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## Indictments released

The Greenbrier County Grand Jury has returned a list of indictments for the Feb. 2023 term. Arraignments will be held on Feb. 24 at 9 a.m. for cases held in front of Circuit Court Judge Robert Richardson, and on Mar. 2 at 9 a.m. for cases held in front of Circuit Court Judge Jennifer Dent.

Brianna Adwell, White Sulphur Springs, DOB 12/13/97, embezzlement

Robert Lee Arbaugh, Asbury, DOB 1/28/72, delivery of a controlled substance

Michael Leon Baker, White Sulphur Springs, DOB 12/28/75, sexual abuse by a parent, guardian or person in position of trust to a child (x5), sexual assault in 3rd degree (x5)

Kary Faith Barb, Dunmore, DOB 10/13/94, possession with intent to deliver a controlled substance - marijuana

Carol Maria Bauchinger, Frankford, DOB 8/2/89, shoplifting 3rd offense

Michael Edward Bennett, Rupert, DOB 7/5/72, failure to register as a sex offender or provide notice of registration changes

Duane E. Blagg, Rainelle, DOB 8/11/79, breaking and entering, grand larceny

Duane Keith Blagg, Rainelle, DOB 8/11/79, failure to register as a sex offender or provide notice of registration changes

Duane Keith Blagg, Rainelle, DOB 8/11/79, receiving stolen property

Brittany Lynn Bonner, Ronceverte, DOB 11/16/97, credit card fraud

Shannon Dakota Bostic, Rupert, DOB 6/5/91, delivery of a controlled substance - methamphetamine

DaShaye Elixis Brandon, White Sulphur Springs, DOB 6/21/94, malicious wounding

Robbie Gale Butler, Lewisburg, DOB 9/17/80, delivery of a controlled substance - heroin (x2)

Robbie Gale Butler, Lewisburg, DOB 9/17/80, delivery of a controlled substance - methamphetamine

Brandon Shane Cales, Rainelle, DOB 1/19/85, delivery of a controlled substance - methamphetamine (x2)

Isaiah Obryan Childress, Rupert, DOB 2/24/00, malicious assault

Robert Aaron Chittum, Fayetteville, DOB 3/4/91, breaking and entering, grand larceny

Calvin Jessie Clere, IV, Ronceverte, DOB 4/3/96, delivery of a controlled substance - methamphetamine (x2)

Jonathan Lee Collins, Crawley, DOB 4/3/98, breaking and entering, petit larceny

Jarrod Clay Copenhaver, White Sulphur Springs, DOB 11/29/70, delivery of a controlled substance - methamphetamine (x3)

James William Crabtree, Rupert, DOB 3/2/98, false report concerning bomb or other explosive device

Tine Marie Dameron, Lewisburg, DOB 11/8/76, failure to register as a sex offender or provide notice of registration changes

Zachary Hess Dawson, Alderson, DOB 8/29/87, murder

Jacqueline Ann Defibaugh, Ronceverte, DOB 9/22/64, embezzlement

Kenneth Michael Eltzroth, White Sulphur Springs, DOB 1/18/88, burglary, petit larceny

Kenneth Michael Eltzroth, White Sulphur Springs, DOB 1/18/88, burglary, grand larceny

Kenneth Michael Eltzroth, White Sulphur Springs, DOB 1/18/88, forgery of a credit card, petit larceny

Louis Alfreda Fernandez, Ronceverte, DOB 2/18/59, delivery of a controlled substance - methamphetamine (x3)

Travis D. Fernatt, Quinwood, DOB 12/22/97, reckless fleeing

Joseph Foster, Lewisburg, DOB 8/13/75, burglary, grand larceny

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## McMillion arrested for murder of Dee Ann Keene

By Sarah Richardson

On Tuesday, Feb. 14, Ronald McMillion, 71, was indicted and subsequently arrested on one count of murder. The indictment, which was filed that same day, states, "Ronald Ray McMillion feloniously, willfully, maliciously, deliberately, and unlawfully did slay, kill, and murder one Dee Ann Keene" on or about the date of Feb. 28, 2014. The indictment was found upon the testimony of two members of the West Virginia State Police who testified under oath to the Grand Jury on Feb. 14. Details of the testimony are not yet known.

According to a witness, Keene was last seen at McMillion's home on Feb. 28, 2014. The witness told police that McMillion was drinking or using drugs, and that he was so impaired he couldn't stand up.

The witness also heard McMillion say, "I'm gonna kill you, you f\*\*\*\*\* b\*\*\*\*," to Keene.

The witness said McMillion had a white pistol that he handed to Keene to shoot. He then shot the gun near

Keene's head, close enough for the passing round to ruffle her hair.

After the shot, two witnesses say they left because McMillion was "acting crazy." They say they tried to get Keene to leave, but she didn't. She hasn't been seen since.

Keene was reported missing on March 5, 2014, and on Mar. 6, 2014, McMillion was arrested for unlawful possession of a firearm and an outstanding assault warrant from Pocahontas County. Police at the time denied that McMillion was arrested for Keene's disappearance, but identified him as a "person of interest" in the matter.

No charges were filed against McMillion regarding Keene's disappearance until this week, nine years after she was last seen.

McMillion will be arraigned in front of Circuit Court Judge Robert Richardson on Feb. 24. More details will be released as the case progresses.

## Erin Justice represents WV at American School Counselors Gala



Secretary of Education, Miguel Cardona (left), poses with Dr. Erin Drickey Justice in Washington, DC

By Adam Pack

Dr. Erin Drickey Justice, the West Virginia School Counselor of the Year, recently made a trip to Washington, DC, as West Virginia's representative to the American School Counselors Association Gala at Union Station. The ASCA provides training and support for counselors all over America. According to a statement on their website, "The American School Counselor Association (ASCA) supports school counselors' efforts to help students focus on academic, career and social/emotional development so they achieve success in school and are prepared to lead fulfilling lives as responsible members of society. ASCA provides professional development, publications and other resources, research and advocacy to school counselors around the globe."

While in DC, Justice visited the U.S. Department of Education where she and the other state counselors of the year heard a speech given by Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona, discussing the mental health challenges students face and the importance of school counselors. She also participated in a round table discussion

with representatives of the Office of Special Education, the Office of Postsecondary Education, and the Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education.

Erin was able to meet and mingle with other exemplary school counselors from every state in the country, as well as some territories. She introduced herself to the gala, as did other entrants, with her personal philosophy of school counseling.

"Being an elementary school kid can be hard," said Justice. "I lighten my student's emotional load and provide them with a safe, judgment-free space. I help students see that learning is vital but also fun and exciting. I want all of my students to leave elementary school with confidence, respect for themselves, and hope for the future."

The Association recognized, in a statement of accolades corresponding to each of the 50 plus participants, that Justice has an incredible commitment to her community, especially off-campus. "After the thousand-year flood experienced in Rainelle in 2016, many home addresses changed to match 911 addresses. 'Suddenly, See "Erin Justice" — Page 2

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## Muddy Creek ruled out as water supplier for Alderson, alternatives considered

By Adam Pack

At the regular meeting of the Alderson Town Council on Thursday, Feb. 9, the Town of Alderson approved a change in the upcoming work on their new water plant. Previously, engineers with the Thrasher Group were attempting to find a way to use Muddy Creek as the alternative water source for the city. A new water plant cannot be built without the receiving party first demonstrating that there is a suitable alternative water source, as measured by average flow (gallons per hour). Muddy Creek, initially thought to have an adequate flow

of at least 300-350 gallons per hour, has proven after testing not to have the flow required. Mayor Copenhaver wanted to stress that, as of now, "we are not looking at Muddy Creek as an alternative water source. We've said that since the plan began; that was where we were going. Not anymore." Copenhaver said that looking forward, "two huge wells that get treated at the [current water] plant are one of the possibilities that we're working on right now."

The council then moved on to discussing the first steps in water line rehabilitation and extension.

A price for the project was quoted by Mayor Copenhaver as costing \$10,317,000.

