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## Dan Withrow outlines vision for outdoor recreation in Ronceverte



**Ronceverte Park Master Plan: Map showing the presence of canopy treeline and existing buildings within areas slated for improvement under the Comprehensive Parks Plan.**

**By Adam Pack**  
With the grand opening of the Sportsman Tavern, the Ronceverte Skate Shop, the Edgarton Café, and other exciting developments involving everything from entertainment to infrastructure, the city of Ronceverte has plenty planned in the coming months and years. One such plan, prepared in great detail by E.L. Robinson Engineering, and presented and advocated for by local businessman and Parks and Recreation Committee Chairman Dan Withrow, looks to completely revitalize the famous Island Park. According to Withrow, the inspiration for his desire to get involved and lead the Parks and Rec. Committee in revitalizing Ronceverte comes from two sources; first, he remembers a childhood growing up in Ronceverte with a variety of activities and places to visit. "Growing up in Ronceverte, all of life revolved around Island Park; that's where the pool was, that's where the ball fields were, the horseshoe pits; that's just where you went in the Summer to be with your neighbors," said Withrow. He also recalls looking for ways to

give back to his community at the beginning of his retirement. "I ran for County Commission and that didn't work out, and I was just thinking, 'Ronceverte.' It was, and is, my home, and I thought I could really help." Before getting into the details on the Island Park overhaul, Withrow emphasized what he believes the town needs to weld the town and Island Park together: "The old bridge." Withrow's long term hope and vision for the bridge is an entirely new structure capable of handling traffic, even hosting "music events, possibly, and food trucks, but no matter what it is it has to be passable, because it's so important to join the town and park together. It's not really a choice to leave it as-is if we're going to do all this work in the park." The bridge would be integral to another concept that Withrow feels would be a huge bonus for Ronceverte - golf carts. Seeing the success of golf cart access in other tourism-centric destinations, Withrow imagines that golf carts, which could not be operated on the major roads except for to See "Outdoor Recreation" — Page 2



**Mark Trent was sworn in as the newest Ronceverte City Council member earlier this week.**

## Ronceverte swears in new City Council member

**By Adam Pack**  
The Ronceverte City Council met for their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, Feb. 6, at 7 p.m. at the new City Hall building on Edgar Avenue. With a rather busy evening ahead, the city began their meeting by swearing in the newest member of the Ronceverte City Council; Mark Trent. Trent was selected from a slate of candidates who applied to fill the position left vacant by Kathy King's retirement. Trent was affirmed as the winning candidate and sworn in to serve the remainder of King's term, ending on June 6, 2023, at which time he must stand for election and win in order to remain in the seat. In other business, the council dealt with two agenda items dealing with water-related business. The town passed Resolution #31, which, according to City Administrator Pam Mentz, "Was to pay some invoices that had only recently come in for water line replacement work already completed, as well some small finishing up issues that we still have on Briar's Hill." The City also announced that they had successfully applied for and received a grant through the

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) totaling \$2,000,000. The grant award was accompanied by a letter from Governor Justice and will go to pending work on replacing, "some water lines on Monroe [Avenue] and some lines on the hill, within city limits that is." In other news, the Ronceverte Fire Department met on Jan. 9 to hold elections for Fire Chief. On Jan. 16 the results were reported to the City, with Mike Campbell winning reelection. The council approved the result of the election. The city also approved new dates for the Ronceverte Food Truck Festival. Dates in May have already been confirmed, but the council approved further dates in June (16-17), July (14-15), and August (25-26). Food Trucks will set up on a closed Edgar Avenue for these dates. The Ronceverte City Council meets on the first Monday of every month at 7 p.m. in the City Council chambers of the new City Hall on Edgar Avenue. Members of the public are encouraged to attend. Interested parties should call Ronceverte City Hall at 304-646-5455 prior to the meeting, as times and dates are subject to date.

## Highways and Rail: Innovative partnership behind opening of Cass Scenic Railroad's Trout Run Bridge, closed since 1985 flood

The rail line between Cass and Durbin in Pocahontas County is finally open following almost four years of cooperative work between the West Virginia Division of Highways (WVDOT), Durbin and Greenbrier Valley Railroad (DGVR), and the State Rail Authority, which is now part of the West Virginia Division of Transportation's Division of Multimodal Transportation Facilities. "Finally! The multi-year labor of love to restore the track from Durbin to Cass is finally complete," said Multimodal Transportation Facilities Commissioner Cindy Butler. "This 15-mile section of track was washed out during the 1985 flood and laid dormant ever since." Work crews from WVDOH Central Forces took the lead in building a new bridge over Trout Run, allowing the rail line between Cass and Durbin to reopen. Central Forces worked closely with the railroad on the project. Originally intending to build only the bridge abutments in 2019 and 2020, Central Forces came back in 2022 to build the bridge itself. Conditions at the work site were harsh, with crews having to bring all materials by rail five miles up the rail line. Twelve or 14-hour work days were



common as dedicated Central Forces work crews toiled in rain and snow. "Years from now, my kids, my grandkids, their grandkids are going to have the opportunity to ride this valley," said Greg Pennington, a supervisor on the Cass project. "And they can say my dad or my grandad or my great-grandad helped build this bridge." "I think we owe it to the state and to the nation to open this back up so people can see the beauty of the river and this valley," Pennington said. A Shay locomotive from Cass made a test run over

the new bridge in early February 2023. "The final piece of the puzzle was installing a bridge over Trout Run," Butler said. "The saying 'It takes a Village' was never more true than the completion of this bridge project. The crews got together, worked out the logistics, the state purchased the materials and the bridge was constructed. "A Truer example of a Public Private Partnership won't be seen in a long time," Butler said. "This 15-mile section of track with this beautiful ballast deck bridge, is a star for See "RR Bridge" — Page 2

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### Outdoor Recreation

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cross them, would make the town even more attractive to long-stay vacationers, and would make sense given the layout of the grid of the town.

Arriving at the park itself, Withrow’s first efforts include a part of the park already utilized heavily in recent months, namely the Island Park Amphitheater. “This last summer we hosted the Skyline Bluegrass Festival. It was a revival of the largest bluegrass festival in the state of West Virginia, which used to be hosted very close to Ronceverte many years ago. One thing that sticks out from that event; of the three bands we had that played there, they said the Amphitheater was the most beautiful venue they had ever played.”

That being said, Withrow isn’t content with the Amphitheater’s current condition. “Being built in 1990 it’s got some electrical issues and outdated things that need upgraded, but we’d also like to retrofit the seating to form more of a bowl-like feature, which will both improve the seating as well as update the aesthetics of Amphitheater. Also, of course, we have to do some elevation work to get it out of the floodplain.” To that end, Withrow reported that he’d be meeting with contractors on Feb. 9 to get rough cost estimates for upgrades on the iconic fixture. Withrow stated that, contingent on many factors and subject to change with conditions on the ground, these upgrades could be three to five years in execution, and perhaps cost “between \$1,000,000 and \$1,500,000.”

Moving on to the major body of the Comprehensive Park Plan, the rest of Island Park, that is, Withrow is excited about a host of improvements to the area. Completed sometime between now and mid-summer, Withrow outlined that the park will include new playground equipment with handicap accessible toys and features, nine holes of a Disc Golf course, two places for camping, both in RVs at a site south of the bridge, and another plot for traditional tent camping as well as “glamping” and yurt camping, two very popular forms of alternative camping, on the northern side of the bridge.

All this new long-stay accommodation and activity will be accompanied by a new boat access ramp, Withrow explained, “where the ‘old water plant’ was; as of now the boat access is there right by the Amphitheater, and hypothetically you can’t really stop someone from putting in to float during an event or a concert or something, and that’s just not good for everyone involved.”

There are also efforts by Withrow to bring a tube rental facility to the park for those wishing to float, as well talks currently being held between Withrow and “an outdoor equipment outfitter” who could operate on the park and serve guests. Withrow feels that this flexibility in the ability of people to float the river “really is aimed at making this a family oriented experience. If you get mom and dad to come, grandpa and grandma will come, and that’s going to have a multiplicative effect.”

Lending even further to the attractiveness of the new and improved Island Park to families is the upcoming construction of a mini-golf course on the property of Jardin’s, where the Island Park pool once stood. “All together, these really make for a very strong family-oriented atmosphere on the Island, and that’s exactly what we’re all working toward with these projects.”

According to a press release, “Visitors to the Ronceverte Island Park can expect to find a new miniature golf course welcoming them in the space currently occupied by the Jardin. Gateway Industries has proposed an 18-hole golf course to add to the growing activities that have recently opened and are opening soon to give everyone in the community something to enjoy.

‘I am so happy that the City of Ronceverte is working with Gateway Industries to bring back miniature golf to the Ronceverte Island Park,’ says Ronceverte Mayor Deena Pack. ‘I have many fond memories of playing miniature golf there as a kid. Now, the kids in Ronceverte will have the same opportunity.’”

City officials have met with Gateway Industries to get an understanding of the plan and to assist them in making this fun addition to the park a reality once again. Pamela Mentz, the City Administrator for Ronceverte, confirms that this endeavor has the full support of the City.

However, the Comprehensive Plans extend beyond

Island Park, with work currently being done on two separate trail-based projects. One of these projects involves close collaboration with a private landowner to develop mountain biking trails on property northwest of the city, and another being the conversion of the L&R Railroad into trails which could one day connect to the Greenbrier River Trail.

More long term plans are on the horizon, as Withrow also discussed the potential acquisition of the depot building, as well as of the old armory building. In reference to the latter, Withrow hopes “to have some kind of event there for the youth of the area every day, especially in the winter.”

Withrow credits the support of various officials, individuals, and groups that are helping make these plans a reality. “I’m gonna miss some people, simply because there have just been so many, but huge thanks belong to the people of Ronceverte in general, who are so excited for all that’s going on; for the City Council and Mayor Pack and all the members, all the city employees who work so hard to make this place better every day, as well as the dedicated contractors and their employees who are doing great work for us.”

Withrow was forthright about the benefits of bringing outdoor recreation and tourism to Ronceverte: “Outdoor recreation is a \$55 billion industry, bigger than even pharmaceuticals. These things are going to be major economic drivers for the area, some people may not quite see it that way, but it truly is. I would love nothing more than to see Ronceverte become the Fayetteville of this area. You think of outdoor recreation and tourism in southern West Virginia and you immediately think of Fayetteville, and we have so many advantages here that we can utilize to achieve great results. We’re sitting on such an opportunity here in Ronceverte.”

Withrow notes that in order to unlock this potential, it will involve a score of planning and some extensive collaborations. “We’re going to have to become one around here; between Lewisburg, Ronceverte, and White Sulphur, if we can get together on these things and work together, we can be a part of the growth and employment that comes with tourism and that will save West Virginia. I truly believe that.”

