Buddy" Windon and a sister, Cathy Hughes.

Including his mother, survivors are his companion of 34 years, Elinore Scott; two sons, Jason Scott and Derek Scott both of Frankford; daughter, Nicole Hall of Renick; brother, Larry Windon (Tina) of Frankford; and sister, Susan Smith (Doug) of Clifton Forge, VA.

It was Danny's wish to be cremated. There will be no services.

Online guestbook may be signed at www.morganfh.net. Arrangements by Morgan Funeral Home, Lewisburg, WV.

Rev. Reuel Lanphier Howe, Jr.



Lewisburg-Reverend Reuel "Lanny" Lanphier Howe, Jr., 79, passed away Thursday, January 19, 2023.

Rev. Lanny was born Mar. 9, 1943 in Philadelphia, PA, to the late Rev. Reuel Lanphier Howe and Marjorie Martin Stryke Howe.

Rev. Lanny was a graduate of Olivet College, Temple University, and Lancaster Theological Seminary. He has been serving the Lord for over 40 years. Most recently as the minister at Alderson Presbyterian church for the last 12 years.

He is survived by his wife, Lynda Jane Halliday Howe; daughter, Sara Howe of Stanley, NC; son, Doug Howe and wife Kristi of Colorado Springs, CO; grandchildren, Kira, Keaton and Kate Howe; step-daughters, Tiffany J. Halliday and husband Jim Greene of New Orleans, LA, and Amanda J. Myers of Castle Rock, CO; step-grandchildren, James Ian Myers and Talus Frederick; sister, Marjorie Goldstein of Centennial, CO; niece, Jen and husband Dan Frank of Centennial, CO; and grand-niece, Eva.

A Memorial Service was held at the Alderson Presbyterian Church on Sunday, Jan. 22 where the Reverend Sam Groves officiated.

In lieu of flowers the family prefers donations to be made in Rev. Lanny Howe's honor to the Alderson Ministerial Association.

Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Lewisburg is assisting the family with Pastor Lanny's wishes.

Please send online condolences by visiting www.wallaceandwallaceFH.com

Michael Edwin Patterson



Asbury-Michael Edwin Patterson, 64, passed away Saturday, Jan. 21, 2023, at his home in Asbury after a long battle with cancer.

Born in 1958, he was the son of the late Curtis Patterson (Bonnie) of Sam Black, and Marian Bowden (Roy) of Frankford.

In addition to his parents, Mike was preceded in death by his sister, Sherry Lynn Wilfong and his nephews Jason Fleshman and Justin Wilfong all of Frankford; his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry T. Judy, Trout; and paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Clive Patterson of Clintonville.

Michael was a faithful member of the Sewell Valley Baptist Church in Rainelle.

Survivors include Mike's uncle and best friend throughout his life, Randall K. Judy and Sherry Judy of Williamsburg, WV. Randy spent many hours on the road and in treatments with Mike during his long struggle with his treatments in Morgantown. Mike is survived by his niece, Christi Fleshman of Frankford; and his brother-in-law, Richard Wilfong of Frankford; and many, many cousins and family friends. Mike is also survived by his long-time special friend, Debbie Haynes.

It was Mike's wish to be cremated. This spring, Mike's favorite time of year, the family will have a memorial service to celebrate Mike's love for the outdoors, fishing, and golf.

In lieu of flowers, Mike has asked that anyone wishing to send flowers, to consider donating to the American Cancer Society or the American Wildlife Foundation. Both foundations aligned with his interests and beliefs.

Online guestbook may be signed at www.morganfh.net. Arrangements by Morgan Funeral Home, Lewisburg, WV.

Donna Mae Dillon

Kopperston, WV- Donna Mae Dillon, 70, was called to heaven on Monday, Jan. 16, 2023 at Stonerise, The Brier, in Ronceverte, WV.

Donna was born in Welch, WV, on Oct. 8, 1952. Donna was a lifelong resident of Kopperston. After graduating from Beckley School of Beauty she opened and operated her own salon in Oceana. She held several jobs after closing her salon the last being post mistress in Kopperston.

A lifelong member of Delilah United Methodist Church in Oceana, she was active in the choir, women's circle, youth leader and directed many bible schools. Having no children of her own she had a place in her heart for all children. Donna had a beautiful singing voice and a wonderful laugh that will be missed by many.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Rob-

ert Dillon, Jr. and Effie Mae Wall Dillon.