"Of that, \$925,000 has been approved from the Army Corps of Engineers; \$2,000,000 from Congressionally Directed Spending; \$1,125,000 from the IJDC; \$1,000,000 from the DWTRF [West Virginia's Drinking Water Treatment Revolving Fund]; a loan from the DWTRF loan for \$4,000,867; and a non-federal congressional match of \$400,000. Those last three things, not including the non-federal match, have been applied for," Copenhaver explained.

With the aforementioned funds either secured or applied for, the council was able to vote on whether or not to approve Copenhaver's submission request for the non-federal match funds. The council approved the submission unanimously. After the approval, Copenhaver read out the breakdown of the quoted \$10,317,000 figure: "\$8,600,500 for construction; \$1,263,000 for engineering; \$310,000 for legal, accounting and administration; \$135,000 for land and rights of ways; and \$8,500 for permit fees." The council approved the breakdown of payments unanimously.

The council then discussed Resolution #3, which was an invoice from the Thrasher Group via the Region IV Planning and Development Council. The payment goes first to Region IV Planning, and after approval goes to Thrasher from the city's finances. The invoice totals \$149,515.14.

The council also voted on the approval of \$8,330,000 for a draw request for the water plant relocation project from Community Block Grant Development/MIT Funds. The funds will break down as follows: \$175,000 for See "Water Supplier" — Page 3

# County Commission hears appeal for change order work on Meadow River Trail

By Adam Pack

Lead Engineer for the Meadow River Rail Trail Project, Matt Ford, presented the Greenbrier County Commission with an appeal for a change order to the trail at their latest meeting. According to Ford, this appeal comes as a necessity. When Ford approached the Department of Highways, whose Transportation Alternative (TAP) Grant funds the project, about what to do with excess funds after “most of the work is done,” he was met with a simple reply: “Spend it.”

Ford reported that the question of where to spend it was not difficult to answer, as “nature helped us out quite a bit this summer.” The change order addresses four places which received some sort of weather related

damage during the rainy summer period of 2022. Two of the four areas of work are FEMA sites which are in need of rock placement for more protection from water runoff during heavy rain, as well as culverts with larger inside diameters.

The other two change orders include fallen and dangerous tree removal at multiple areas, but primarily a tree fallen very near the new bridge. Ford is looking forward to tree removal particularly, as “it’d be a shame to have that new bridge get destroyed by a tree falling on it.” Lastly, the change order covers general improvements in and around the Russell Hill Bridge. All totaled, the change order comes out to \$30,168.50. At the summation of his presentation the Greenbrier County Com-

mission approved Ford’s change order request, with Commissioner Tammy Tinchler adding that, “Your work has been so wonderful and we really couldn’t do this without you.” Commissioners Phillips and Rose, who visited the trail recently, were blown away at the “absolutely gorgeous views of the Meadow River that the trail affords you. It’s really like nothing else.”

## Erin Justice

most of my students no longer knew their personal safety information,’ Justice said. ‘My mission is for all students to leave elementary school knowing and understanding the importance of their personal safety information. What started as a lesson in safety turned into an opportunity for my students to practice confidence, independence and perseverance.’ She is also proud of her advocacy and collaboration efforts with the pediatric department at the town’s clinic. After noticing a lot of miscommunication between parents, the school and the clinical staff, Justice contacted the pediatrics staff and started a conversation about their overlapping services and interests. This collaboration helped streamline services and eliminate unnecessary referrals for services that had already been provided. As a result, both worlds understand each other better and communicate more efficiently.”

Rainelle Elementary Principal Kim Tinchler originally nominated Justice and was excited to learn of the award, stating, “On behalf of our students, faculty, and staff, I congratulate Mrs. Erin Justice for receiving this much-deserved honor. The extra time and effort she has dedicated to our students throughout the COVID-19 pandemic continues to make a real difference in the lives of our students, families, and staff.”

These sentiments were echoed by Ashley Spencer, Crichton Elementary Principal, who said, “Erin is such an asset to Crichton Elementary School. She advocates for students’ well-being and goes above and beyond to help students reach their full potential. We are so fortunate to have her as our school counselor.”

Justice earned an undergraduate degree in Psychology and Sociology at Catawba College in Salisbury, NC, and a master’s degree in School Counseling at Winthrop University. She is currently a doctoral candidate at the University of Cumberlands, pursuing a Ph.D. in Counselor Education and Supervision. In her 11th year as a school counselor, Justice has worked for Greenbrier County Schools for eight years and has worked part-time at Rainelle Medical Center as a mental health therapist since 2017. Ms. Justice is a licensed professional coun-

selor (LPC) and supervisor (ALPS), a nationally certified counselor (NCC), and certified in trauma-focused cognitive behavioral therapy (TF-CBT).

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## Kellerman retirement celebration to be held at LUMC

On Sunday, Mar. 12, the community is invited to attend a retirement celebration for Fred and Scarlett Kellerman, the founders of Wellspring of Greenbrier, Inc. For 19 years, the Kellermans have tirelessly served their community through this ministry by providing multiple services and programs to the homeless/transient, impoverished, and underprivileged individuals and families in Greenbrier County. Please join us in celebration of them on Mar. 12 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the fellowship hall at Lewisburg United Methodist Church. In lieu of gifts, Wellspring will be accepting donations in honor of Fred and Scarlett. Light refreshments will be provided. For more information, please call 304-392-2095.



Fred and Scarlett Kellerman

## PICK OF THE LITTER



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



**ARLENE**  
Arlene is a two-year-old female domestic short-hair.

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

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

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

Call 304-645-4775 for more information.

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# OPINION

## Nature's Way

By Karen Cohen

### Get Dirty

Lessons. I learn something new every time I step foot in my garden, or start some seeds indoors, or attend gardening conferences. Here's some of my latest "aha" moments.


Two weeks ago, I started some seeds I bought from two different seed companies: pak choi and bok choy. These are cold hardy veggies and so I thought I'd get a jump on the season by starting a bunch in trays indoors warmed up by heating pads. The two trays of each variety sprouted quickly. Yay. I kept them by a sunny southern window indoors and they reached eagerly for the sun. Then in just a week's time, they grew to one inch tall and skinny as can be. We gardeners classify this a "leggy," not the good kind that used to be assigned to some tall women. When a young seedling is "leggy," it's bad. They often bend and keel over because their shoots aren't strong enough to hold up the sprouting leaves at the top. Then they die.

YIKES! I never want to waste precious seeds or valuable time so I investigated some more. It turns out that all newly germinated seeds require light and lots of it. I assumed, wrongly, that window light was sufficient but as we all know, it has been cloudy and rainy many days lately. Sunshine is lacking. I now have resorted to using grow lights and keep them blaring for at least 12-16 hours per day overhead about 18 inches from my seedlings. Then darkness. I believe I can save these youngins by adding light to their tender lives and keep misting them for moisture. I confess that I use standard fluorescent lights on a timer, not grow lights, and have been successful.

Another funny discovery I just now learned. Bok choy and pak choi are both types of Chinese cabbages and here's the twist, they are one and the same vegetable. Say what? I never claimed to be an expert! Yeah, bok choy is the name we use in the US and pak choi is the same veggie grown in England. Dah, so remember that. I bought two packs of seeds from two different companies thinking they were slightly different veggies. Double the fun!

I love bok choy and you will too, so look for it and grow it. It packs more vitamin A and C than spinach and has a delightful crunch when you cook it up. Eat both the leaves and the stalk, roughly chopped, sauté with minced garlic, a dash of soy sauce and honey. You can grill it, too. Leave the stalks and leaves intact, brush on sesame oil and serve with a handful of whole toasted sesame seeds on top. Dig it.

Another tip to pass on concerns your potting soil and seed starting soil. Being lazy and in a hurry, I dug up some forest soil, mixed it with our finished compost and packed it into seed flats with lids. Popped in some seeds, soaked the soil, and placed on heating mats. The soil hardened up like a rock. Avoiding the proper steps to a proper soil mixture never has a happy ending, does it? Back to the drawing board. I ordered a very nice organic



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potting soil mixture in big bags and followed the expert, Elliott Coleman's recipe for seed starting soil.

Adjust the quantities according to your needs. This recipe makes a lot about two bushels.