### RR Bridge

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West Virginia and should be a showpiece for our WV-DOT employees and the DGVR employees for many years to come.

“To say I am proud of everyone that played a part in the completion of this line, is an understatement. It is a true testament of the talent we have within our state.”

Cass intends to start running excursion trains over the newly reopened rail line in the spring.

## PICK OF THE LITTER



**SAMMI**  
Sammi is an eight-year-old female domestic shorthair



**HULK ‘CASH’**  
Hulk “Cash” is a three-year-old Great Dane mix and weighs 73 pounds

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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## Byrd Clinic to offer Grocery Tour Service

Robert C. Byrd Clinic is excited to introduce a brand-new service called Grocery Tours. Amy Jasperse, our Certified Culinary Medicine Specialist, is providing this helpful 1 to 2 hour, in-store training to individuals or groups who want to: Save time (no more aimlessly walking the grocery store aisle confused about what to buy); know how to properly read food labels; shop with confidence once you know which foods best support your health goals; have peace of mind that you’re choosing the right foods for you and your family; save money on buying the right kinds of foods instead of wasting money on foods that go to waste; learn meal planning tips so you will have variety in your meals; know the difference between organic and non-organic produce and why eating healthy does not have to be expensive; learn how to shop for seasonal produce; understand unit pricing; and learn how to properly store produce to extend shelf life.

This service only costs \$20 out of pocket. Amy has also recently introduced a more specialized service for individuals who wish to receive one-on-one training for their specific health needs for \$80. Anyone interested should call 304-645-3220, ext. 2 to schedule a Grocery Tour!



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# Briefly

## Williamsburg Baked Steak Dinner

The Williamsburg community will host a Baked Steak Dinner Saturday, Feb. 11, at the Williamsburg Community Building from 2 to 6 p.m. The menu features baked steak and gravy, real mashed potatoes, green beans, coleslaw, rolls, and a variety of desserts and drinks. The cost is \$12 for adults, children under 12 years old \$6, and free for children under 5 years old. The dinner will be held at the Williamsburg Community Center, 6571 Shoestring Trail, Williamsburg. Proceeds will benefit Williamsburg Community Action service projects. The event is sponsored by the Williamsburg Community Action. For more information and directions visit [www.williamsburgwv.com](http://www.williamsburgwv.com). Call 304-645-0964 with any questions.

## Community Outreach Event

Valentine's Day is coming up, and there is no better time to show the community a little bit of love. Free Indeed Ministries will host a community outreach event on Wednesday, Feb. 11 from 1 to 3 p.m. in downtown White Sulphur Springs. Organizations from across Greenbrier County will gather together to spread awareness of the resources available in our area. There will be hot chocolate, baked goods and a naloxone distribution. Come out and feel the love and be sure to follow Free Indeed Ministries on Facebook!

## American Heritage Music Hall, Inc.

located at 496 Island Park, Ronceverte, is open to the public, all welcome, handicap accessible. Listeners and tourists welcome. Admission \$7 Tuesday nights, \$10 Saturday - Audience provides food. Doors open at 7 p.m. Jam & Dance every Tuesday 7 to 10 p.m. **The Valentine Dance on Feb. 11 will feature Bill Evans Night Riders 7 to 10:30; Dance on Feb. 25 will feature Thomas Taylor Band, 7 to 10:30.** 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.

## Williamsburg Shooting Match

will be held on Saturday, Feb. 18 at the Williamsburg Community Building, 6571 Shoestring Trail, Williamsburg. Match starts at 7 p.m., but food concessions open at 6 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! Delicious hot food and refreshments will be available starting at 6 p.m. Families are welcomed, you don't have to shoot to come get a meal! Proceeds will benefit Williamsburg Community service projects. Sponsored by a joint effort of the Williamsburg Community Action and the Williamsburg Ruritans. For more information and directions visit website [www.williamsburgwv.com](http://www.williamsburgwv.com), or contact Bill Jarvis at 304-645-3690.

## Williamsburg

### Flying Falcons 4-H Potato Bar

Come assemble your own stuffed baked potato with the Williamsburg Flying Falcons 4-H. There will be sour cream, chives, chili, onions, tomatoes, broccoli, cheddar cheese, shredded pork, and bacon pieces to choose from, along with many homemade desserts and a drink on Sunday, Feb. 19, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Williamsburg Community Building. The cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children under 12. Dine in or take out. The proceeds will help send club members to camp and on their annual club trip. Questions: call 304-645-6867. The Williamsburg Community Building is located at 6571 Shoestring Trail, Williamsburg, WV.

### Democratic Executive Committee

will hold their next meeting on Mar. 8 at 5:30 p.m. at the Better Homes and Gardens Real Estate office in downtown Lewisburg. Folks interested in promoting Democratic values are welcome to attend.

## Suits

- In Re: The Marriage of: William Dalton Bassett, Jr. and Elsie Louise Bassett
- In Re: The Marriage of: Lenora Leigh Jackson and William D. Jackson
- In Re: The Marriage of: Walker Scott Brown and Cassidy Louise Brown
- In Re: The Marriage of: Mckenzie Antonia Gwinn and Donald Eric Gwinn

# Carnegie Hall to hold Guild meeting

The Carnegie Hall Guild will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 14, at 4:30 p.m. at Carnegie Hall in the Old Stone Room on the ground floor. The mission of the Guild is to promote interest in Carnegie Hall and to provide financial and volunteer support.

Our guest speaker will be Kara Dense, director of the Greenbrier Valley Convention and Visitor Bureau. She will share with us all the exciting things and events happening in the Greenbrier Valley and the services the offer to share them with the public and visitors. It's time for us to start getting the election of officers for next year in motion. Anybody interested in becoming an officer now is the chance to volunteer.

At 4:15 p.m. we will have a moment to socialize. Visitors are very welcome. We will be delighted to introduce you to the members and share with you what we are currently undertaking. Light refreshments will be served.

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## 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 Public Safety Committee

will meet Friday, Feb. 10, at 8:30 a.m. in the Paul R. Cool-ey Council Chamber in City Hall, 942 Washington Street West. On the agenda:

- Police Department Sergeant promotion
- Approval of Minutes - Jan. 10, 2023

## Historical Landmarks Commission

will meet Monday, Feb. 13, at 5 p.m. in City Hall, 942 Washington Street West. Also available via Teleconference. For information on how to participate on ZOOM contact Lewisburg City Hall at 304-645-2080 by 4 p.m. Monday, Feb. 13. On the agenda:

- Approval of Minutes - November 2022
- Comments from the public
- Election of Officers
- Larry Perkins, 1031 Washington Street East - paint exterior trim of building with SW3351
- A & L Properties, 1108 Washington Street East - replace right front door with same design and same color as existing door. Replace Window casings around first level in back of building with notwood, paint same color as existing paint.
- City of Lewisburg Confederate Cemetery, McElhenney Road - request to place an Iron Cross on the Confederate Mass Grave
- Ben & Savannah Long, 491 Church Street - add a paved driveway on the south end of property on Court Street
- Jeanette Chambers, 152 Harris Street - build a 2' x 2' x 2' community pantry with shingles, siding, trim and paint colors to match house
- Bruce and Cyndee Stapp, 297 Church Street - install wood windows to match existing original windows in kitchen and half bath. Replace door with original door in kitchen, patching brick where needed
- Semper Fi LLC, 1046 Washington Street - replace awning. Paint and repair trim to front of building

*The next meeting of the Lewisburg Historical Landmarks Commission will be on Mar. 13, with a deadline at NOON on Feb. 24.*

## Greenbrier Co. Board of Education

will meet Tuesday, Feb. 14, at 6 p.m. at the Kyle & Ann Fort Arts & Sciences Building, 653 Church St. On the agenda:

- Time Out for Applause
    - Winner of 2022 State Fire Marshal Poster Contest - Sawyer Blankenship, Crichton Elementary
  - Delegations
  - Presentation by GEHS student representatives
  - Consent Agenda items
  - New and/or revised policies for public comment
  - Personnel
  - C&I Presentation
  - Other business
- The next meeting will be on Mar. 14 at 6 p.m.*

## Greenbrier County Magistrate Court Convictions

Jacob Mallow Vanburen, White Sulphur Springs, 1) domestic battery, NCP, 1) domestic battery, fine \$100, NCP, fine \$100, jail 3 months - suspended and placed on 12 months unsupervised probation; 2) escape or attempt to escape from custody or institution, jail 1 month - suspended and placed on 12 months unsupervised probation

Lee Jason Katz, Ronceverte, driving a vehicle while in an impaired state, NCP, fine \$100, jail 2 days  
Alicia Mae Wilkinson, Rainelle, driving suspended - unpaid citations, GP, fine \$100  
Timothy Carl Richmond, Charmco, possession of a controlled substance, NCP, fine \$100  
Caleb Patrick Warren, Lewisburg, no or expired MVI, NCP, fine \$10  
Natalie S. James, Harper Ferry, speeding, GP, fine \$18

## Marriages

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# Public Meetings

## Greenbrier PSD #1

will meet Friday, Feb. 17, at 7 a.m. at the District Office, 9035 Seneca Trail South, Fairlea. On the agenda:

- Approval of Minutes - Jan. 20, 2023 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
- Other business brought before the Board

# West Virginia 211 celebrates 211 Day

Saturday is 211 Day, celebrating the go-to resource 211, which helped 30,520 people in West Virginia access help for immediate or long-term challenges last year. Throughout 2022, trained call specialists connected people to locally available services, including help with rent, food, utility bills and health care. For example, there were 15,581 referrals for utility assistance, 7,949 referrals for rent assistance, and 3,503 referrals for shelters and other programs for the unhoused.

211 is a free, confidential, 24-hour information and referral service that connects West Virginia's residents with health and human services support. Anyone in need of help or information can call 211 or text 898-211 to reach a trained 211 Community Resource Specialist. In 2022, the service received 26,140 phone calls, 2,174 live chats, and 1,696 texts from people in all across the state.

April Knight, state director of West Virginia 211 is encouraging people to use the service. "People reached out to 211 this year to find information on basic needs, like heating or utility assistance, elder care, or to find the closest food bank. They also called for everyday information like where to take their child for developmental screening or how to locate job training or find free tax filing support," Knight said.

211 has helped a number of people, including a caller who needed help with an electric bill which was more than 1 month of their household income. After speaking with the caller a little more, the 211 Community Resource Specialist learned of other needs and was able to connect the family with programs to help with the electric bill and also resources for coats and shoes for the children, blankets for the family, and toys for Christmas.

A vast amount of local information is available through the service, including health and mental health resources, health insurance programs, support for older Americans and people with disabilities, adult day care, Meals on Wheels, respite care, home health care, transportation, homemaker services and support for children, youth, and families.