Left to cherish her memory are brothers, Rob Dillon (Patty) of Ronceverte, and Tim Dillon (Dana) of Midlothian, TX; nieces and nephews, Jesse Dillon (Candice) of Clintonville, Andy Dillon (Jacqueline) of Ennis, TX, Leighla Dillon of White Sulphur Springs, Emilea Harvey (Nick) of Asbury. Also surviving are five grand-nieces and nephews, special cousin, Susan Lusk and loving friends, Diane and Charla Meadows, Judy and Sam Trent, and Donnie Wooten; and numerous cousins, friends and a loving church family.

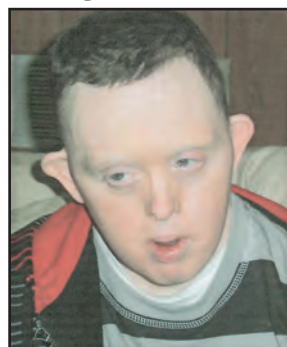
A memorial service will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations of sympathy may be made to Delilah United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 518, Oceana, WV 24870.

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

Please send online condolences by visiting: www.wallaceandwallaceFH.com

Douglas Scott Clark



Our beloved son Douglas Scott Clark, 57, passed away Monday, Jan. 16, 2023, at CAMC Greenbrier Valley Medical Center from complications of Pneumonia.

Doug was born on Valentines's Day in 1965 at Fort Ord, CA.

He was a happy resident of the Rescare Judyville Group Home where he was loved by his many caregivers there.

He was preceded in death by his younger sister, Kathleen Clark and leaves behind his parents, Robert and Brenda Clark; his older sister, Cynthia Clark; his older brother, Gerald Clark; and many nephews and nieces. He will be sorely missed by all.

A memorial service will be held for Doug at his Rescare Home on Judyville Road in Lewisburg and at his parent's home in Lewisburg on dates to be announced.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to Rescare Lewisburg Agency, ATTN: Crystal Machel Burton, 232 Lee Street North, Building C, Lewisburg, WV 24901

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

Steve Rutledge



Lewisburg-On Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2023, civil rights activist Steve Rutledge passed away peacefully in Lewisburg surrounded by family, after a long struggle with Parkinson's disease. He was 81 years old.

Steve was a soft spoken, kind, and gentle person with the heart and courage of a lion, fighting for racial equality, civil rights, and social justice during the social upheaval of the 1960s and throughout his life.

He was, he liked to say, "a foot soldier in the movement." His gentle manner disguised a determination, tenacity, and unshakable will that served him well into his last years, making him a remarkably effective community organizer. Since settling in West Virginia during the 1970s, Steve worked to improve the lives of West Virginians. As a labor organizer and founding member of AFSME Council 77, he was a steadfast advocate for public employees' right to collective bargaining. He investigated claims of discrimination under the West Virginia Human Rights Act, and organized a statewide coalition against the National Alliance, a white supremacist group. "Whenever the Ku Klux Klan shows up in West Virginia," Christian Giggenbach of the *Register-Herald* observed, "Rutledge is there organizing against them." He exposed substandard living conditions in Section 8 housing, which led to the buildings' demolition and new construction of buildings that were named "Rutledge Run" in his honor. He brought his considerable energy and faith to organizing the original Charleston Multifest to promote cultural diversity, and as a member of the planning committee for Greenbrier County's Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. march and celebration, he helped to create an inclusive celebration of human rights and community. In 2004, his work was recognized with the State of West Virginia's Civil Rights Award. "He worked tirelessly for the Civil Rights Movement's highest principles," the governor's proclamation noted.

Steve spoke of the annual event by saying, "For me, the holiday honoring the life and beliefs of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. is the only one that was created in our lifetime to place equality, justice and peace at the top of our list of what is important. It is a day on, not a day off, because it gives each of us a chance to unite with one or more other persons to make something better - it could be our family, our school, our job, or our community."

Stephen Manson Rutledge was born May 1, 1941, in Fort Collins, Colorado to Maude, and Edward Rutledge, an economist, whose lifelong career in civil rights started in 1944 when he oversaw the desegregation of West Coast shipyards.