- 8 gallons of sifted peat moss
- ½ cup pulverized lime
- 5 gallons perlite
- 1 cup blood meal (optional)
- ½ cup bone meal or crushed eggshells (optional)
- 1 cup greensand (optional)
- 8 gallons sifted compost

Look out for some of the commercial bags of potting soil because some contain artificial fertilizer and herbicides. That might appeal to some but I believe in growing organically which means not using chemical additives to my soil or to my plants. Miracle Grow doesn't touch my plants. Period. That keeps me dependent on three things that aren't controlled or owned by big businesses: the sun, the rain, and the air to grow things. And always, good soil!

*(Karen Cohen is an organic gardener, photojournalist, and avid explorer. Please send comments and tips to [natureswaykaren@gmail.com](mailto:natureswaykaren@gmail.com). And happy growing!)*

## House Committee on economic development and tourism debates eminent domain, approves \$30M for business development

By Matt Young, WV Press Association

The House Committee on Economic Development and Tourism, on Tuesday, advanced five bills, including SB 160 - which resulted in over an hour of debate regarding the merits of eminent domain for creating or enhancing rail trails.

As explained by House counsel, SB 160, "Establishes the West Virginia Rail Trails program, consisting of a 'rail to trail,' and a 'rail with trail' program."

Counsel further explained that the Senate's recent committee substitute for the bill defines "rail to trail" as: "An inactive railroad right-of-way being utilized for public non-motorized recreational trail use." The bill also defines "rail with trail" as: "A shared-use path or trail open and developed for non-motorized recreational use by the public that is located on, or adjacent to, the rights-of-way of an active railroad."

According to counsel, the House committee's amendment adding language to the bill which clarifies the Division of Natural Resources' (DNR) legal ability to take possession of existing rights-of-way was introduced at the request of the DNR. The amendment was adopted without discussion. However, a second amendment seeking to remove language referring to the use of "eminent domain" by the DNR was rejected by the committee.

"We're talking about the power of eminent domain to create a rails to trail program," Amendment author Del. Jonathan Pinson, R-Mason, told the committee. "I think that's pretty excessive."

Pinson argued that the use of eminent domain should be reserved for "vital infrastructure" only.

"We're maybe going in a very dangerous direction there," Pinson noted, before adding, "so I would say strike that code section in its entirety."

In response to Pinson argument, counsel advised that removal of the term "eminent domain" would significantly limit the DNR's ability to acquire rights-of-way, saying, "If they (DNR) encounter a resistant railroad company or other property owner who had a rail right-of-way and didn't want to engage in an agreement to consensually make that (property) transfer, then the power of eminent domain would not be available."

Pinson's proposed amendment was defeated by a vote of 11 to five.

Also on the committee's agenda was HB 3370, which seeks to establish a loan-securement program for private developers performing work on land owned by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers as well as property owned by the state. The bill was primarily inspired as the result of difficulties experienced by private developers at the

Stonewall Jackson Lake State Park in Lewis County while trying to obtain private bank funding.

According to counsel, the structural limitations created by the various property and asset ownership agreements of certain State Parks make it difficult for developers to secure bank loans, adding that, "This creates a mechanism to give private lenders the knowledge that their loan will be secured."

Additional bills advanced Tuesday by the committee were:

- HB 3392: Which seeks to, "Dedicate the first \$30 million of revenue each fiscal year into the Development Office Promotion and Closing fund. These funds will be used to facilitate business formation, expansion or improvement and retention through marketing and international development."
- HB 3428: Seeking "To remove the maximum number of industrial developmental sites that may be approved by Public Service Commission (PSC). It also eliminates the number of sites available per congressional district."
- HB 3094: The Remote Worker Home Development Act - Which "seeks to draw new workers and families to West Virginia for the purposes of remote working." This will be accomplished by authorizing home developers to create subdivisions that are "remote worker ready" regarding utility and broadband installation.

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### Commentary

## Statement from Greenbrier Co. Democratic Executive Committee

As Democrats, we live our values every day. We are hardworking people doing our best to support ourselves and our families. You can find us volunteering in our community, working at nonprofits, teaching your children, and engaging as members of the business community. We work daily to improve our lives and the lives of those around us. We work to become better people. Every single day.

Our views come from our basic values, which are listed below. Moving forward, we will use this lens to explain our positions, rejecting the premise that the politics of fear, anger, and hostility are at all productive.

The Greenbrier County Democratic Executive Committee is committed to supporting candidates, elected officials, legislation, and initiatives that work to better our region and our state for the benefit of all residents. We stand for our people, for our freedoms, and for West Virginia.

We believe in the power of our people. We envision a democracy in which each and every eligible West Virginian has the desire and confidence to participate, knowing their voice will be heard and their vote will matter. We know that we stand stronger together.

We believe in freedom. West Virginians should have the right to make their own choices about how they live, as long as they are not infringing on the rights or jeopardizing the safety of others. Mountaineers should always be free.

We believe in West Virginia. We honor the legacy of those who came before us: the hardworking people who came to our state seeking opportunity and independence. We must ensure our state is a place for our children to grow and learn and live as the next generation of West Virginians.

We hope that an understanding of our principles will help promote thought and understanding to create a West Virginia in which we can all be dynamic and thriving citizens.



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2. The Nebraska Cornhuskers.
3. Midori Ito.
4. Joe Delaney.
5. Victoria Arlen.
6. The Kansas Jayhawks.
7. The Springboks.



by Ryan A. Berenz

1. Who penned an article — intended to be an April Fools' Day joke — for the April 1, 1985, issue of Sports Illustrated about Sidd Finch, a fictional New York Mets pitching prospect who threw a 168-mph fastball?

2. Eric Piatkowski, a 1994 first-round NBA Draft pick for the Indiana Pacers, has his No. 52 jersey retired by what college team?

3. What figure skater from Japan became the first woman to land a triple axel in the Olympics when she accomplished the feat at the 1992 Albertville Winter Games?

4. Name the Kansas City Chiefs running back who died while attempting to save three children from drowning in a Louisiana pond in 1983.

5. What U.S. swimmer won four medals at the 2012 Paralympic Games in London and was a contestant on Season 25 of ABC's "Dancing with the Stars"?

6. Basketball Hall of Famer "Phog" Allen was head coach of what college team from 1919-56?

7. South Africa's senior national rugby team is commonly known by what name?

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## SCRAMBLERS

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1. Rapier
2. Actor;
3. Cheater;
4. Filter

### Today's Word

## RICHER

## Super Crossword

### Answers

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# Dear Recycle Lady,

In weeks to come, this column will be discussing information on the recycling symbols that are beginning to appear more often on packaging.

The triangle of arrows indicates that the item is widely recycled.

The word PAPER indicates the category of recyclable material.

The word BOX indicates the recyclable parts of the packaging. In this case it is the box.

## Four Categories of Recyclable PAPER

Cardboard - Newspapers - Office Paper - Magazines

The symbol shown is beginning to appear on the bottom or side of more and more packaging. However, there is some confusion about this symbol that needs to be clarified. There are three parts to the symbol. The upper most part of the symbol, the triangle of arrows, indicates that this item is widely recyclable. The word PAPER indicates that the type of recyclable material is paper. The word BOX indicates that the recyclable part of the packaging is the box. If you saw this symbol on a cereal box it would tell you that the container is recyclable, that it recycles with PAPER (cardboard, newspaper, magazine, or office paper), and the part of packaging that is recyclable is the BOX. The waxed bag is not



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recyclable.

Cardboard, newspaper, office paper and magazines are ALL A FORM of PAPER. At the Recycling Center there are four bins, each labeled for ONE of these four categories of PAPER: cardboard, newspaper, office paper, and magazines. Thus, when the product's recycle symbol indicates that the category of recycling material is PAPER, the recycler must then determine to which of the four categories of PAPER the item belongs: cardboard, newspaper, office paper or magazine and put the item into the appropriate bin. Using the example of recycling a cereal

box, the appropriate bin is cardboard.

Interesting Information: According to freetheocean.com, between the deposits of gold that exist naturally in the ocean, shipwrecks through the centuries and lost cargo, scientists estimate there are thousands of tons of gold in the ocean!