West Virginia 211 is supported by the United Way offices located throughout the state. Starting on Feb. 11, 211 is currently available to 99% of people in the U.S. and across all of Canada.

If you or anyone you know needs help, call 211 or visit West Virginia 211 ([wv211.org](http://wv211.org)).

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# OPINION

## Nature's Way

By Karen Cohen

### Instant Karma

I love chatting about compost, how to make it, what ingredients make the perfect recipe, and how it improves your soil. I now have the biggest discovery to share about compost! I found and read a very old copy of Organic Gardening and Farming from 1968. I was just a kid back then, but as it turns out, the address label on it was listed under my mother in law's name and address (she has passed away), and so I have that warm fuzzy feeling that she was also an organic gardener. Just like her son is, and just as I am.

Ok, so here's the way to make (almost) instant compost, at least that was the way the article was titled! Only one tool is needed and it can be kept right on your kitchen countertop all year long. What is it? An electric blender. That's right. Once you fully grasp the concept, you think, wow, why didn't I think of that before?

I have a Ninja blender that I use to make smoothies and to blend homemade soups. It works with several very sharp blades to slice through veggies like onions, peppers, carrots, anything really that is chopable. (New word). Every day we fill it up with banana and orange peels and pomegranate skins from our morning breakfast, onion heels, leek leaves and stems from lunch, apple and pear cores from snacks, and anything veggie-related leftover from dinner, salad greens, etc. I never put in meat or dairy because that attracts outside critters. With my lazy fat cats lolling about during daytime hours, I certainly don't want a wandering raccoon or possum sniffing around the yard.

Permit me to share a funny story. Every night we bring out cats inside for bedtime. One particular evening it was already dark and I thought all of them were rounded up and heading inside behind me. When I got into the living room I noticed my black cat looked a bit odd. He had a big white streak down his back and at first I thought he had rubbed against something (white) outside. But YEEK, it was a skunk milling about with my cats. In a split second, the front door was torn open and I corralled the tribe back outside. The skunk followed along. I think it was just as confused as we were with the assumed acceptance into this little family. No, no, no. Thank goodness it finally dawned on the skunk that it did not belong inside a house, nor was it allowed to get jiggy with my cats. It ran off and did not stop to spray us. Whew.

So back to compost. Get out your blender or food processor and start making compost. Using all your veggie and fruit scraps, grind them into tiny pieces. This makes them decompose MUCH faster in the soil than when they are whole. I add a bit of water to make a slurry and then pour it over the garden soil, cover it with soil or dig it into the ground a bit. The worms love it and go right to work, eating and producing worm vermicasts. The soil is enriched just as my body is when I eat these wholesome foods filled with minerals and vitamins.

Another item on my kitchen counter is a gallon jar in which I toss my egg shells. (I don't put the egg shells into my blender mix.) When the jar is filled with shells, I drop them into boiling water to clean out and kill any possible bacteria in the saved egg shells. Some of the

## Commentary

### Opinion: Artistic voices raise the creative economy in WV

By Adam Booth and Monica Wilson

Listen to the voices of the West Virginia artists! From storytellers, dancers and musicians to photographers, painters, and writers, artists have something to say every day.

Arts Day at the West Virginia State Legislature is coming up on Mar. 2. It is a day for the arts community to showcase their contributions to the West Virginia creative economy. The goal is to raise awareness among our policy leaders on how important it is to invest in the arts for every West Virginian.

We are adding our voices to this chorus.

West Virginia has incredible art venues across the state. Many of these venues are successful, in part, because of the grants awarded from the West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture & History. These investments in the creative economy generate positive economic benefits for West Virginia communities.

Research from 2020 shows that arts and cultural economic activity nationwide contributed 4.2 percent of gross domestic product (GDP), or \$876.7 billion. In West Virginia, arts and cultural production added \$1.3 billion to the state's economy, with over 13,000 jobs.

One example of the impact of the arts is the Contemporary American Theater Festival hosted at Shepherd University in Shepherdstown, WV. Shugoll Research conducted a study of the 2018 Festival that showed \$5.86 million in economic activity supporting over 80 jobs. That included \$340,000 to the local government and \$745,000 to our state government. The report states the impact this way: "The Contemporary American Theater Festival...enhances the quality of life for residents and visitors, as well as generating tourist revenue. Both the Festival's direct and indirect economic impact have residual effects that can be felt throughout the local and state economy."

Another story of the arts community impact can be told from the porch overlooking the Cacapon River. The River House was created in 2017 as an art and music venue from a vacant building on the river bank in Capon Bridge, West Virginia. Today the River House has 2 full-time and 6 part-time employees with \$152,000 in gross wages (2022).


The River House's five-year impact includes 1,238 events, reaching over 1,500 students through field trips, assemblies, and after-school programs and over \$75,000 in support for local producers.

The success of the River House sparked a revitalization. In the past 5 years, new businesses have opened in



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calcium will leach out into the water. Use the water for your plants when it cools off. I then dump them in a shallow box and use a rubber mallet to crush them into small bits. If left somewhat whole, egg shells take forever to break down and you can find them still whole in your compost pile. So crush them up, then add directly to your garden soil as a fine ground powder. It is estimated that over 150,000 tons of eggshells end up in the landfills across America! What a waste of a valuable resource.

Ground egg shells sprinkled around seedlings like lettuce or cucumbers, for instance, can help to deter cutworms or slugs who munch on leaves and lay eggs in your garden. They don't like scratchy matter so pile the crushed egg shells in a circle around each plant to repel them. Best news: eggshells are a great source for calcium carbonate. This can be used to lower your soil's acidity and make it more alkaline. Many common veggies prefer alkaline soil and not acidic soil. Blueberries are the one item in my garden that thrives on acid soil, so I keep the shells out of that plot. I pile up pine needles around my blueberry bushes.

Try some simple ways to repurpose kitchen leftovers. Help your garden and cut down on trash.

*(Karen Cohen is an organic home gardener, photo-journalist, and avid explorer. Email your tips and comments to [natureswaykaren@gmail.com](mailto:natureswaykaren@gmail.com))*

Capon Bridge, including an Appalachian music school, an Air BnB and a store offering West Virginia-made art and craft items. Two local banks in Capon Bridge saw a significant increase in new accounts and loan activity. Recent private investment in renovating older buildings topped \$2.2 million, adding to the town's vitality and tax base.

This incredible community impact could not happen without donations from individuals, foundations, and state and federal grants.

As professionals in the creative economy, we know the state and local leaders' support for the arts has been instrumental in our success. Working together, we can continue to build a resilient arts industry and more vital, happier and healthier communities across West Virginia.

We would be remiss if we didn't say thank you to those that have made the arts stronger in West Virginia - from West Virginia's First Lady Cathy Justice to our local businesses leaders and volunteers to the excellent staff at the West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture & History like Curator Randall Reid-Smith. We appreciate your contributions.

Continued financial support for our West Virginia artists and arts organizations is critical to keep the arts alive and well. We encourage every state, county, city and town leader to support the arts in their community.

On Mar. 2, we ask our West Virginia State Legislators to listen to our artists! The arts bring jobs, joy and tourists, strengthening our vibrant and creative West Virginia communities.

*(Adam Booth is a nationally-touring storyteller, musician and educator. He is the 2022 West Virginia Folk Artist of the Year and teaches as an adjunct professor in the Appalachian Studies Program.)*

*(Monica Wilson is the Executive Director of The River House, a nonprofit arts and music center. She is also a professional portrait and landscape photographer and business entrepreneur.)*

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## Letter to the Editor

### Monroe Co. Commission meeting disappointing

Dear Editor,

The Monroe County Commission meeting held on Feb. 1, 2023, was an eye-opening but sad commentary on how our county operates. I had requested and received an 11:30 spot on their agenda to discuss the Mountain Valley Pipeline (MVP). At the outset, I stated my appearance was as a private citizen and I did not represent any group or organization. The Commissioners said they've had no contact with MVP for quite some time but hope for its completion so money would begin pouring into the county. When questioned about Trinity Energy's delinquent tax bill for pipeline equipment currently totaling \$175,477, Commissioners stated, "go after the Board of Education, 75% of the money goes to them." Apparently it's just too much trouble for the County Commission to truly investigate this matter while Monroe County citizens are left in the lurch selling Peterstown Pirate trophies to fill a lack of education money. Is this what Senator Manchin means when he says the pipeline is helping little communities? At that time the Commissioners requested Mr. Bill Shiflet to fill in some details on MVP, leases, taxes, etc., to which he gladly complied.

Unfortunately, shortly into Mr. Shiflet's MVP update he flew into a rage of hostile verbiage which raced across the small meeting space, surely even carrying over into the deed room. Apparently his perceived personal and familial slights from times long past, over water issues, were directed at me, then towards my husband. Questioning Mr. Shiflet about this timeframe he speculated it was around 2015. Mr. Shiflet quickly followed by attacking citizens and groups opposing MVP; even "damn Yankees," what could he have possibly meant by that?! While this long winded, horrific harangue continued, the Commissioners took absolutely no action to halt Mr. Shiflet's tirade. Only when I held up my hand, commanded "stop," and then turned to continue addressing the Commissioners, did Mr. Shiflet cease his loud outbursts.

We must listen to one another as members in community. We should be courteous when speaking, acknowledging and respecting diverse thoughts and opinions. The elected leaders of Monroe County should not allow this type of fury I experienced to be unleashed upon anyone, especially on a lone senior woman surrounded by five (5) men, including Commission President Kevin Galford, Commissioners Kevin Mann and Melvin Young, County Clerk Jeremy Meadows and Mr. Bill Shiflet. Disheartened at how our officials conduct county business, I took my leave. Please note that Mr. Meadows has always been most respectful.

At approximately 3:00 that afternoon I returned and spoke with the Commissioners about Mr. Shiflet's hostile outbursts towards me during today's morning session. The Commissioners simply would not recognize the maltreatment I endured. I pointed out to the Commissioners the need to develop official protocol to curtail outbursts from citizens. During this discussion, Mr. Shiflet again started up his vengeful rant and again no Commissioner intervened, only me. I told the Commissioners that the outbursts from Mr. Shiflet reflect poorly on their leadership in Monroe County and should not be tolerated. My request for an apology was met with vacant stares. Again, I shook the hand of each Commissioners and took my leave.