Steve's early life was marked by tragedy, courage, and extraordinary lessons in the power of love. Steve was four years old in 1945 when his mother Maude died of heart failure one week after giving birth to his younger brother, Jonathan Manson Rutledge. In 1946, his father married Karyl Klinger. In 1949, seven months after

the birth of their son, Anthony Michael Rutledge, Karyl died of cancer. Steve was eight years old.

Edward Rutledge then moved to the Bronx, NY, where his sister Betty and brother-in-law David Liberson, helped raise the three boys. Steve played youth-league baseball in a ball field adjacent to Yankee Stadium, to which he always attributed his lifelong love of the Yankees and baseball. His father became Housing Director of New York's Human Rights Commission and in 1956, married Renata Cook, who was divorced with a daughter, Nina. The newly blended family settled in Croton-on-Hudson, NY. Still, it was his life with his aunt and uncle that became the model of loving family support that Steve carried with him into adult life, while his father's civil rights work offered a model of civic engagement.

"In our living room were the architects of Brown v. Board of Education and fair housing policies," Steve's sister recalls. Frequent visitors included Judge Robert Carter, HUD Secretary Robert C. Weaver, Urban League Executive Director Whitney Young, Harlem Renaissance poet and activist Dr. Frank Horne, among many others who shared strategies to further civil rights legislation. In that environment, all four children developed an awareness of history and current events that differed from what was being taught in their schools.

Steve was particularly affected. He graduated from Croton-Harmon High School in 1959. Shortly after he entered Cornell University, college students from Northern states began joining the growing Southern freedom movement. Restless in an environment of social and cultural change, Steve transferred to a college in Wisconsin, and by the end of his sophomore year, feeling called to put his belief in human rights into action, he transferred again to Tougaloo College, ten miles north of Jackson, MS. There at the historically Black college, where he was one of two white students, he was voted student body president and earned a B.A. in history and sociology in 1964. He also joined Mississippi's voter registration drive.

He had found his place. "I wasn't just studying history anymore, I started helping make history, along with a lot of people, that became the focal point for the rest of my life," he told *Register-Herald* reporter Christian Giggenbach in 2005.

While at Tougaloo, Steve served as treasurer on the North Jackson Youth Council of the NAACP and as field secretary for the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC). He worked directly with pioneering civil rights leader Medgar Evers during Jackson, MS, sit-ins, boycotts, and voter registration drives, and he last worked with Mr. Evers on June 12, 1963, just hours before Evers was assassinated.

Three days later, when police and white citizens attacked the Jackson funeral march for Evers, Steve drove the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. safely to the airport. In 1964 during Freedom Summer, Steve met with Mickey Schwerner, who, with James Cheney and Andrew Goodman, was one of three Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) field workers murdered by the Ku Klux Klan. Every threat deepened Steve's commitment, and he continued to organize voters and demonstrate for desegregation. He was arrested and jailed several times.

After graduation, from 1964 to 1966, he continued his public service as a Peace Corps volunteer in northeastern Brazil. On his return, he settled in New York City and married Tougaloo classmate Arverna Adams. He earned a Masters in Social Work from New York University in 1969. The couple soon discovered that they had very different goals: She was living her dream of settling in Harlem, while he longed to head south to the Appalachians. They divorced and remained friends until her death in 2004.

While organizing in the Ironbound district of Newark, NJ, in the early 1970s, Steve met his second wife, Terry Mansheim. With Terry, who was divorced, and her four children - daughters Kathy and Jennifer, and sons Tom and Tim - Steve moved south and settled in West Virginia. "Almost heaven," Steve liked to sing as he drove with his family along the winding mountain roads of his adopted state.

Once again, in every way possible, he had found his place.

Steve is remembered with love by: his soulmate and devoted spouse of 51 years, Theresa A. Mansheim; his children, Kathleen Mansheim, Thomas (and Sarah) Mansheim, Timothy (and Sheila) Mansheim, and Jennifer Cherry; his brothers, Jonathan (and Lindy) Rutledge, and Tony (and Renee) Rutledge; his sister, Nina D'Alessandro; as well as his grandchildren, Michael (and Heather), Kaydee (and Ricardo), TJ, Chloe, Cooper, and Luelia; and his nephew, Elijah (and Liz) Rutledge.