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

# A Look Back



## By William "Skip" Deegans

Shown in this portrait is James Hubert Price, the 53rd governor of Virginia. Born in 1878 near Organ Cave, Price was one of two Greenbrier County native sons who became a state governor. The other governor was Homer Holt of Lewisburg who was West Virginia's 20th governor.

When Price was nine, he moved with his family to Staunton, Virginia. There, he graduated from Dunsmore Business College where he joined the faculty. Using his teacher's salary he paid for two sisters to attend Mary Baldwin Seminary (now Mary Baldwin College) and for a brother to attend Dunsmore. Price left Staunton for Lexington where he earned a law degree at Washington & Lee College. Afterwards, he moved to Richmond to practice law. He served seven consecutive terms in the Virginia House of Delegates and became Lieutenant Governor in 1929. Unusually affable, he picked up the nickname "Gentleman Jim."

Price was an active Mason and Shriner and rose to leadership in both fraternities helping him form a political base. Price challenged the Byrd (Senator Harry F. Byrd) Democratic machine and was elected governor as a Democrat in 1937. He was a liberal progressive who implemented the Social Security Act, inaugurated Virginia's public assistance program, emphasized public education, raised teachers' salaries, and brought into government non-political technical and scientific experts. He embraced Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal and used federal monies to fund the most extensive building program in Virginia's history. Among his legacy are the Library of Virginia, libraries at the University of Virginia and Virginia Military Institute, and the Medical College of Virginia Hospital.

About Price, one of Virginia's newspapers said "he was genial and friendly with persons of all walks of life. That was because his friendliness proceeded from a genuine love of people." Following his single term as governor, he traveled the country promoting the sale of war bonds. Price died unexpectedly in 1943 from a cerebral hemorrhage. He was 65.

*Portrait from the Library of Virginia was painted in 1940 by Frank Graham Cootes. Sources: Richmond Times-Dispatch, The Daily News Leader, The Virginian Pilot.*

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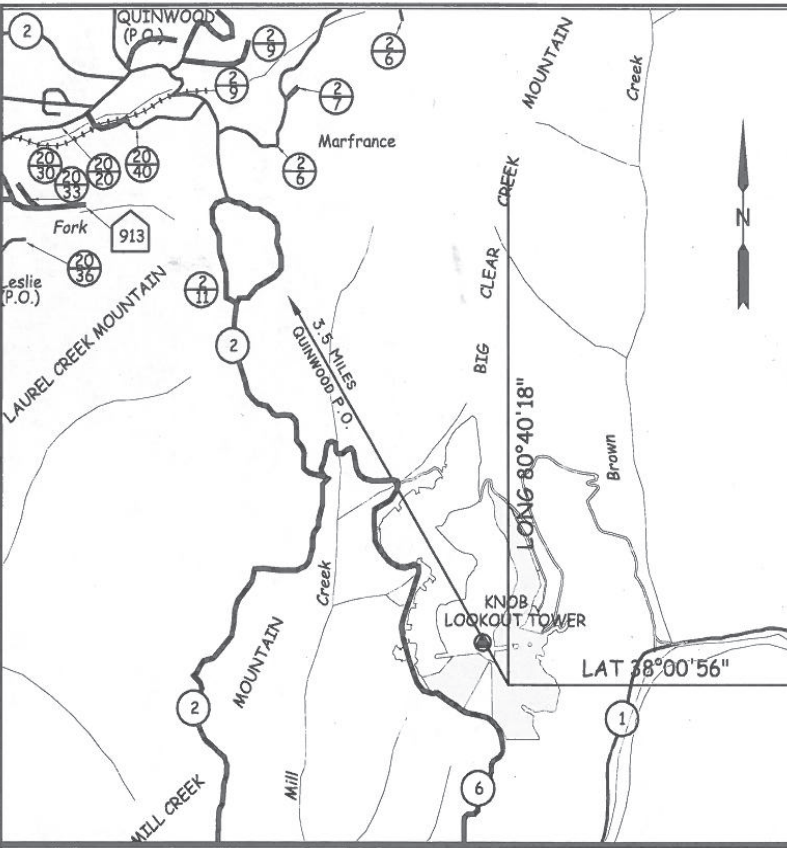
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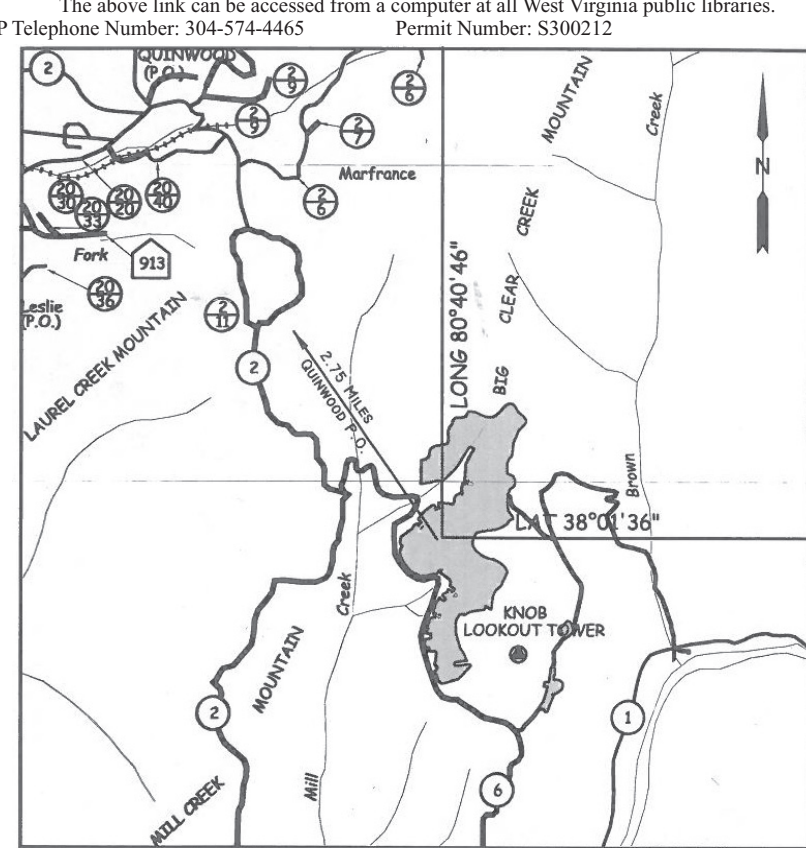
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Romalee C. Goins, Crawley, DOB 10/19/81, failure to register as a sex offender or provide notice of registration changes
Brittany Nichole Gray, Lewisburg, DOB 12/5/91, delivery of a controlled substance - methamphetamine (x3), delivery of a controlled substance - heroin (x3)
Stanley J. Harrah, Lewisburg, DOB 4/12/68, failure to register as a sex offender or provide notice of registration changes (x2)
Freddie Hedrick, Jr., Rainelle, DOB 6/27/73, possession with intent to deliver a controlled substance - alprazolam, possession with intent to deliver a controlled substance - methamphetamine
Jennifer Highlander, Huntington, DOB 12/27/91, grand larceny, reckless fleeing from an officer
Jonathan David Johnson, Union, DOB 9/12/57, possession with intent to deliver a controlled substance - alprazolam, possession with intent to deliver a controlled substance - oxycodone
Brina Nicholle Keen, Caldwell, DOB 7/1/97, delivery of a controlled substance - methamphetamine, delivery of a controlled substance - heroin
Timothy Delno Keen, Ronceverte, DOB 7/24/74, possession with intent to deliver a controlled substance - methamphetamine
Anthony Lee Kincaid, Frankford, DOB 4/29/88, fraudulent use of an access device (x4)
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William Clay Lattanzia, Lewisburg, DOB 11/20/55, failure to register as a sex offender or provide notice of registration changes
Vesper Ray Lewis, III, Lewisburg, DOB 8/11/77, grand larceny
Chad Bradley Loudermilk, Quinwood, DOB 12/13/84, burglary
Emilie Dawn Lucas, Alderson, DOB 7/27/91, escape
Jerry Granville Lucas, Frankford, DOB 3/9/53, obtaining by false pretenses
Courtney Brooke Lytle, Charmco, DOB 11/12/83, delivery of a controlled substance - methamphetamine
Eddie McKinney, Crawley, DOB 5/7/87, failure to register as a sex offender or provide notice of registration changes