Just who is this angry Mr. Shiflet? By his own and the Commission's admission, he is the volunteer mouthpiece of our Monroe County Commission, who is currently seated at the tables of an assortment of state, regional and local agencies, as well as a tolerated member of the Main Street Exxon Clubhouse. Mr. Shiflet's long-held beliefs are documented in an April 2018 article in the WVNews when Mr. Shiflet strongly stated his support of the Mountain Valley Pipeline. Summing up his feelings regarding people against MVP the article quoted Mr. Shiflet saying these people are "anti government," "anti community" and "anti police," and to top it off "I just don't feel like they're patriots." From what I experienced on Feb. 1, 2023, his anger and resentment

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## OBITUARIES

**Dr. Harry Paul Kornhiser, Jr.**

**Covington, VA**-Dr. Harry P. Kornhiser, Jr., born in Franklin, NJ, passed away peacefully on Thursday, Feb. 2, 2023 at the age of 87 years old, surrounded by family at his home. He was preceded in death by his mother, Virgie Kornhiser; father, Harry Kornhiser, Sr.; brother, Richard Kornhiser; and sisters, Carol Ann Donovan and Betty Jo Pare.

He is survived by his wife, Joan Cragg Kornhiser of 59 years; daughters, Dr. Belinda Kornhiser Smith and Laura Kornhiser Israel (Ed Israel); sons, David Craig Kornhiser and John Paul Kornhiser (Tara Wagner). He was so proud of five grandchildren including Nicole Kay O'Neil (Kristopher O'Neil), Kathryn Elizabeth Hughes (Jonathan Hughes), Heather Telane Kornhiser, Jeremy Craig Kornhiser (Shalee Kornhiser) and Sarah Beth Kornhiser (Richie Boguess). Not to be overlooked though, he had great grandchildren numbering 16, Lexi McCormick, Daquan Anderson, Devan Anderson, Koen Boguess, Sophia Kornhiser, Jacionna Ray, Lily Boguess, Aiden Sturgill, Jayonna Ray, Noah Lipes, Dalyla Boguess, Asher Kornhiser, Brooklyn O'Neil, Ember Kornhiser, Raegan Hughes, and Gwendolyn Kornhiser.

Dr. Kornhiser gave selflessly throughout his entire life, and asked for nothing in return. He was loved by many and touched the lives of so many people through his work as a physician for 60 years. He loved his family unconditionally and improved the lives of countless people both professionally and personally. Dr. Kornhiser served in the Army in Korea from 1959-1961. His father was a private pilot and he also wanted to be a private pilot. His poor eyesight kept him from fulfilling that dream. He then decided he wanted to be a physician. Dr. Kornhiser attended the University of Miami and earned his Bachelor's Degree in Science in 1959. He then attended medical school at the Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine graduating in 1965. Dr. Kornhiser was a Board-Certified Neurologist and Psychiatrist. He loved working in this profession and was beloved by his patients. Dr. Kornhiser was the first Dean of the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine, a Professor of Medicine, Medical Director for many agencies and held countless professional memberships and appointments. Aside from the love and pride he had for his family, one of his proudest days was presenting a

Doctor of Osteopathy diploma to his daughter Dr. Belinda Smith. Dr. Kornhiser worked until he was 84 years old retiring in June 2020.

Dr. Kornhiser's desire was to be cremated and a private ceremony held with his family.

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**Karen Alfreda Fankhauser**

**Lewisburg**-Karen Alfreda Fankhauser died Sunday, Feb. 5, 2023 in Lewisburg.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Milton Hawkins and stepson, Eric Hawkins.

She was a graduate of the B.M. Spurr School of Nursing, received her undergraduate from Wheeling Jesuit University, and graduate degrees from University of Virginia. She was elected to Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society. After receiving her doctoral degree, she worked in the University of Virginia Health System. Upon retirement, she served on the Board of the Greenbrier Historical Society, was active in Shepherd's Center of the Greenbrier Valley and the Bluebell Garden Club.

Survivors include son, Kirk Fankhauser West; grandchildren, Mariann Hefner, Shae Anne West; and two great-grandchildren, Zachery and Lucas.

Memorial donations may be given to: Eleanor Crowder Bjoring Center for Nursing Historical Inquiry, 225 Jeanette Lancaster Way, Charlottesville, VA 22903-3388.

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**Felicia Mae Ward Hamm**

**Parma Heights, OH**-Felicia Mae Ward Hamm, 96, passed away peacefully with her family by her side on Saturday, Feb. 4, 2023 at the Holy Family Health Care & Hospice in Parma, Ohio.

She was born May 30, 1926, in Ramp, WV, a daughter to the late Matthew Daniel Ward and Felicia (Berry) Ward.

Mae was a homemaker, loving wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She was a faithful member of Pleasant Valley Church in Parma, OH. She enjoyed attending church, crocheting, cooking, working in her flower garden and caring for the babies in the church nursery. But most of all, she will be remembered for her love of spending time with family and friends.

She is survived by her daughters, Josephine Ruth (Hamm) Massey and husband Larry, of Parma Heights, OH, and Brenda Sue (Hamm) Vaughan and

husband John, of Parma, OH; granddaughters, Shelly Munn and husband Nathan of Cleveland Heights, OH, Beth Moss and husband Terry of North Royalton, OH, Katie Duy and husband Jonathan of Delaware, OH, Julie Duganiero and husband Dan of Broadview Heights, OH, and Kellie Remington and husband Reed of Hinckley, OH; her sister, Gladys Flinchum, of Christiansburg, VA; nine great-grandchildren; as well as many loving nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Mae was preceded in death by her loving husband, Kenneth Hamm; her brothers, Joseph Ward, Frank Ward, Harding Ward, Willis Ward, Lloyd Ward, and Jimmy Ward; her sisters, Ruby Graham, Sadie Ward, Lydia Albert, and Maddie Richmond.

Funeral services will be Saturday, Feb. 11, at 11 a.m. at the Lobban Funeral Home Chapel in Alderson with Larry Massey officiating. Burial will follow in the Clayton Baptist Cemetery, Clayton, WV.

Friends may call Saturday, Feb. 11, from 10:30 to 11 a.m. at the Lobban Funeral Home, Alderson, WV.

Serving as pallbearers will be family and friends.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that memorial donations be made to the Clayton Baptist Church, 180 Doc Miller Lane, Alderson, WV 24910.

Lobban Funeral Home is honored in being entrusted with the arrangements.

Condolences and memories may be shared with the Hamm family online at [www.lobbanfh.com](http://www.lobbanfh.com)

**Lula Yvonne McMann Boggs**

Lula Yvonne McMann Boggs, 84, passed away at Greenbrier Health Care Center on Friday, Feb. 3, 2023.

She was born Nov. 12, 1938 in Ghent, WV, the eldest daughter to the late Burley Lee Wills and Florence Elizabeth Moore Wills.

Lula was member of the Apostolic Lighthouse Church on Teaberry Road in Ronceverte. She was a beloved Mother, Grandmother and Great-Grandmother. She will be greatly loved and missed by her family and all who knew her.

Preceding her in death other than her parents were her brother, Maynard Wills and son-in-law, Robert Winfrey.

Surviving Lula are her siblings, Wilma Goins, Melva Cohenour, Karen Olinik (David), Jesse Wills (Patty), and Connie Midkiff (Randy); daughters, Myrtle Winfrey, Beverly Heavner (Jess), Rhonda Weist and Pamela Hume (James); sons, Robert McMann, Jr. (Chrissy) and Billy McMann (Angela); grandchildren, Michelle Bennett (Joey), Melissa Sparks (Justin), Gary Walkup, Jr. (Ceira), Angela Sawyer (Kevin), Jamie Turner, Jessica Hampton (Josh), Joey Sengdetka (Nicole), Patrick Weist,

Caleb Weist, Jacklyn Cales (Gary), Ashley Cutlip (Bobby), Kristin Murphy (JR), Shannon Nesselrotte (Jacob) and Bradley McMann; and 22 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services for Mrs. Boggs were held on Thursday, Feb. 9, at the Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Lewisburg where Pastor Rick Keener officiated. Interment followed in the Maude Chapel Cemetery, near Dawson, WV.

The family received family and friends before the services on Thursday at the funeral home.

Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Lewisburg is in charge of arrangements. Please send online condolences by visiting [www.WallaceandWallaceFH.com](http://www.WallaceandWallaceFH.com)

**William Floyd Banton**

**Alderson**-William Floyd "Bill" Banton, 82, passed away Saturday, Feb. 4, 2023, at his home surrounded by his family.

Born Feb. 11, 1940, he was the son of the late William Edward and Bernice Irene Banton.

Bill was a US Navy Vietnam Veteran and had retired from the Alderson Federal Prison Camp.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Robert Lee Banton and a sister, Donna Ray Huffer.

Survivors include his loving wife, Donna Ward Banton; daughters, Bonita Sienkiewicz (Chris) of Lewisburg, Dawn McClure (Stacy) of Crawley, Angela Mayes of Raphine, VA, Kim Adkins (Jackie) of Nimitz, WV and Kelly Ballengee (Jason) of Shady Spring; brother, Dale Banton (Margaret) of South Carolina; grandchildren, Porsche Taylor (Justin), Andrew Sienkiewicz (Amelia), Haley and MacKenna McClure, Heather and Joey Mayes, Chase Adkins, Logan, Madison and Nathan Ballengee; great-grandchildren, Cain and Barron Taylor, Ford and Prudence Sienkiewicz and Riley Loughlin.

Visitation will be 2 to 4 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 12, at the Morgan Funeral Home Chapel, Lewisburg.

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**Letter to the Editor**

continues to boil.

Most citizens in Monroe County are concerned about our water resources, our environmental and personal health; hopefully, our County Commissioners are also. Corporations are driven by the desire for money, money, money and have slick methods to obtain more money, caring little about our precious slice of almost heaven. Our County Commissioners appear blinded by the promise of money and seem unwilling to review scientific data. Commissioners are still bemoaning the loss of money from the American Electric Power 750kv powerline first proposed thirty (30) some years ago for Monroe

**Charles Randall Smith**

**Rainelle**-Charles Randall Smith, 43, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2023.

Born Apr. 6, 1979, in Pittsburgh, PA, he was the son of Robert Randall Smith (Linda) and Betty Ann Smith.

Charles, better known to his friends as "Smitty" served our country for over 20 years in the Army National Guard and had recently retired with a rank of Master Sergeant. Smitty had also served the Greenbrier County Sheriff's Department for over 18 years and was currently a Lieutenant with his K9 partner, Thelma.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by his wife, Ashley Smith; children, Cale, Isabelle and Peyton Smith and Wesley and Madilyn Sharp; brother, Tommy Smith; sister, Robbie Smith; several nieces, nephews, and many friends.

Funeral service was held Thursday, Feb. 9, at the West Virginia Building of the State Fair of West Virginia, 947 Maplewood Avenue, Lewisburg, where Pastor J.P. Mays officiated. Visitation was before the service at the West Virginia Building.

Burial followed the service in the Wallace Memorial Cemetery, Clintonville, WV.

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**Larry Eggleston**

Larry Eggleston passed away at the age of 73 after a short illness.