He was preceded in death by his father, Edward Rutledge; mothers, Maude Manson, Karyl Klinger, Renata Cook; and his uncle and aunt, David and Betty Liberson.

It was Steve's wish to be cremated. Memorial service will be at 1 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 4, at the Morgan Funeral Home Chapel, 252 Montvue Drive, Lewisburg, with Joan Browning moderating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service, Saturday at the funeral home.

Online guestbook may be signed, and livestream of the service can be viewed at www.morganfh.net. Arrangements by Morgan Funeral Home, Lewisburg, WV.

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TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE

The undersigned Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the authority vested in him by that certain Deed of Trust, dated January 16, 2018, and duly recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Greenbrier County, West Virginia, in Document No. 257115, in Book No. 790, at Page 22, Patrick Vernon Wygal did convey unto David M Moore, Trustee(s), certain real property described in said Deed of Trust; and the beneficiary has elected to appoint Seneca Trustees, Inc., as Substitute Trustee; and default having been made under the aforementioned Deed of Trust, and the undersigned Substitute Trustee having been instructed by MIDFIRST BANK to foreclose thereunder, will offer for sale at public auction at the front door of the Greenbrier County Courthouse in Lewisburg, West Virginia, on

March 13, 2023 at 12:00 PM

the following described real estate, together with its improvements, easements and appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate in 03 - Blue Sulphur District, Greenbrier County, West Virginia, and more particularly described as follows:

All those certain lots, tracts or parcels of land together with the buildings and improvements thereon, easements, rights of way, and the appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate, lying and being in Blue Sulphur District, Greenbrier County, West Virginia, being Lots Nos. 51 and 54 of Mountain View subdivision, consisting of 10.11 acres and 18.42 acres, respectively, more or less, as is more fully shown on that certain plat prepared by L and W Enterprises, Inc. dated the 4th day of November, 1992 and of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Greenbrier County, West Virginia, in Map Cabinet A, Map Book 4, at Page A-64. And being the same property conveyed unto Patrick Vernon Wygal by deed dated November 20, 2017 from Loleta Opal Pennell, and not yet of record, but to be recorded prior to or simultaneously herewith.

At the time of the execution of the Deed of Trust, this property was reported to have an address of: 358 East Ridge Ln, Alderson, WV 24910.

The referenced real estate will be conveyed with no covenants of warranty, and subject to all covenants, restrictions, easements, rights of way and reservations which may be a matter of record in the aforesaid Clerk's Office or visible upon the ground, all prior liens and encumbrances, including, without limitation, liens for real estate taxes, incinerator, sanitary and sewer charges. The purchasers at the sale shall be responsible for paying the recording costs and also the tax on the privilege of transferring real property (the cost of the tax stamp to be affixed to the deed). The purchasers shall be responsible for payment of all real estate taxes.

The subject property will be sold in "AS IS" condition. The Substitute Trustee shall be under no duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying the subject property to vacate said property.

TERMS: \$9000.00 in cash and/or certified funds as deposit at the time of sale with the balance due and payable within 30 days of the day of sale.

FEDERAL TAX LIEN: In the event that there are Federal Tax Liens against the property, the United States would have the right to redeem the property within a period of 120 days from the date of such sale or the period allowable for redemption under local law, whichever is longer.

Pursuant to the Deed of Trust, the Trustee may postpone the sale by public announcement at the time and place designated or by posting a notice of the same, and act by agent in the execution of the sale. The parties secured by the Deed of Trust reserve the right to purchase the property at such sale.

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Notice is hereby given that PRINCESS POLLY ANNA & JCT ENTERPRISES, LLC, PO BOX 207, LEWISBURG, WV 24901 has a permit on file with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for the surface mining of approximately 128.55 acres and has submitted an application to the DEP, 1159 Nick Rahall Greenway, Fayetteville, WV 25840, for renewal of Article 3 Permit Number S301116 to surface, auger and highwall mine within 100 feet of a public road right of way in the Castle, Jaeger, Sewell A and Sewell seam of coal.

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).