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- Ronald Ray McMillon, Renick, DOB 11/2/51, murder
Charles Neil, Ronceverte, DOB 11/11/80, breaking and entering, grand larceny
Carrie Renee Palmer, Alderson, DOB 5/3/77, delivery of a controlled substance - heroin
Joshua Paul Quick, Williamsburg, DOB 12/4/86, escape
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Melody Dawn Rogers, Gap Mills, DOB 3/29/84, embezzlement
Ardenia Deann Scott, Lewisburg, DOB 3/17/98, grand larceny
Damon Jerel Simmons, Ronceverte, DOB 12/27/82, arson 1st degree
Melissa Marie Simmons, Charmco, DOB 9/20/71, forgery (x3), uttering (x3), financial exploitation of an elderly person
Tarah Sutherland, Mechanicsville, VA, DOB 11/30/90, reckless fleeing, bringing property into this state stolen in another state
Hunter Ross Thompson, Talcott, DOB 7/12/97, reckless fleeing from an officer
Hunter Ross Thompson, Talcott, DOB 7/12/97, grand larceny
Hunter Ross Thompson, Talcott, DOB 7/12/97, grand larceny
Hunter Ross Thompson, Talcott, DOB 7/12/97, attempted murder in the 1st degree (x2), prohibited person in possession of a firearm
Jennifer Nicole Tolley, Lewisburg, DOB 11/16/92, fraudulent use of an access device, financial exploitation of an elderly person
Paula Towns, Monongah, DOB 4/24/67, burglary, petit larceny
Robert Eugene Trout, Quinwood, DOB 1/27/76, failure to register as a sex offender or provide notice of registration changes - 2nd offense
Anthony Donte Villines, Lewisburg, DOB 10/17/84, delivery of a controlled substance - methamphetamine (x3)
Kohl Watson, Henderson, NV, DOB 11/13/97, reckless fleeing
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Michael Allen Workman, Asbury, DOB 11/9/81, unlawful wounding
Elestine Workman, Lewisburg, DOB 9/26/72, delivery of a controlled substance - methamphetamine
Jason Eugene Zickafoose, Rainelle, DOB 7/4/90, breaking and entering, grand larceny
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In the Circuit Court of Greenbrier County, West Virginia
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ORDER OF PUBLICATION
To the above named Defendant: Skipper Zickafoose 5681 Midland Trl. W. Charmco, WV 25958
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The group meets its mission by funding local initiatives by grassroots, community, or nonprofit groups that focus on achieving environmental conservation through projects. Past projects receiving financial assistance have included educational programs for watershed and conservation groups, stream bank restoration, park and recreation development, environmental clean-ups, and many others.

A simple, online project application is available at [www.mtnrcd.com/projects/](http://www.mtnrcd.com/projects/). Applications are due by Mar. 6. Grant awards are on a reimbursement basis; funds typically range \$500 to \$3,000 per project.

Additional information is available at [www.mtnrcd.com](http://www.mtnrcd.com), or by contacting your county RC&D representatives. A list of board members is available here: [www.mtnrcd.com/board-of-directors/](http://www.mtnrcd.com/board-of-directors/). Interested individuals can also contact [info@mtncrd.com](mailto:info@mtncrd.com)

## St. James Episcopal Church announces new priest in charge

After a year-long discernment process, St. James' Episcopal Church in Lewisburg announces its new ministry team: priest in charge, Rev. Zach Drennen, and priest associate, Rev. Joseph Lutz.

The Rev. Zach Drennen is a native West Virginian with a passion for the outdoors and a love for helping people along on their life's journey with the Divine. After growing up in Charleston, he studied environmental economics at Colorado College before working on numerous organic farms across the



Rev. Joseph Lutz



Rev. Zach Drennen

US and South America. In his late 20s, Zach settled back in West Virginia and started his teaching career at a residential school for adjudicated teenage boys. Within a couple of years,

he entered Harvard Divinity School to pursue a Master of Divinity and ordination in the Episcopal Church.

Ordained in 2002, Zach See "Priests" \_ Page 11



Dwight Emrich and Lynda Lancaster, board of trustee members of the Campbell-Flannagan-Murrell House Museum, have been named 2023 WV Heroes of History by the WV Dept. of Culture and History.

## CFM House Museum members selected as Heroes of History

Campbell-Flannagan-Murrell (CFM) House Museum is pleased to announce two members of their Board of Trustees have been selected as 2023 West Virginia Heroes of History. They will receive their awards and be recognized in a ceremony on Feb. 23 at the WV Department of Culture and History.

Dwight Emrich, a founding member of the CFM Museum and Trustee for over 30 years, has been recognized for his tenacity

of service and dedication to preserving the historic CFM House. The House Museum is located in the Hinton Historic District at 422 Summers Street.

Lynda Lancaster, a trustee of three years, has been recognized for curating an exhibit of Black History in Summers County, and assisting the Summers County Historical Society in listing Summers Countians of color who have served in the U.S. military.

The Black History in Summers County is cur-

rently exhibiting at Bluefield State University Library as a tribute to Black History Month. Lynda Lancaster will be on hand at the exhibit on Feb. 22 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to speak about the Black History and to answer any questions.

The CFM House Museum is located in Hinton's Historic District at 422 Summers Street. Tours are given every Saturday from 1 to 4 p.m., or by appointment by calling 304-660-8093.



## Church Bulletin

### Women's ministry to hold spring Bible study

The women's ministry of the First Baptist Church of Fairlea invites ladies of all ages to join them in their spring Bible study. This is a seven-session study, meeting on Monday evenings from 6:30 to 8 p.m. starting March 6.



## Free blood pressure monitoring class

*Race Matters Inc. offers hope for people living with hypertension*

On Saturday, Feb. 18 at noon, Race Matters inc. will begin a free six-week course on understanding and controlling high blood pressure on Saturdays from noon until 1 p.m., Feb. 18 through Mar. 25 at First Church of God in Christ, 1009 Tuckahoe Road, White Sulphur Springs.

The class will be led by Loretta Young, executive director of Race Matters Inc. and Karen Winkfield RN, a community health worker based in Greenbrier County. The pair will be joined each Saturday by a variety of healthcare professionals - doctors, nurses, nutritionists, and others who will help students understand the causes of hypertension, treatment options and how they can make good lifestyle choices to combat the disease and take control of their own health.

"The prevalence of high blood pressure is much higher among West Virginians than those living in other parts of the United States and nearly twice as high in African American and Latinx communities," said Loretta Young, "so a class like this is vital to the health of our local minority and rural population."

Young said the class participants will be provided with tools to help measure and track their blood pressure. In addition, participants will receive recipes and prizes each week. The class is free to anyone who needs it. Those wishing to learn more or who would like to register for the class should go to [www.racematterswv.org](http://www.racematterswv.org) or call Karen Winkfield at 304-661-3234.

## Applications sought for nonprofits to host Welcome Center safety breaks

The West Virginia Division of Highways (WVDOT) District 9 is accepting applications for non-profit organizations to provide Safety Breaks at the Interstate 64 Welcome Center near White Sulphur Springs. Qualifying groups will provide small pre-wrapped baked goods and coffee to promote safety during the following high-traffic holidays: Memorial Day, Father's Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Opening Day of Buck (Deer) Gun Season, Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, and New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. To qualify, groups must be non-profit with iden-

tifiable safety programs targeting bicycle, automotive, pedestrian, ATV, or other transportation, or participate in the Adopt-A-Highway Program. The activity must be conducted for the express promotion of safety and not as an advertisement or solicitation for funds for the organization.

For official rules and applications, please contact Matt Curry, I-64 Supervisor, via email at [Matthew.R.Curry@wv.gov](mailto:Matthew.R.Curry@wv.gov) or by telephone 304-536-1472. The deadline for calendar year 2023 applications is Mar. 31.