Surviving are his wife of 31 years, Connie Eggleston; brother, Randall Eggleston; daughter, Jennifer Crane of Lewisburg (husband Kevin); two stepsons, Kevin Phillips

(wife Paula) of Smoot and Andy Phillips (wife Jeane) of Salem, VA; 10 grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

Larry attended Grace Bible Church in Asbury. He retired from ABB in Lewisburg after 21 years of service as a machinist.

Larry loved his family, enjoyed camping and fishing and hanging out with his favorite pup, Duke.

Memorial service was held on Monday, Feb. 6 at the Grace Bible Church Asbury, where Pastor Mike Teubert officiated.

Visitation was Sunday evening, Feb. 5, at the Church.

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**Edward Hobert Daniels**

**Ronceverte**-Edward Hobert "Chops" Daniels, 83, passed away Sunday, Feb. 5, 2023 at Greenbrier Valley Medical Center following a short illness.

Born Sept. 8, 1939, he was the son of the late Samuel Daniels and Eva Daniels.

He was employed at The Greenbrier Hotel for a number of years then worked many years for Orders Construction Company until he was disabled 25 years ago.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by a daughter, Tamela Daniels; two sons, Hobert Daniels and Charles Hefner; and a long-time companion, Shelby Daniels.

Survivors include daughters, Renee Wilmer, Toni Daniels, Brenda Hubbard (Damon) all of Ronceverte and Marlo Daniels of Alderson; sons, Deron and Craig Daniels of Ronceverte and Hubert Wilmer of Charleston, WV; sisters, Elaine Daniels of Ronceverte and Faye Blue of Wilmington, DE and brother, Ronald Daniels of Ronceverte; ten grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life will be held Saturday, Feb. 11, at 1 p.m. at Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Lewisburg.

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County, WV, but now cutting through Bland County, VA. As for me, I say Thank You to Common Ground and the Border Conservancy. Clean water, our precious resource, is always under attack.

An administrative body should see that decorum is always exercised instead of casting aspersions and accusations against citizens who come before the body. Civil discourse and respect are essential factors of governance. Without these elements, we the people descend toward authoritarianism.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jill Fischer, Union, WV

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# Dear Recycle Lady,

**Dear Recycle Lady,**

The local Goodwill store accepts all kinds of e-wastes: computers, printers, keyboards, CPUs, flat screens, cell phones and more.

*Good to Know*

**Dear Good to Know,**

Thank you, Goodwill, for keeping all these electronic wastes out of the landfill and sending them out to be recycled, reused, or to reduce the use of natural resources. Last week I spoke with Goodwill's state coordinator, and he said they have a contract with a company that specializes in recycling and reusing the many parts of electronic wastes. He also said they collect clothing that may not be wearable without repairs. Again, they work with a specialized company that sends these articles of clothing to worthy organizations here and abroad that repairs or adapts items for reuse.

**Dear Recycle Lady,**

What is a water footprint?

*Necessary for Life*

**Dear Necessary for Life,**

According to freetheseocean.com, a water footprint is the total amount of water used to produce a product or support an activity. For example, it takes twice as much water to produce a plastic bottle of water as the amount of water contained in the bottle. According to stacker.com, 713 gallons of water are required to grow the cotton needed to produce one everyday cotton T-shirt and approximately 37 gallons of water are required to grow and process the number of beans need-

ed for a single cup of coffee. The water calculator at [www.watercalculator.org](http://www.watercalculator.org) can be used to determine your water footprint. You may be surprised at how many gallons of water you and your household use a day. It will also give you the U.S. average per day of the number of gallons of water used for the size of your household.

Besides your household's water footprint, there is virtual water. Virtual water, according to [mywaterearth.com](http://mywaterearth.com), is the unknown, hidden amount of water that is used by developed countries in the production of goods, electricity, manufactured products, and food. It is the direct and indirect sum of all water used to process a product, company, or sector. It includes water consumption, pollution, and evaporation throughout the full production cycle from the supply chain to the end-user.

With the growing scarcity of water throughout the world, new concepts are being developed for saving water used to produce a product. Water use patterns can be used to determine areas where water is plentiful for producing certain products instead of using areas where water is scarce.

**Dear Recycle Lady,**

Help. This morning my mailbox was again full of catalogs that I do not want. I know they can be recycled, but is there a way to stop them from coming?

*No More Magazines*

**Dear No More Magazines,**

You are correct, catalogs can be recycled, but

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Have questions about recycling, or interesting information about recycling? Send questions or requests to [recyclelady@greenbrier-swa.com](mailto: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**

Shown in this 1891 photograph of West Virginia University first football team is former Lewisburg resident Dr. Gory Hogg who was the team's fullback (upper row, fourth from left). The WVU team played only one game their first season and was defeated by Washington & Jefferson College 72-0 (fortunately attendance was only 250). Years later when asked about the loss, Dr. Hogg said his team didn't know a football from a pumpkin.

Dr. Hogg became a physician who practiced in Fayette County. He was a State Senator, Democratic National Committeeman, and made an unsuccessful gubernatorial run. He retired from being a physician and bought 12 acres of land on the eastern edge of Lewisburg in 1929 where he and his wife, Caroline, built Homeland, one of the grandest homes in the county. Dr. Hogg became a coal operator and was president of Greenbrier Valley Bank. He started golf at the late age of 48, played four or five times a week, and served as president of the West Virginia Golf Association. Descendant of several patriots, Mrs. Hogg was active in the Daughters of the American Revolution and served as the state regent of that organization.

A widower, Dr. Hogg died at 89 at Homeland in 1963. Childless, he left his estate to three great nieces, a faithful servant, and West Virginia University.

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# Fishy Business: A history of WSS Fish Hatchery

By Michelle Myers

It's a cold wintry morning in late January, and project leader Craig Bockholt is conducting a whirlwind tour of the White Sulphur Springs National Fish Hatchery. We pass long concrete tanks teeming with trout that race down to us en masse hoping for a feed. Unfortunately, we can't see the crayfish which are currently spawning and require complete peace and quiet to get the job done. Eventually though we reach the facility's break room for a chat.

Conservation may seem like a very modern concept, but in the aquatic world at least, it has a long and storied history. In fact, concern about dwindling fish stocks in the United States dates all the way back to the post Civil War Reconstruction period when observers noticed that mass emigration to the West coincided with a steep decline in fish numbers.

In response, President Ulysses S. Grant established the U.S. Fish and Fisheries Commission (later the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service) in 1871 and the first federal fish hatchery appeared in California in 1872. Thirty years later White Sulphur Springs was selected from among many other candidates as the ideal location for West Virginia's own federal hatchery.



This old photo of the White Sulphur Springs Fish Hatchery was provided courtesy of the USFWS National Fish & Aquatic Conservation Archives.

Why White Sulphur Springs? A 1902 report from Fish and Fisheries details the happy confluence of geography and infrastructure that clinched the choice, including a spring flowing 1,800 gallons a minute and several small runs that would augment the water supply by 5,000 gallons a minute. Flat terrain for building construction surrounded the spot and the Chesapeake & Ohio railroad facilities were already in place. Bockhardt adds that Native Americans had wintered in this sweet spot for generations, so they clearly knew a thing or two about the rich resources in the area.

See "Hatchery" Page 9

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**PUBLIC ONLINE AUCTION**  
Fulton BSH LBWV, LLC/Secure Store - 135 Maple Carriage Drive, Lewisburg, WV 24901, has a possessory lien on all of the goods stored in unit 304. The auction will end on February 16, 2023 at 12 noon. All these items of personal property are being auctioned online through [lockerfox.com](https://www.lockerfox.com). This auction will run until February 16, 2023. Pictures of the unit can be inspected online. Cash payments only. For more details visit [www.lockerfox.com/storage-auctions/us/](https://www.lockerfox.com/storage-auctions/us/)

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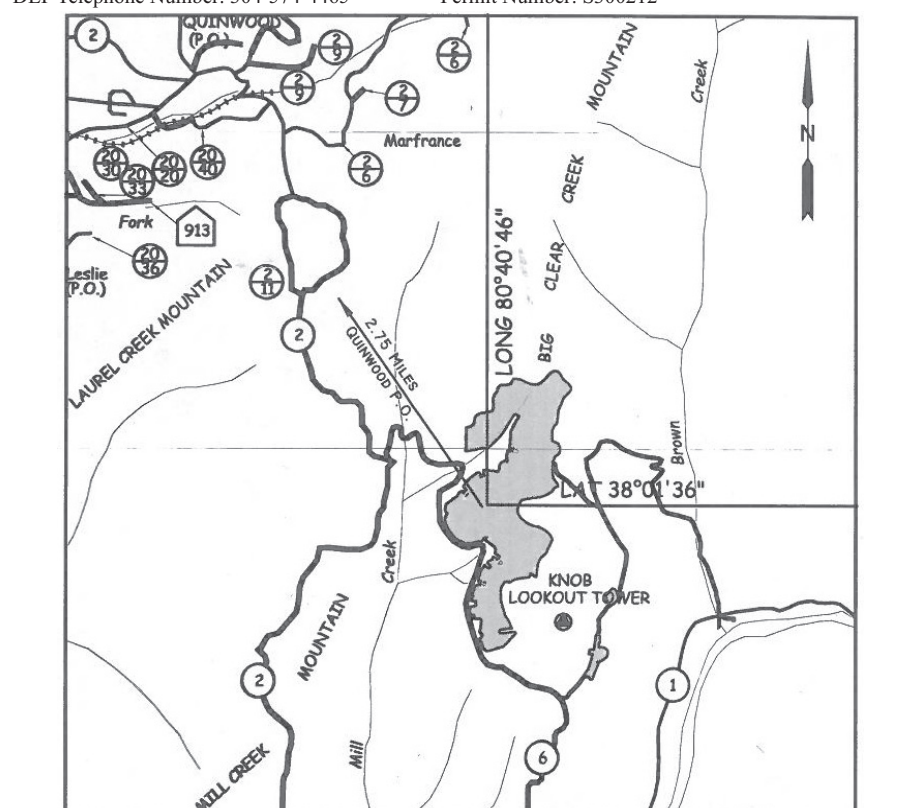
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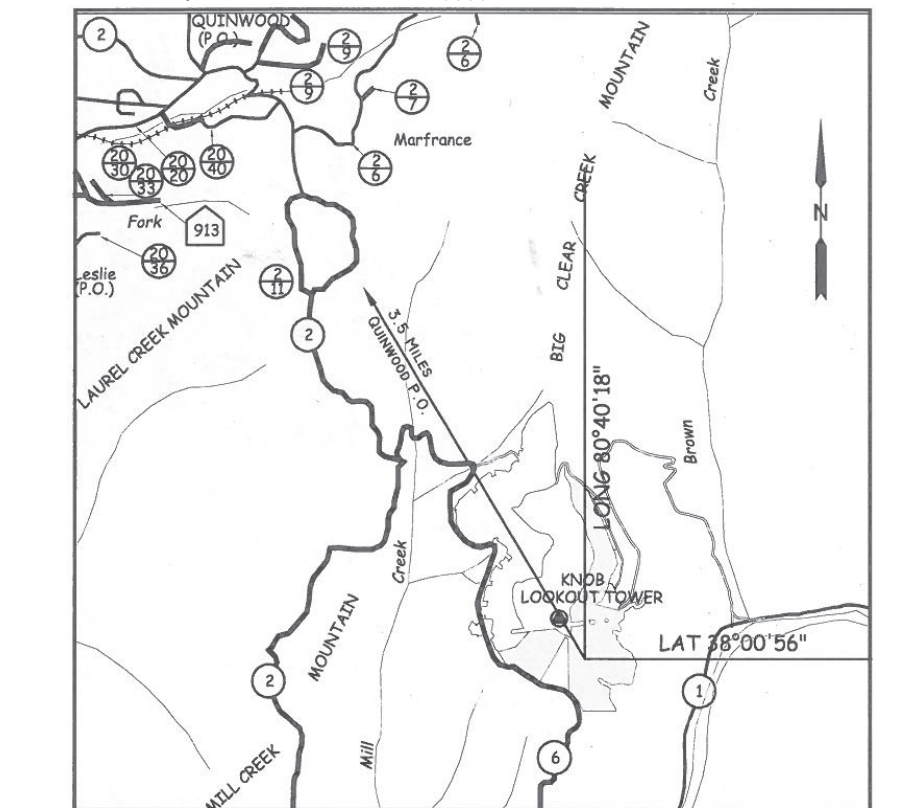
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that, by virtue of the authority vested in the undersigned Trustee under that certain Deed of Trust dated the 12th day of April, 2021 and executed by CAROLYN BEVERLY and ANGELA BEVERLY, to Paul E. Biser, trustee, Bruner Land Company, Inc., Beneficiary, said Deed of Trust have been duly recorded in the Clerk of the County Court of Greenbrier County, West Virginia, in Trust Deed Book 845, at Page 837, under which authority PAUL E. BISER, now acts, by which was conveyed to the said Trustee the said hereinafter described real estate, to secure the payment of a certain note set out and described therein, and default having been made under the terms and conditions of said Deed of Trust, and the provisions of said Deed of Trust concerning acceleration having been complied with by the Lender and present holder of the note, and Paul E. Biser having been requested so to do by the owner and holder of said note, shall sell to the highest bidder, on MARCH 3, 2023 at 2:00 o'clock p.m., at the front door of the Court House of Greenbrier County, West Virginia, the following described real estate:

A certain tract or parcel of land situate on the waters of Beaver Creek and Otter Creek, Meadow Bluff District Greenbrier County, West Virginia, more particularly bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a 5/8-inch rebar with cap (set) on the south side of a proposed forty (40) foot right-of-way over an existing unnamed private dirt access road, corner to Bruner Land Company, Inc. Lot #2, from which an 8-inch Maple bears N 70° 18' 45" W 6.11 feet, and a 2-inch Maple bears N 86° 35' 16" W 3.00 feet, thence S 34° 02' 51" W 622.86 feet to a 5/8-inch rebar with cap (set), corner to said Bruner Land Company, Inc. Lot #2, and corner to Bruner Land Company, Inc. Lot #3, from which a 12-inch Maple bears N 22° 06' 02" E 8.13 feet, and a 6-inch Maple bears S 72° 09' 21" E 5.34 feet, thence S 34° 02' 51" W at 692.22 feet passing a 5/8-inch rebar with cap (set) on line, and in all 1384.43 feet to a 5/8-inch rebar with cap (set), corner to said Bruner Land Company, Inc. Lot #3, and corner to DAR Farms, LLC, from which a set stone (found) corner to same bears S 36° 02' 08" W 190.29 feet, a 20-inch White Oak bears S 32° 05' 50" E 7.94 feet, and a 36-inch Red Oak bears N 41° 11' 23" W 3.26 feet, thence N 51° 41' 52" W 1018.48 feet to a 42-inch forked Ash (found), corner to said DAR Farms, LLC, and corner to Clayton E. Ripley, Sr. and John Edgar Ripley, from which an 8-inch Hickory bears N 60° 36' 21" E 10.91 feet, and a 4-inch Beech bears N 15° 43' 30" E 8.00 feet, thence N 07° 07' 39" W 1169.57 feet to a 1/4-inch iron pipe (found), corner to said Clayton E. Ripley, Sr. and John Edgar Ripley, and corner to J. David and Crystal Deitz, from which a double White Oak bears S 39° 53' 21" E 14.77 feet, thence with said J. David and Crystal Deitz for three (3) lines S 64° 55' 12" E 1060.74 feet to a 1/4-inch iron pipe (found), from which an 8-inch Maple bears N 58° 43' 11" W 10.62 feet, and a 20-inch Poplar bears N 26° 21' 45" E 13.56 feet, thence N 24° 54' 21" E 616.71 feet to a 1/4 inch iron pipe (found), from which a 10-inch Birch bears N 78° 54' 23" E 8.11 feet, and a 10-inch Gum bears N 21° 26' 44" E 10.48 feet, thence N 08° 29' 16" W 242.65 feet to a 5/8-inch rebar with cap (set) on the south right-of-way line of County Secondary Route #8 (Kieffer Road), corner to said J. David and Crystal Deitz, from which a double 8-inch Ironwood bears S 49° 52' 02" E 4.36 feet, and a 3-inch Ironwood bears S 24° 35' 23" W 5.06 feet, thence with the south right-of-way line of said County Secondary Route #8 for four (4) lines N 80° 13' 17" E 20.08 feet to a point at the beginning of a curve concave to the right With a radius of 300.00 feet, a chord bearing of S 89° 58' 46" E, and a chord length of 102.12 feet to a point, thence S 80° 10' 48" E 130.61 feet to a point at the beginning of a curve concave to the left With a radius of 705.00 feet, a chord bearing of S 89° 07' 58" E, and a chord length of 219.42 feet to a 5/8-inch rebar with a cap (set) on the south right-of-way line of said County Secondary Route #8, and on the west side of said proposed forty (40) foot right-of-way over an existing unnamed private dirt access road, from which a 5/8-inch rebar with cap (set) on the east side of said proposed forty (40) foot right-of-way bears N, 80° 16' 41" E 40.27 feet, a 12-inch Maple bears S 82° 54' 28" E 36.16 feet, and a 6-inch Hickory bears S 17° 56' 12" W 20.06 feet, thence with the west side of said proposed forty (40) foot right-of-way for nine (9) lines S 03° 07' 09" E 44.17 feet to a point, thence S 00° 18' 20" E 54.18 feet to a point, thence S 06° 25' 47" W 63.69 feet to a point, thence S 07° 47' 05" E 49.10 feet to a point at the beginning of a curve concave to the left With a radius of 290.00 feet, a chord bearing of S 34° 19' 55" E, and a chord length of 259.22 feet to a point, thence S 60° 52' 46" E 93.03 feet to a point, thence S 62° 37' 22" E 76.48 feet to a point, thence N 81° 08' 06" E 49.82 feet to a point, thence N 58° 29' 08" E 78.32 feet to the BEGINNING. Containing 50.29 acres more or less, as surveyed in April 2020, by Acord Surveying Inc., of 616 Church Street, Summersville, West Virginia, (Job #19-097).

TERMS OF THE SALE: 1) The property will be conveyed in an AS IS physical condition by Deed containing no warranty, express or implied, subject to the all property taxes, prior deeds, liens, reservations, encumbrances, restrictions, rights-of-ways, easements, covenants, conveyances and conditions of record in the Clerk's office or affecting the subject property. 2) The Purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the transfer taxes imposed by the West Virginia Code 11-22-1. 3) The Beneficiary and/or the Servicer of the Deed of Trust and Note reserve the right to submit a bid for the property at sale. 3) The Trustee reserves the right to continue sale of the subject property from time to time by written or oral proclamation, which continuance shall be in the sole discretion of the Trustee. 4) The Trustee shall be under no duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying the property to vacate said property, and any personal property and/or belongings remaining at the property after the foreclosure sale will be deemed to constitute ABANDONED PROPERTY AND WILL BE DISPOSED OF ACCORDINGLY. 5) 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. 6) 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. 7) The total purchase price is payable to the Trustee by certified or cashier's check within thirty (30) days of the date of sale, with ten (10%) of the total purchase price payable to the Trustee at sale by certified or cashier's check. GIVEN under my hand this 2nd day of February, 2023.

s/ Paul E. Biser
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vicinity.

Construction on hatchery buildings was virtually complete by the end of 1902. The architecture could best be described as comfortably domestic rather than the later industrial-style used to replace the older structures. The hatchery manager's home still survives.

The initial mission was to propagate brook trout. That program expanded to include the rearing of largemouth bass (discontinued in 1959) and bluegill as broodstock. In 1976, the hatchery joined the National Broodstock Association and became a trout broodstock operation. It is one of only three certified hatcheries raising two distinct strains of rainbow trout. Those breed fish spawn twice a year and the eggs are then shipped nationwide including to reservations in New Mexico and Arizona, says Bockhardt. After spawning the state takes the broodstock for its own use in stocking rivers and streams.

Since then the hatchery has branched out in a number of directions. The development of a program to propagate native freshwater mussels started in 1995 in response to an ecological disaster that struck the Ohio River species. Next came crayfish in 2015. Then another disaster struck.

The catastrophic flood of 2016 wiped out the 15,000 adult and 30,000 juvenile rainbow trout at the facility. The mussels and the crayfish fared a little better, but overall the bulk of the hatcheries operations had to be reconstructed.

Nothing daunted though, the facility branched out into protection of the endangered candy darter fish in 2017. The brilliantly colored candy darters are native to the Gauley, New, and Greenbrier River watersheds in West Virginia and Virginia and play an important role in food chains and river ecosystems. Last fall saw the successful release of all the hatchery propagated juvenile candy darters into a carefully selected stream.

But it's not just serious scientific work. The facility also operates as an educational and recreational resource for the public, hosting tours as well as the Annual Fishing Derby and the Freshwater Folk Festival. "But that's not all," says Bockholt, whose vision for the hatchery goes way beyond the fish tanks. "We want to branch out into bats and chimney swifts and pollinator gardens. We want to encourage people to walk the trails around the hatchery. We want people to learn how an ecosystem works."