Surface of the area associated herewith is owned by:

NAME	ADDRESS
Herold McClung & Crystal Dietz	c/o Crystal Deitz, HC 71 Box 137B, Crawley, WV 24931
Frederick J. Taylor	P.O. Box 411, Rupert, WV 25984
Weyerhaeuser Company	P.O. Box 89, Fairfield, ME 04937
Merry Gordon III & William	65 Oakwood Road, Huntington, WV 25701

*and the mineral associated herewith is owned by:

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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

*and the mineral within 100 feet of the permit area is owned by:

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Sengdetka Joe	44 Winding Way, Gibbsboro, NJ 08026
Rupert Pistolmen, LLC	P.O. Box 262, Richcreek, VA 24147

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 20, 2023, or thirty (30) days from the date of **final publication**. A copy of the application will be available for review until March 20, 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:

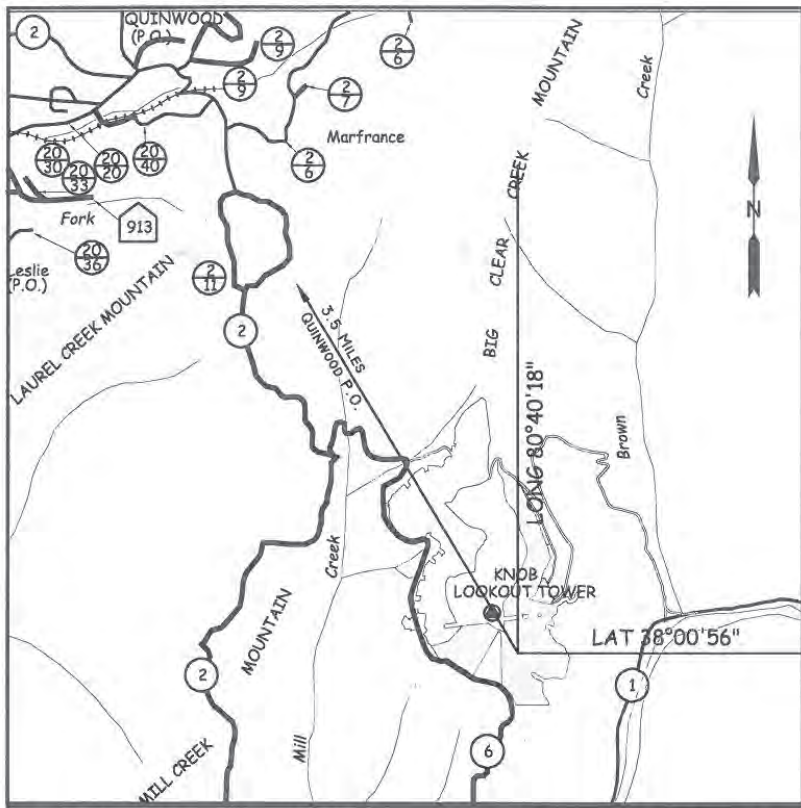
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DEP Telephone Number: 304-574-4465 Permit Number: S301116

*These items are to be completed only for operations involving mineral removal.

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Notice is hereby given that PRINCESS POLLY ANNA & JCT ENTERPRISES, LLC, PO BOX 207 Ruffner Drive, LEWISBURG WV 24901 has submitted an application for the **reissuance** of Article 11/ WVNPDDES Permit Number WV1028987 to the Department of Environmental Protection, 1159 Nick Rahall Greenway, Fayetteville, WV 25840, in order to operate and maintain the No. 2 Surface Mine (S301116) in the Sewell, Castle, Hughes Ferry and splits thereof seam/mineral bed.