## WVU Extension Greenbrier County to co-host program on rural stress

Farmers and those living in rural areas face unique challenges compared to those who live in more urban areas. They are so impacted by weather changes, natural disasters, changes in market prices, and disruptions to supply chains than those living in cities. These stressors make it a critical time for people to address their mental health. To address these issues, the Greenbrier County WVU Extension is hosting a program on rural stress and how to manage it on Tuesday, Feb. 21, at 6:30 p.m. in the WVU Building at the State Fair of West Virginia.

Stress can magnify itself in many ways including feeling tired, experiencing changes in blood pressure, shortness of breath, muscle aches, confusion, and could even lead to a heart attack or stroke. Living in the country could cause you to feel isolated and alone.

There are many ways to address your mental health and be proactive. You may need to take a

time-out when feeling stressed and down to take a few deep breaths and gather your thoughts and feelings. Adding a simple exercise routine, eating healthier foods, and getting a good night's rest will help your body to handle stress and heal. If you are feeling blue, call a friend or start a journal detailing how you are feeling and why you are feeling that way. If your mental health does not improve, you may want to talk to your doctor or a therapist to get to the bottom of your mental health needs.

Another way to battle this rural mental health crisis is to help family and friends who are showing the warning signs of stress and depression. WVU Extension is presenting the program OPR for Farmers and Ranchers on Tuesday, Feb. 21. The program will help you to identify symptoms of stress, coping with stressful daily activities and treatment methods. OPR stands for question, persuade, and refer. This

technique is used to open communication regarding depression, stress, anxiety, and hopelessness. Listen to your friends' needs and show them compassion. If you believe that your friend may be suicidal, call either the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline at 988, or call 911 if the person is in immediate danger.

If you would like to learn more about mental health in rural com-

munities, its causes, and how farmers and the rural community can fight against this crisis, then please attend OPR for Farmers and Ranchers on Feb. 21, at 6:30 p.m. at the WVU Building at the State Fair of West Virginia to learn more about what you can do.

We ask that you please RSVP by calling 304-647-7408 by Friday, Feb. 17.

**South Eastern Beekeepers Association**  
**Offering A Six Week Beginner Beekeeping Course**  
**Tuesdays, 6PM-8PM**  
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**Room 306, Greenbrier Hall**  
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 Lewisburg, WV

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 Please Call With Any Questions  
 Carrie Ortman 304-992-1052  
 Rick Forren 304-539-1303

# BUSINESS

## Creating entrepreneurial opportunities in rural WV communities

By Ryan Thorn

WV State Director, USDA Rural Development

This year, National Entrepreneurship Week runs from Feb. 11-18. It's a time for us to celebrate our entrepreneurs and recognize the impact they play in the success of our state and our nation. West Virginians have a strong entrepreneurial spirit and it's important for us to foster that culture and make sure they have the resources they need to succeed.

Rural entrepreneurs create good-paying jobs for people living in their communities. They start businesses and industries that expand financial opportunity while delivering products and services that improve our lives. Under the leadership of President Biden and Secretary Vilsack, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) is dedicated to helping West Virginians through job creation and expansion of entrepreneurial opportunities in the rural places they live.

Just how is USDA supporting rural entrepreneurs and investing in small businesses? At Rural Development we're doing this through programs such as our Value-Added Producer Grant Program, which helps agricultural producers enter value-added activities to generate new products, create and expand marketing opportunities, and increase producer income.

Last year, through the Value-Added Producer program, we awarded \$249,660 to Mountain Steer Meat Company in Greenbrier County. This investment was used to assist with the development and start-up of a retail location. The funding allowed Mountain Steer to not only create new jobs but make fresh, locally raised and processed beef readily accessible to consumers in West Virginia.

We're also helping entrepreneurs and businesses bolster their bottom line with the Rural Energy for America Program (REAP), the program provides eligible small businesses with grant funding to make energy efficiency upgrades at their operations or to install renewable energy systems. REAP will receive an additional \$2 billion in funding over the next decade through President Biden's historic legislative package, the Inflation Reduction Act. Last year, Rural Development invested more than \$1 million through this program to help agricultural producers and entrepreneurs in West Virginia cut energy costs.

For instance, in December 2022 we awarded \$69,128 to Handley House, Inc. in Marshall County. The funds are being used to purchase and install LED lighting and a heating and air condition system. This project will help this small rural business save \$7,738 per year in energy costs. Applications for the REAP program are currently being accepted, and I would encourage our rural businesses to reach out to Rural Development staff and find out how this program can help them reduce their utility expenses.

Supporting entrepreneurs is about more than just financial assistance. Starting a business can be intimidating and it can be difficult figuring out where to begin. That's why Rural Development has created a Resource Guide for Rural Entrepreneurs designed to help rural entrepreneurs start and grow businesses, create good-paying jobs and strengthen West Virginia's economy. We also created a Resource Guide for Rural Workforce Development, which contains info rural communities



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need to start and expand employment opportunities and create a sustainable workforce.

West Virginia's rural entrepreneurs are critical to the success of our nation's economy. USDA Rural Development is committed to advocating for rural business owners and building brighter futures for everyone in rural West Virginia. Our rural entrepreneurs create good-paying jobs for people living in their communities. They start businesses and industries that expand financial opportunity while delivering products and services that improve our lives.

Fostering a strong business climate and providing resources for new businesses is crucial to their success. At Rural Development we're assisting communities with this through programs such as the Rural Business Development Grant Program, which supports technical assistance and training for small rural businesses, the creation of entrepreneurship incubators, assists with the acquisition and redevelopment of publicly owned land and buildings used to spur economic development, the

creation of workforce training programs, and so much more. In October 2022, we awarded \$65,000 to the Little Kanawha Development Corporation in Wirt County to create a centrally located space to be a focal point for entrepreneurial activity to accelerate the growth of existing small businesses by providing resources, networks, and support required for them to raise capital and be sustainable ventures.

Last year, we invested \$11 million through our business and cooperative programs to support rural entrepreneurs and small businesses in West Virginia. We do this because when rural communities succeed, West Virginia succeeds, when West Virginia succeeds, our nation succeeds and by continuing to work together, West Virginia will continue to prosper. Join us this National Entrepreneurship Week, Feb. 11-16, as we celebrate the success and importance of entrepreneurs across the Mountain State.

You can learn more about our programs by visiting our website or by calling 304-284-4860.

## SCHOOL

### Kornhiser, former WVSOM dean, leaves lasting legacy

Harry Kornhiser, D.O., who served as the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine's (WVSOM) dean of academic affairs from 1976 to 1979 and again from 1983 to 1986, passed away Feb. 2 in Covington, VA, at the age of 87.

Kornhiser was a board-certified neurologist and psychiatrist who also served the school as a visiting associate professor of neurology, a full-time associate professor of neurology and, later, a visiting associate professor of psychiatry.

One of WVSOM's most enduring faculty members, Bob Foster, D.O., WVSOM's assistant dean for osteopathic medical education, got his start during Kornhiser's first tenure as dean. It was Kornhiser, Foster said, who encouraged him to look beyond his interest in treating patients and opened his mind to working with students.

"Dr. Kornhiser interviewed me as an applicant for a clinical faculty position in March 1978," Foster said. "I told him, 'If I wanted to be a teacher, I would have gone to teachers' school.' He said, 'Just see patients and do what you love to do and it will



Harry Kornhiser, D.O.,

be all right.' He was correct, and I found out that a good physician is a good teacher. He was a wonderful human being, a gentle soul, an outstanding physician and a dedicated advocate and activist for osteopathic medicine and WVSOM."

Kornhiser served in the U.S. Army before earning a bachelor's degree from the University of Miami in 1959 and attending medical school at Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine in Kirksville, MO, graduating in 1965 and becoming

a neurologist. Following his second appointment as WVSOM's dean, he completed a psychiatry residency before returning to the school to teach and operate a practice that mixed neurology and psychiatry.

Kornhiser presented his daughter, Belinda Smith, D.O., her diploma upon her 1983 graduation from WVSOM.