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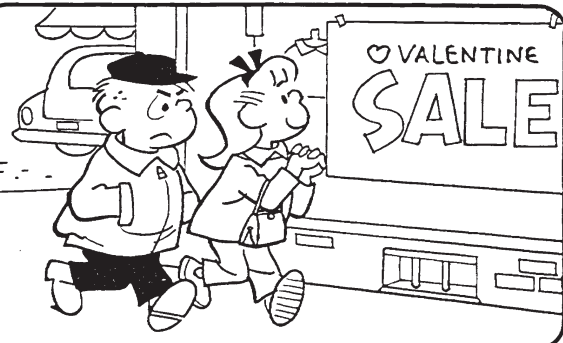
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Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Car is different. 2. Leg is moved. 3. Basement window. 4. Pocketbook is missing. 5. Sign is different. 6. Sign is different. 7. Hair is missing.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

9x9 Sudoku grid with some numbers pre-filled.

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

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Super Crossword

ALLOW TO BE ADDED

Crossword puzzle grid with ACROSS and DOWN clues listed.

Large crossword puzzle grid with numbered starting points for clues.

# CLUB & CHURCH

## Richlands Ruritans install new officers

The Richland Ruritans met on Jan. 11 at Calvary Methodist Church, and installed their new club officers for 2023. President is Doug McKinney, Vice President is Steve Harris, Secretary is Jack Tuckwiller, and Treasurer is Lucie Refsland. In the business meeting the club voted to change their meeting start time to 6:30 p.m. until the April meeting. After the April meeting they will return to the traditional 7

p.m. start time.

The business meeting for the Richlands Ruritans focused on project plans for the new year. The club will continue to offer scholarships to the Greenbrier Youth Camp; to finance a mural at a local nursing home; and to have a roadside clean-up campaign. Future plans for a raffle to raise money for community projects were tabled for another meeting.

The Richlands Ruritans

club meets on the second Wednesday of each month for a dinner meeting at the Calvary Methodist Church on Midland Trail East in Richlands.

The Ruritan Civic organization is a national network of clubs working together for a stronger America. The Richlands Ruritans Club provides scholarships to local college students and 4-H campers, as well.



## WVDEP accepting applications for 2023 WV Make It Shine Spring Cleanup

*Application deadline is March 10*

Applications are now available for the 2023 West Virginia Make It Shine Statewide Cleanup. This annual event is sponsored by the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection's (WVDEP) Rehabilitation Environmental Action Plan (REAP).

This year's event will be held during the first two weeks of April (Apr. 1 through Apr. 15) and applications are due by Mar. 10.

The Make It Shine program will provide resources such as cleanup materials, waste hauling, and landfill fees to community groups volunteering to conduct litter cleanups in

state streams or on public lands.

More than 3,500 volunteers from nearly 150 groups participated in the 2022 cleanup, removing 146 tons of litter, and collecting 1,190 tires from 292 acres of public lands and 55 miles of streams, while remediating 87 dumps.

To register, submit the online application. Once your project is approved, REAP staff will coordinate delivery of cleanup supplies, waste hauling and disposal. For more information, contact Chris Cartwright at DEPwv-

mis@wv.gov or by phone at 1-800-322-5530.

The event is completely dependent on volunteers, so sign up today and help make West Virginia shine!

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

## Denim Day benefits area charities



**Ann Thomas, chairperson of the First Baptist Church of Rainelle Food Pantry**

Ann Thomas is the chairperson of the First Baptist Church of Rainelle Food Pantry. This group works to help families in Greenbrier County and the surrounding areas. They distribute food boxes to over 200 families every month (221 boxes were distributed during the month of January 2023). Robert C. Byrd Clinic thanks this church for the service they provide for those who are hungry in our community, and we are excited to be able to help in any way we can!

You may have seen our RCBC clinic team wearing blue jeans on Fridays, but did you know they are doing so for a good cause? "Denim Day" is a fundraiser where our team has the chance to break our dress code policy if they donate \$2 to a local charity each Friday. Every year, we all vote to decide which charity receives these funds. Over the next few weeks, RCBC will be meeting with many of these local organizations who do so much for those in need.

## SCHOOL

## Character writing workshop scheduled at New River

Author Belinda Anderson is launching a special writing workshop Thursday, Mar. 9, offered through New River Community and Technical College.

Her newest class is titled "Mega March Madness: Chasing Characters." The community education course will include a new focus on the technique of developing characters before they are seen and before they speak.

"In this class," Anderson said, "one of the examples will be Captain Ahab from 'Moby Dick.' The book's title is about the whale being chased, but here the reader is chasing the character of the captain, with the author building anticipation for the captain's arrival. It is a powerful technique for a writer's toolbox."

The class is designed both for experienced and beginning writers and may be applied to nonfiction as well as

fiction.

Starting Mar. 9, "Mega March Madness" will meet for three weeks on Thursdays at 10 a.m. This is an audio-only conference call course.

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.

Anderson concentrates on character development in her own writing, including the nonfiction stories she relates in an ongoing history series commissioned by Alderson Main Street.

Anderson is the author of four books of fiction. Her literary work was selected for inclusion on the first offi-

cial literary map of West Virginia, published by Fairmont State University.

"Her characters aren't afraid to take up residence in the reader's mind and stay there," author Gretchen Moran Laskas wrote about Anderson's work.

Tuition for the class is \$75, and the registration deadline is Feb. 23, 2023. Participants will be emailed the conference call number and access code after registering and paying for the class.

Visit [www.newriver.edu/community](http://www.newriver.edu/community) for information on upcoming community education classes or register for the course or contact Gloria Kincaid (304-793-6101, [gkincaid@newriver.edu](mailto:gkincaid@newriver.edu)).

Learn more about Anderson and her work online at [www.BelindaAnderson.com](http://www.BelindaAnderson.com)

## NRCTC hosts publisher, poet and activist Crystal Good

New River Community and Technical College's diversity series continues Feb. 16 at 6 p.m. with acclaimed publisher, poet and activist Crystal Good speaking on the history of the Black press in the state, her nontraditional route to writing and the opportunity for intersectional storytellers through her publication, *Black by God*. The event will be streamed at New River CTC's four campuses in Beaver, Lewisburg, Princeton and Summersville and available through Zoom video conferencing.

The presentation is the second of four events funded by the West Virginia

Higher Education Policy Commission's Diversity For Equity grant and invites members of the college and local communities to come together to learn about and foster an appreciation for diversity, working toward more inclusive and successful communities.

The event is open to the public and community members are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be available for those attending on-campus.

Visit [www.newriver.edu](http://www.newriver.edu), email [admissions@newriver.edu](mailto:admissions@newriver.edu) or call 866-349-3739 for information about New River CTC.

## Herndon makes Georgia Southern University's President's List

Georgia Southern University recently recognized approximately 2,150 students for excellence in academics on the Fall 2022 President's List. To be eligible for the President's List, a student must have at least a 4.0 grade point average and carry a minimum of 12 hours for the semester.

Abigail Herndon of Crawley was named to

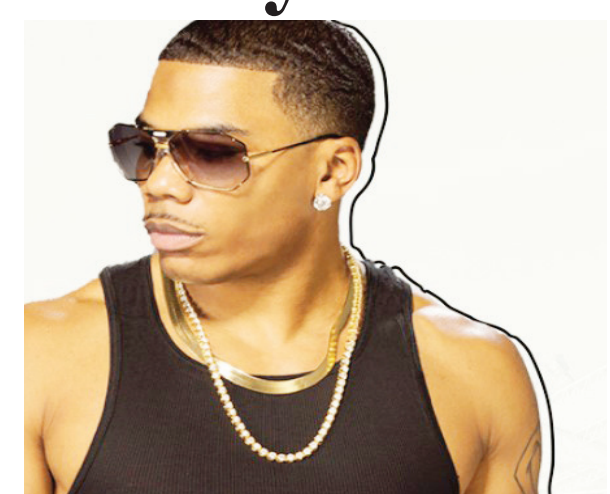
the President's List for the semester.

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## STEPPIN' OUT

## Nelly returning to the State Fair of WV



Fair Officials are excited to announce Grammy Award-winning rap superstar Nelly will return to the State Fair of West Virginia on Friday, Aug. 11. Tickets for the show will go on sale Friday, Feb. 10, at 10 a.m.

"Nelly put on an amazing, sold-out show here in 2021," State Fair CEO Kelly Collins said. "When the opportunity presented itself, we knew we had to book him again."

Tickets will only be available via ETIX at <http://statefairfww.com/entertainment/> or by calling 1-800-514-ETIX (3849) Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., or Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tickets will not be sold at the State Fair Box Office until later this spring.

Nelly embarked on his music career with Midwest hip hop group St. Lunatics, in 1993 and signed to Universal Records in 1999. Nelly entered the spotlight with the release of *Country Grammar* in 2000, spending seven weeks at #1 on the Billboard Top 200 and spawning the massive hits "Ride Wit Me", "Country Grammar", and "E.I.". The album landed Nelly four Grammy Award nominations and sold over nine million copies worldwide. *Country Grammar* is Nelly's best-selling album to date, selling over 8.4 million copies in the United States.

He has since gone on to win multiple American Music Awards, a Nickelodeon Kids' Choice Award, Soul Train Music Awards, MTV Video Music Awards, and was crowned "Top Pop, Rap, and R&B/Hip-Hop Artist of The Year" by Billboard. He has been referred to by Peter Shapiro as "one of the biggest stars of the new millennium," and the RIAA ranks Nelly as the fourth best-selling rap artist in American music history, with over 21 million albums sold in the United States. On December

11, 2009, Billboard ranked Nelly the number three Top Artist of the Decade.

For more information, please visit [www.statefairfww.com](http://www.statefairfww.com), or follow fair events on Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, and Twitter. Join the conversation by using #sffwv!

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# Happy Valentine's Day

## Givers' guide to Valentine's Day jewelry



Valentine's Day is a great opportunity to bring a little sunshine into a special someone's life. Nestled between the end of the holiday rush and the beginning of spring renewal, Valentine's Day occurs at a time of year when days are short, weather is chilly and people might be looking for an excuse to celebrate.

Gifts that accompany romantic sentiments expressed on Valentine's Day can make the holiday that much more memorable. The National Retail Federation says that around 20 percent of Valentine's celebrants are expected to buy jewelry as gifts. CNN reports that Americans spent \$4.7 billion on jewelry in 2018 for Valentine's Day.

Jewelry is a personal gift and one that should be presented with care. These tips can help Valentine's Day celebrants as they give that special someone jewelry.

- **Opt for jewelry only if you're in an established relationship.** Roma Designer Jewelry says jewelry can "speak" commitment without saying a word. Those who are living together, have been dating for some time or married couples are good candidates for exchanging jewelry, which can reinforce couples' commitment to one another.

- **Mark milestones.** Use jewelry to celebrate not only Valentine's Day, but also milestone events. Jewelry can be given on a special birthday or anniversary in commemoration of children being born and other special moments.

- **Take note of style.** Scour social media posts or peek inside an existing jewelry box to use as a visual guide for clues regarding the style of jewelry your partner prefers. This makes shopping easier and increases the chances the item will be a hit.