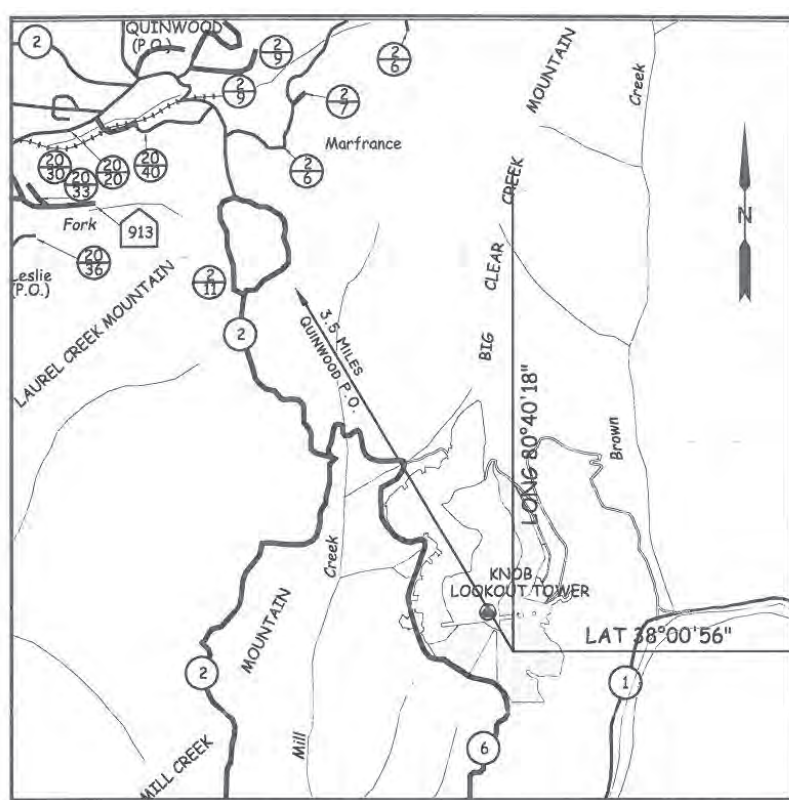
The operation will discharge treated and storm water into unnamed tributaries of Big Clear Creek and Big Clear Creek, unnamed tributaries of Mill Creek and Mill Creek of Meadow River of Gauley River and is located 3.5 miles southeast of Quinwood in Meadow Bluff District of Greenbrier County, Longitude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

The Department of Environmental Protection is seeking information on private surface water intakes for human consumption located in the above listed receiving streams and located down stream of this operation. Please provide your name, phone number, mailing address, the name of the stream being with the intake, and the physical location of the intake. This information, needs to be submitted to the address above.

An anti-degradation review has been conducted. Tier 1 protection is afforded because effluent limitations ensure compliance with water quality criteria for all designated uses. Where applicable, a full Tier 2 anti-degradation review has been conducted.

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DEP Telephone No. 304-574-4465 Article 11/NPDES Permit No. WV1028987



PERMIT No. S-3011-16 NPDES WVI028987
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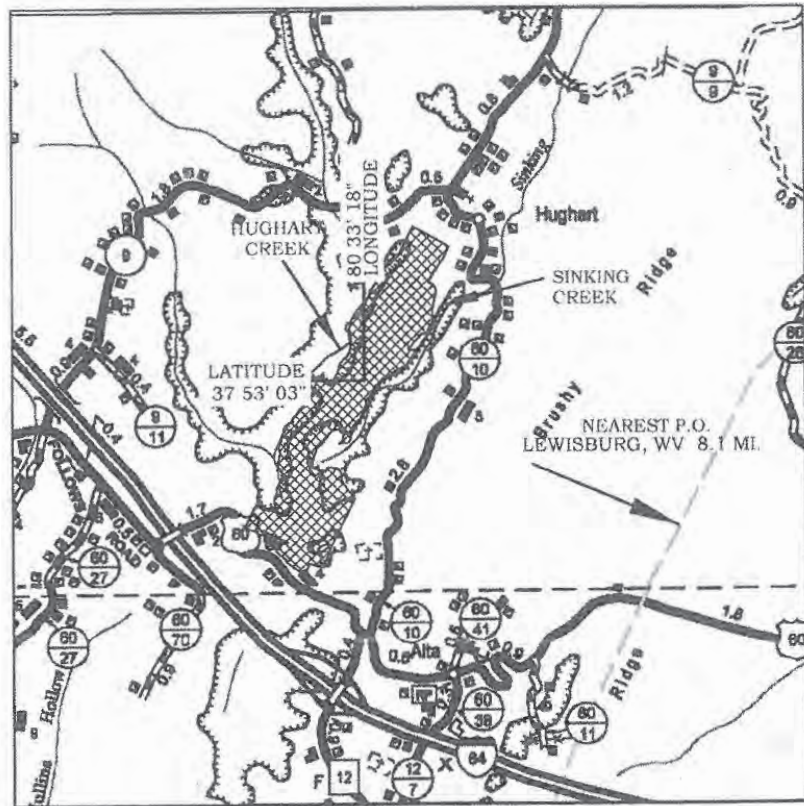
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LOCATION MAP
WV Highway Map - Scale: 1" = 1 Mile (5280 feet)
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Carnegie Hall's Museum and Board Galleries feature works by Alderson Quilt Guild

Carnegie Hall's Winter 2023 Exhibits continue with three galleries featuring the works of regional artists. The Museum and Board Room Galleries feature works by the Alderson Quilt Guild. The galleries are adjacent to the auditorium.