Kornhiser continued to work until 2020, retiring from practice at Lewisburg's Robert C. Byrd Clinic at age 84 after a career that spanned more than a half-century.

### Radford University releases Dean's List for Fall '22

Radford University has released its Dean's List for Fall 2022. Appearing on the Dean's List is the most prestigious academic recognition Radford University students can receive for their performance during a semester.

Students will be placed on the Dean's List if they meet four specific criteria. They must have 12 semester hours of coursework graded A-F; earn GPA's of at least 3.4 for courses not graded on a pass-fail basis; obtain no grade lower than "C"; and receive no incomplete grades.

- Benjamin Field Caulkins of Gap Mills, WV
- Gavin Scott Blackwell of Gap Mills, WV
- Haley Nichole Christy-Woods of Asbury, WV

Radford University is a comprehensive public university of 7,718 students that has received national recognition for many of its undergraduate and graduate academic programs, as well as its sustainability initiatives. Well known for its strong faculty/student bonds, innovative use of technology in the learning environment and vibrant student life on a beautiful 211-acre American classical campus, Radford University offers students many opportunities to get involved and succeed in and out of the classroom. With over 300 clubs and organizations, Radford University offers many opportunities for student engagement, leadership development and community service. In addition to robust academic offerings and engaging student experiences on the main campus located in Radford, Virginia, Radford University also offers a clinical-based educational experience for more than 1,100 students living and learning in Roanoke, Virginia as part of Radford University Carilion, a public-private partnership focused on the cutting-edge delivery of health sciences programming, outreach and service.

### Priests

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spent two years as a curate and assistant priest at The Church of the Good Shepherd in Parkersburg, West Virginia. He then moved to Pittsburg, PA, where he served for three years as the school chaplain and history/religion teacher at The Neighborhood Academy. In 2007, Rev. Drennen left the U.S. for Kenya where he served as an appointed missionary for the Episcopal Church for eight years. During that time, he started and ran The Elewana Education Project, an NGO intent on improving the resources and educational offerings in local Kenyan high schools.

Returning to the U.S. and his native state of West Virginia in late 2015, Zach soon began working on

various projects focused on economic development and sustainable energy. In 2022, Rev. Drennen moved with his family to Lewisburg where he teaches humanities classes at the Yew School, a middle school devoted to outdoor experiential learning. Zach is married to Lida Shepherd, and they have three children.

The Rev. Joseph Lutz will continue in his role as priest associate at St. James', a position he has held since 2021. Joseph is well known to the Lewisburg community, where he has been a resident for almost three decades and recently retired as a Physician's Assistant at Greenbrier Physicians. Joseph was an elected member of Lewisburg City Council

from 2011-2019. After participating in the four-year Episcopal Diocese of West Virginia's Education for Ministry program and completing a Certificate in Theological Studies from Iona, Seminary of the Southwest, Joseph felt called to bringing the same caring kindness he used in his work as a Physician's Assistant into pastoral care. Ordained in 2021, Joseph leads St. James' pastoral care initiatives and works in partnership with Father Zach to lead services. Joseph has five adult children and is married to Barbara Wygal Lutz.

For more information about St. James' Episcopal Church, visit [www.lewisburgstjames.org](http://www.lewisburgstjames.org).

# STEPPIN' OUT

## Black Opry Revue features diverse and versatile performers



Lauren Napier (left), Justin Reid, Whitney Mongé, and Roberta Lea

Carnegie Hall presents Black Opry Revue Thursday, Feb. 23, at 7:30 p.m. Black Opry Revue is the touring company of the Black Opry, a collective supporting and promoting Black country, folk, blues, and Americana musicians. The Carnegie Hall performance features Lauren Napier, Justin Reid, Whitney Mongé, and Roberta Lea.

Never really having roots in one geographic location, Lauren Napier has tailored her many creative interests to suit her ever changing address. Writer, singer, cellist, model, and publicist are labels that can be indulged whilst traveling.

Over the last ten years, Lauren has been a writer for such outlets as Smash Magazine, Tinsel Tokyo, Berlin Beat, Sugarhooker, Music Zeitgeist, NPR Berlin, Tacoma Volcano, and many others. She has acted as a tour manager for both club and festival circuits, a booking agent for national tours, a programming director and station manager for Bowdoin College's radio station, a publicist for large scale music industry campaigns, a print and runway model, and as an editor for various texts including screen plays, lyrics and news articles. Her current project is a collection of short stories and melodies.

Justin Reid, a powerful writer, singer and guitarist from Greensboro, North Carolina. His genre is "soul-folk," capturing traditional storyteller elements while bringing in gospel vocal embellishments and dynamic rhythmic guitar. Calling up comparisons to John Legend, Sam Cooke, and John Mayer, he leans into these influences and more during his live performances. His songs of heartache and hope, alongside signature guitar rhythms and chords, make for his own "singer-songwriter meets R&B" style.

With a voice like cinnamon and a pen like butter, Roberta Lea is a rising artist, ready to give the world a taste of what she's made of. Fellow artists have called her

Hampton Roads' best kept secret. It's as though she's a family recipe, kept hidden until now.

Fellow musicians have described Lea's sound as "country-neo-pop." As a millennial, it's often quite difficult to pin her down to one genre. Her influences range from 1980's RnB legends like Roberta Flack, Anita Baker and Sade, to pop 90s girl-power players like Alanis Morissette, Sheryl Crow, Shania Twain and everything in between.

Americana Soul, Singer-songwriter and guitarist, Whitney Mongé rounds out the group. She learned to capture the power of authenticity while honing her skills as a street performer. With or without elevation of a stage, each part of her performance, from the passion of her powerful, smoky voice to the intensity of a whispered lyric, draws listeners into an embrace within each truthful moment of song. Whitney was raised with rhythm and blues in her blood, and while growing up in the Pacific Northwest, her music is heavily influenced by the alternative rock and indie folk scene coining her own genre, Folk n' Soul.

Guests are invited to come early for the free Mainstage Lounge Preshow Reception from 6:30 to 7:15 p.m. in the Board Room. A cash bar and snacks will be available.

Tickets start at \$23, and discounts are available for Carnegie Hall members, students, senior citizens, and military. To purchase tickets, call Carnegie Hall Box Office at 304-645-7917, visit [www.carnegiehallwv.org](http://www.carnegiehallwv.org), or stop by at 611 Church Street, Lewisburg. Carnegie Hall Box Office is open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

This engagement of Black Opry Revue is made possible with support from the National Endowment for the Arts and the WV Division of Culture and History, with approval from the WV Commission on the Arts.



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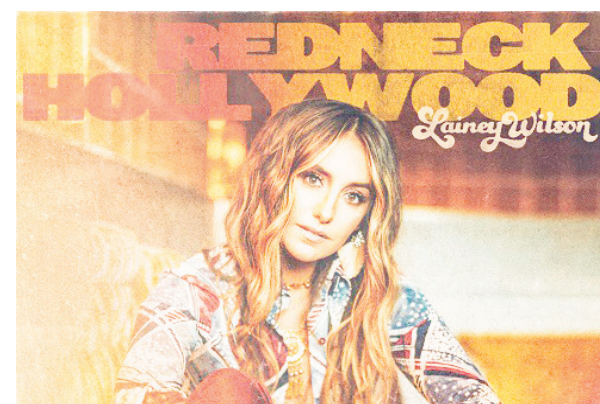
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## Lainey Wilson to perform at State Fair



Fair officials are excited to announce that the 2022 ACM New Female of the Year winner, Lainey Wilson will appear at the State Fair of West Virginia on Monday, Aug. 14. Tickets for the show will go on sale Friday, Feb. 17, at 10 a.m.

"We're thrilled to add Lainey Wilson to our roster of performers this year," State Fair CEO Kelly Collins said. "Our 2023 lineup is one for the books, and we are not done yet!"