- **Pay attention to allergies.** Metal allergies are a consideration when purchasing jewelry. Earrings tend to be the biggest culprits for allergic reactions because posts are inserted into the earlobe. If you're unsure if your partner has a metal allergy, stick to sterling silver and 14k gold. Always opt for nickel-free materials.

- **Plan in advance.** Many jewelry stores run sales throughout the summer and the fall, so shoppers can get jewelry at a discount at these times. Zales recommends staying informed of special deals through a favorite jewelry retailer by signing up for emails. Engraving time may be longer around Valentine's Day, so plan accordingly.

- **Stick with simple classics.** Those who are unsure what to buy can opt for simple, classic items. Stay away from anything with a lot of color or beading. Small, delicate items tend to have universal appeal.

Jewelry is a popular Valentine's Day gift. When buyers put the time in to find the right piece, they can be confident knowing they've given that special someone an item they will cherish for years.



## A Rose by any other color

Roses are a popular gift on Valentine's Day. When accompanied by a box of chocolates, a bouquet of long-stemmed roses is sure to make a sweetheart smile on February 14.

Few people may know that the color of a rose is meant to convey a certain message. As a result, even the most head-over-heels-in-love man or woman may not be saying what they mean to say when giving roses. If that special someone has a favorite color of rose, then it might be wise to give that color regardless of what tradition suggests. But when sweethearts have no such preferences, it might be best to keep this guide, courtesy of ProFlowers®, in mind.

- **Red:** Red roses say "I love you." Red is symbolic of love, especially romantic love. Red also symbolizes beauty, courage and respect.

- **Pink:** Pink is a popular color on Valentine's Day but sweethearts should know that pink roses say "Thank you," which makes them a better choice for friends than lovers.

- **White:** White roses say "I am the one for you." White symbolizes true love, purity, innocence, reverence, humility, youthfulness, and charm.

- **Yellow:** Yellow roses say "We're friends and I care about you." Joy, gladness, friendship, delight, and remembrance are just a few of the sentiments yellow conveys.

- **Yellow with red tip:** Yellow roses may be best for friends, but yellow roses with red tips say "I'm falling in love with you."

- **Orange/coral:** Another awe-inspiring color, orange/coral roses say "I want you in my life." This color indicates desire, enthusiasm and fascination.

- **Red and white together:** A mixed bouquet of red and white roses says "We are a great match."

- **Peach:** Peach symbolizes intimacy, telling a lover, "Let's make this a memorable Valentine's Day."

Different color roses say different things, meaning Valentine's Day celebrants can find a rose to convey any message they hope to send this February 14.

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# Happy Valentine's Day

## Valentine's Day gifts couples enjoy together

Valentine's Day is a time to bring smiles to the faces of loved ones - particularly the special someone in a person's life.

Gifts that appeal directly to spouses or significant others may be the standard, but gifts couples can use together can bring them closer together. The following are some great Valentine's Day gifts couples can enjoy together.

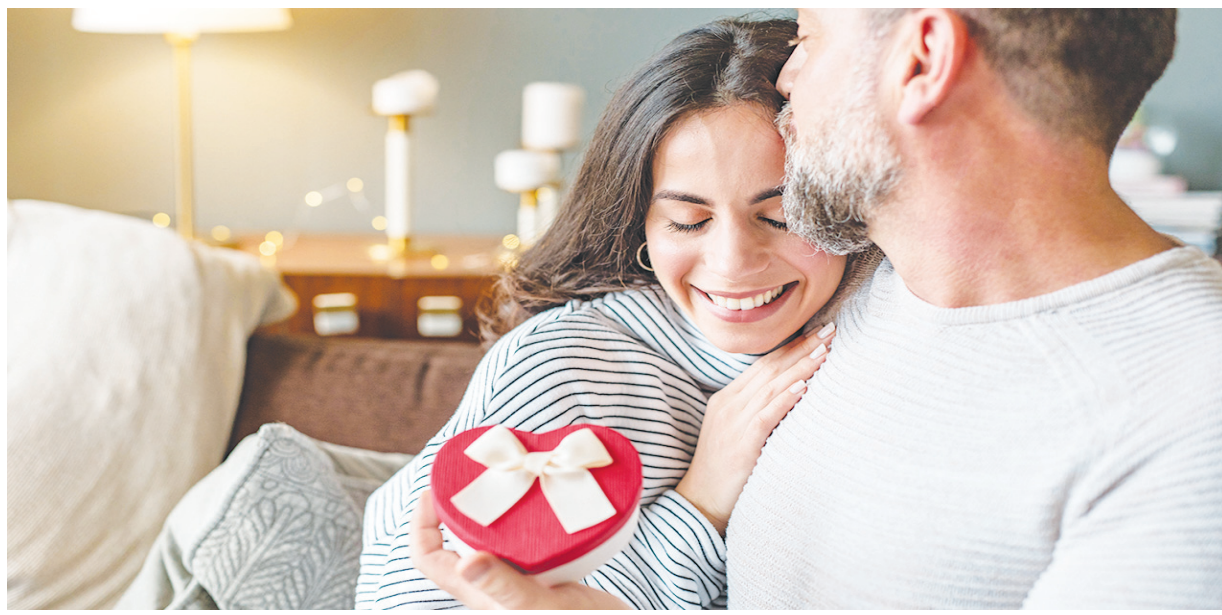
· **Quirky mugs:** Mug sets come in all shapes and sizes and express various sentiments. Some even feature interlocking designs designed to symbolize that couples are two pieces of one puzzle. Kissing mugs, which look like lips touching when they are brought together, are perfect for couples who enjoy their morning coffee together. Look for them at [www.uncommongoods.com](http://www.uncommongoods.com).

· **Matching robes:** Plush terry cloth robes need not be reserved for luxurious stays at premiere hotels. Coordinating robes can be monogrammed and worn on lazy days when gathering in front of a cozy fire.

· **Charcuterie set:** A romantic meal is the start of any Valentine's Day celebration. Invest in a compact charcuterie board with two matching wine glasses and enjoy the set on date nights at home.

· **Travel excursion:** Jet set to an exotic locale with a planned adventure. Parents can arrange for a sitter, friend or relative to look after the children so the trip provides some one-on-one time. This trip can serve as the second honeymoon couples dream about.

· **Custom cornhole set:** Couples who love tailgating or opening up their homes (and yards) to guests can purchase monogrammed or custom-carved bean bag toss boards.



· **Fancy coffee maker:** Couples who spend more time in take-out coffee shops than they probably should can brush up on their barista skills at home. There are plenty of coffee makers on the market that can help couples whip up lattes, cappuccinos or espressos with ease.

· **Wine club membership:** Couples who enjoy sampling the latest vintages and flavors may enjoy a wine subscription. Winc.com is just one of the delivery services available. Or couples who prefer to be a little more hands-on can experiment with winemaking kits.

· **Hot tub:** What can be more relaxing than soaking in a warm bath of bubbling water? A backyard hot tub turns up the heat on relaxation and time spent together.

· **Tokens of love:** Matching or coordinating bracelets, necklaces or even tattoos can serve as enduring symbols of a couple's love.

Valentine's Day gifting may be even more enjoyable when gift-giving focuses on presents couples can enjoy together.

## Sweet cookies for your sweetheart

Valentine's Day presents an opportunity to shower loved ones with special gifts, including treats. Dessert is a significant component of Valentine's Day, as chocolates and cakes are given and consumed in abundance.

French macarons are a great sweet for amateur bakers to add to their Valentine's Day repertoire. Making macarons often is a labor of love, so offering a sweetheart a plate of these chewy, meringue-based cookies really shows you care. Vary the filling of choice depending on your beloved's favorite flavors.

Enjoy this recipe for "French Macarons," which utilizes the Swiss meringue method, courtesy of Karli Bitner and her "Cooking with Karli" blog. Weighing the ingredients produces more reliable results.



### French Macarons (makes 20 macarons)

#### Ingredients:

100 grams powdered sugar  
100 grams superfine almond flour  
100 grams egg whites  
100 grams granulated sugar  
Food coloring, if desired  
Vanilla buttercream filling  
4 tablespoons butter, at room temperature  
1 1/2 cups powdered sugar  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
Up to 2 tablespoons heavy cream  
Food coloring, if desired

#### Instructions:

1. Measure out all ingredients.
2. Sift together the powdered sugar and almond flour. Set aside.
3. Add 1 cup of water to your sauce pan or to the liner of your Instant Pot.
4. Heat the water over medium heat until steaming.
5. While the water is heating, add the egg and 3 tablespoons of the measured out sugar to the bowl you'll be using for the double boiler.
6. Once the water is steaming, place the bowl over the steaming water and whisk until the egg whites are foamy and white. When they are foamy and white, remove the bowl from the pan or Instant Pot and set on a hot pad on the counter. Turn off the burner or Instant Pot.
7. Add the remaining sugar to the egg whites and mix using an electric hand mixture until the egg whites are white, glossy and can form stiff peaks.
8. Add the food coloring now if you'd like to color your macarons. Mix until combined.
9. Add the powdered sugar and almond flour to the

bowl and mix with your mixer for 8 seconds. After the 8 seconds is up, use a silicone spatula to stir and smear the batter from the outside of the bowl towards the center. Turn the bowl as you do this to make sure all of the batter gets stirred equally.

10. Do this until your batter thins and is able to drizzle a ribbon of batter for a few seconds without it breaking.

11. Transfer the batter to a piping bag equipped with a round piping tip.

12. Pipe equal circles onto a silicone or parchment-lined cookie sheet. Make sure that your piping bag is straight up and down. Apply equal pressure and release pulling straight back up. Repeat with the remaining batter.

13. Bang the pan gently but firmly onto the counter a few times to remove any air bubbles.

14. Preheat oven to 300 F.

15. Allow the macarons to dry out as the oven preheats, for about 20 to 30 minutes. Your macarons should be dry to the touch before going into the oven.

16. Bake for 11 to 13 minutes at 300 F. The macarons should not turn brown.

17. Allow the macarons to cool completely on the pan.

18. When the macarons are completely cool, make your filling.

19. Make your filling by combining all ingredients using either a stand mixer or your electric hand mixer. Slowly add in the heavy cream (you can substitute milk if you'd like) because you want a thick buttercream so it doesn't squirt out while eating the macaron.

20. Once the buttercream is mixed together and your desired consistency, gently pipe some frosting onto the bottom side of one cookie and then sandwich the frosting with the bottom side of a second cookie to create your macaron.

Though now a staple of Parisian patisseries, the macaron was first introduced to France by an Italian, the chef of Queen Catherine De Medici, in the Renaissance period. The light, airy confection has been made, historically, with fillings of jam, buttercream, and ganache. Being both as well known and as flexible as they are, macarons can be prepared in traditional fruit flavors as well more exotic ones.

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