The Alderson Quilt Guild celebrated its 30th Anniversary in March 2022. Its mission is to pay homage and honor West Virginia Mountain history and heritage through activities that promote the art of quilting for current and future generations. The Guild strives to develop educational classes to enhance sewing/quilting skills, creates items for community service programs, seeks venues to display quilts for the public, and engages in outreach programs to help inspire the community to continue the quilting tradition.

The Guild is also very involved in community events and causes. Some examples include: presenting veterans with quilts through the Quilts of Valor Foundation; providing baby quilts for the Marlinton Family Center; supplying local sheriff's departments with Comfort Bags; sponsoring a quilt show and sale in March (National Quilt Month) and November at the Greenbrier Valley Convention and Visitors Center; and creating an annual raffle quilt that helps fund nu-



The Alderson Quilt Guild Exhibit at Carnegie Hall

merous special projects.

There are currently 32 members representing Greenbrier, Monroe, and Summers Counties. The Guild routinely meets on the fourth Monday of each month, with additional schedules for classes.

The exhibit is free and open to the public, Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., and runs through Feb. 24. For more

information, please visit carnegiehallwv.org, call 304-645-7917, or stop by the Hall at 611 Church Street, Lewisburg.

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

Clay Teaching Artist Amie Durrman offers hands-on Weekend Workshops

Carnegie Hall's Winter/Spring Classes & Workshops Series offers arts and crafts educational opportunities to students of all ages. Teaching Artist Amie Durrman will lead several Pottery Studio workshops beginning in February. One-day opportunities include making an Easter Bunny Candy Bowl, Sugar Skull Mask, Napkin/Sponge Holder with Surface Design, Head Planter, Coil Flowerpot, and Slab Built Wall Pocket. Aime will also teach two date-night workshops – Clay is for the Birds and Monster Mugs and Bowls.

Aime's first class is how to make an Easter Bunny Candy Bowl on Saturday, Feb. 11, from 12 to 2:30 p.m. In this class students will turn a traditional hand-built pinch-pot into a candy bowl that looks like a rabbit. This guided experience will give students of all levels the feel of clay and all the opportunities it allows for creativity. Students will be able to apply glazes the same day. Registration is \$65 (\$55 for members). Students must be 6-18 years old.

On Saturday, Feb. 18, from 12 to 3 p.m., Amie will teach an adult clay class, how to make a Head Planter. Student will learn how to build pinch pots that can be assembled into a fun and whimsical head planter for the deck or garden. Students will explore a guided experience in traditional pinch pottery and learn how to assemble the pots and how to apply underglazes. Cost including all materials is \$65 (\$60 for members). Students must be at least 12 years of age.

How to make a Coil Flowerpot will be next up for Aime's students on Saturday, Feb. 25, from 12 to 3 p.m.

In this beginner level class, students will be shown how to make several types of coiling and surface attachment techniques during a one-day crash course. Each student will select one of the studio glazes for their creation. Cost including all materials is \$65 (\$60 for members). Students must be at least 12 years of age.

On Saturday, Mar. 4, from 12 to 3 p.m., learn how to create a Slab Built Wall Pocket. In this fun one-day class, students will learn how to use the slab roller to make their own clay slabs, which will then be stamped with surface designs to create a unique pattern. Demonstrations will include construction of the wall pocket shape and how to attach surfaces. Each student will select one studio glaze for their creation. Cost including all materials is \$65 (\$60 for members). Students must be at least 12 years of age.

Amie's first date-night, clay workshop is Clay is for the Birds, on Friday, Mar. 10 or Friday, Apr. 21, from 6 to 8 p.m. These workshops are designed for creative collaboration, so students are encouraged to bring a date or friend. Students will use basic hand-building techniques that offer a lot of artistic freedom to explore design and surface texture. Each student will select one of the studio glazes for their creation. Cost including all materials is \$65 (\$55 for members). Students must be at least 16 years of age.

On Saturday, Mar. 11, from 12 to 2:30 p.m., continue the weekend with how to make a Sugar Skull Mask. Students will watch brief demonstrations by instructor throughout this guided workshop to learn how to use a slab roller. Participants will create and mold their sugar skull masks using surface tools and various easy to learn techniques. Underglazes will be applied the same day. Students must be 6-18 years old. Registration is \$65 (\$55 for members).

Amie's second date-night, clay workshop is how to make Monster Mugs and Bowls on Friday, Mar. 24 or Friday, Apr. 14, from 6 to 8 p.m. This workshop is just for having a monster night of fun with friends. Student are encouraged to let their imagination run wild with this easy-to-follow guided project. Amie will demonstrate basic hand-building techniques including surface attachment and design. Each student will select a studio glaze for their creation. Cost including all materials is \$65 (\$55 for members). Students must be at least 16 years of age.

Amie concludes her spring clay workshops on Saturday, Apr. 22, from 12 to 2:30 p.m. with how to make a Napkin/Sponge Holder with Surface Design. Students will decorate a clay slab with their own unique surface designs to make a one-of-a-kind holder for their counters. Demonstrations will include easy to apply patterns, tool techniques, and how to attach clay. Underglazes will be applied the same day. Students must be 6-18 years old. Registration is \$65 (\$55 for members).

All class sizes are limited so sign up early. All projects will be left to be fired in the kilns at Carnegie Hall and will be picked up later. To enroll or for a complete list of classes and workshops visit carnegiehallwv.org/classes-and-workshops or pick up a Classes & Workshops brochure at 611 Church Street, Lewisburg.



Samples of Amie Durrman's upcoming classes



Barbara Nissman with the West Virginia Symphony Orchestra

(Photo by Perry Bennett)

Carnegie Classics begins February 11 with a Valentine Concert - More Music to Love!

Carnegie Hall introduces "Carnegie Classics," a three-concert series hosted by Steinway "Legend" and Lewisburg resident Barbara Nissman, Saturday, Feb. 11 at 7:30 p.m. with A Valentine Concert - More Music to Love! The Carnegie Classics Series is designed to introduce classical music and Carnegie Hall to new audiences, as well as inspire and entertain current classical music enthusiasts.

A Valentine Concert - More Music to Love! features Nissman at the piano as she shares their music and stories of some of her favorite composer "friends" - Liszt, Chopin, Prokofiev, and Beethoven.

"Everyone loves Beethoven's "Moonlight Sonata" and Liszt's extraordinary Sonata... and just in time for Valentine's Day," states Nissman. She also confesses, "At this point in my life, I only perform music that I am passionate about, and I do love all the music I will perform at Carnegie Hall."

Performer, writer, lecturer, and frequent guest artist/clinician, Barbara Nissman has toured and given master classes throughout the United States, Europe, the Far East, New Zealand, and South America. At the invitation of both the Moscow and St. Petersburg Conservatories, she presented recitals and master classes on Prokofiev. Barbara Nissman received her bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees from the University of Michigan.

Born and raised in Philadelphia, she now calls West Virginia home and lives on a farm in the Allegheny Mountains. In 2008, she was the recipient of the Governor's Arts Award from the State of West Virginia. On June 3, Nissman will be inducted into the West Virginia Music Hall of Fame.

For more information on Barbara Nissman please visit www.barbaranissman.com.

Carnegie Classics Series will continue with Gershwin meets Brahms!, featuring special guest The Montclair Quartet, on Saturday, Mar. 18, and Schubert Goes Fishing! on Saturday, May 13.

Tickets are \$20 for each performance, or you can purchase all three concerts for only \$50. Thanks to the Benedum Foundation, adults over 50 years of age have the option of purchasing two tickets to an individual performance for the price of one. Students 18 years of age and younger receive free admission. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.carnegiehallwv.org, call 304-645-7917, or stop by 611 Church Street, Lewisburg.

The Carnegie Classics Series is made possible with support from the James F.B. Peyton Fund, with additional funding by Eugene and Annie Jeffus. Carnegie Hall WV is a nonprofit organization supported by individual contributions, grants, and fundraising efforts such as TOOT and The Carnegie Hall Gala.

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