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

ACM New Female of the Year 2022 winner, Lainey Wilson has earned the enthusiasm of the industry, having been named to nearly every "Artist to Watch" list, winning MusicRow Magazine's Discovery Artist of the Year award and being crowned Billboard's "Top New Country Artist of 2021," the Louisiana native is one of Nashville's hottest and most buzzed-about new artists. She will release her hotly-anticipated album, Bell Bottom Country on October 28, just before making her acting debut on the hit series Yellowstone on November 13. For more information and upcoming tour dates, visit [www.laineywilson.com](http://www.laineywilson.com) or follow on Instagram, TikTok, Twitter and Facebook.

The 10-day State Fair of West Virginia is celebrating 98 years on Aug. 10-19, 2023. The State Fair of West Virginia, with a \$13.8 million economic impact on the state of West Virginia, is a 501(c)3 nonprofit corporation committed to the traditions of agriculture, family entertainment, and education. For more information, please visit [www.statefairwv.com](http://www.statefairwv.com), or follow fair events on Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, and Twitter. Join the conversation by using #sfwv!

## FRC to hold Family Paint Night

Family Refuge Center (FRC) is excited to announce their first ever Family Paint Night in Monroe County on Thursday, Mar. 16, from 6 to 8 p.m. Artist Linda Terry will host the event at the Family Learning Center at the Lindsie United Methodist Church.

Tickets for this event are \$35 per person and must be purchased online through our website under the event section at [www.familyrefugecenter.org](http://www.familyrefugecenter.org). Children under 12 must have a parent or guardian present. There will be non-alcoholic beverages served and snacks available. The event will take

place in the Family Learning Center at the Lindsie United Methodist church, which is located at 8998 Seneca Trail South Lindsie WV, 24951. For more information or if you would like to volunteer, please contact us 304-645-6324.

Family Refuge Center is a community based, non-profit organization committed to ending physical, emotional, and sexual abuse. We serve victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, stalking, elder abuse and human trafficking in Greenbrier, Mercer, Monroe and Pocahontas counties.

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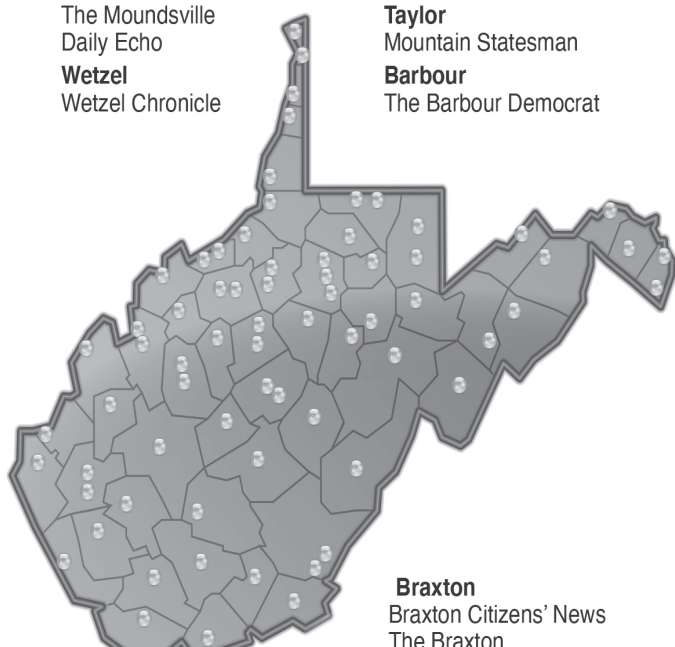
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# NATIONAL FFA WEEK FEBRUARY 13-17



## Members attend National FFA Convention



Members visiting the Indianapolis Motor Speedway during the National Convention trip were (left to right) Kymberly Morgan, Abby Hawver, Kaley Scott, Bailee Burns, Hailey Elmore, Elizabeth Kesterson, and Makayla Walton.

Eight students from the Greenbrier East FFA Chapter traveled to Indianapolis, Indiana for the 95th National FFA Convention and Expo. In order to go, students must be involved, have good attendance, have good grades, and be free of any discipline referrals.

This year, Baylee Burns, Hailey Elmore, Abby Hawver, Elizabeth Kesterson, Kymberlyn Morgan, Kaley Scott were given the opportunity to attend. On Wednesday, Oct. 25, we left Greenbrier East at 8:30, traveled to Dayton, Ohio and toured the National Air Force Museum. The next day, we visited the National Convention Center in Indianapolis,

Indiana and watched a Lauren Alaina and Jimmie Allen concert in the evening. On Thursday, we visited the Indianapolis zoo and went back to the National Convention Center. On Friday, we toured the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, went to the convention, and watched a rodeo to finish up the day. On Saturday, October 29, we left Indianapolis and came back home to Greenbrier County.

While at the convention center, students were able to attend national sessions, do activities provided by various booths, meet famous influencers such as Dale Brisby and meet people from all over the United States, the Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico.



Visiting the Indianapolis Zoo on the National Convention trip were (left to right) Advisor Emily Dunkle, Kymberlyn Morgan, Makayla Walton, Hailey Elmore, Elizabeth Kesterson, Kaley Scott, Bailee Burns, Abby Hawver, and Advisor Shelby Adkins.

## FFA students start new animal grooming service



**By Stephen Baldwin, RealWV**

You've dropped off your kids at school for years, and now you can drop off your dogs too.

*What is the program?*

The Future Farmers of America (FFA) at Greenbrier East High School are offering a new animal grooming program for the community. "We do baths and nail trims for dogs," explains Emily Dunkle, agriculture teacher. "The students get experience working and being supervised," she says. "I'm pretty hard on them, but they love working with the animals."

When asked to describe the program, student Jera Holliday joyfully said, "We do all kinds of stuff with animals!" The Small Livestock and Companion Animal Program falls under the FFA curriculum. They meet two period per school day and currently have 10 students, who care for animals ranging from rabbits to pigs to ferrets...and now dogs too.

Elizabeth Kesterson, a student in the program, said she's excited to come to class. Every day brings a new adventure. "We had someone sign up to bring puppies," she recalls. "It turned out they were huge Great Danes! We weren't prepared, but we took care of them."

*Who is involved?*

It's precisely that kind of real-world experience that the students receive in the program.

Not only do they enjoy the work, but it's directly applicable to their future career plans. Hailey Elmore and Mikayla Wyatt both plan to attend veterinary school. Elizabeth Kesterson plans to pursue reproductive physiology or genetic studies. Abbey Hawver wants to train horses.

Natalie Cross says, "I enjoy it because it's good work experience. But it's also just really fun taking care of animals!"

*How can you sign up your dogs?*

Members of the community who want to use the animal services provided by the class are asked to schedule an appointment by messaging the Greenbrier East FFA Facebook page or calling the school at 304-647-6464.

Mrs. Dunkle asks customers to be aware that if there's a two-hour delay, the appointment will be delayed two hours. If there's a three-hour delay or school is canceled, the appointment will be canceled and rescheduled.

Nail trims cost \$8 for all dogs. Baths for small dogs are \$10, medium dogs are \$15, and large dogs are \$20.

"All of the funds go back into our animal science account for supplies, taking the students to competitions, and the general FFA program costs," reports Dunkle. "So it all goes to helping us continue educating students through the program."




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2022 State Degree Recipients left to right are Emma Helmick, Jagger McNeely, Luke Fogus, Makayla Walton, Anthony Wylie, and Mason Kincaid. Not pictured: Kiersten Baker, Olivia Simms.

### State FFA Convention held

During the week of July 6, the newly elected officer team and Leadership Development Event regional winners attended the State FFA Convention at Cedar Lakes in Ripley, West Virginia. They attended a variety of sessions, workshops, and competitive events.

Keilei Christain competed in the upperclassmen Creed Speaking contest placing 2nd in the state, Mya Monroy competed in the freshman Creed Speaking contest placing 3rd in the state, and Emma Helmick competed in the Prepared Public Speaking. Emma Helmick, Jagger McNeely, Luke Fogus, Makayla Walton, Anthony Wylie, Mason Kincaid, Kiersten Baker, and Olivia Simms received their State FFA Degree during the Saturday session.

The following members were awarded State Level Proficiency 1st place awards: Carmen Fogus in Poultry Production, Jagger McNeely in Diversified Livestock Production, Emma Kesterson in Beef Production Placement, and Makayla Walton in Swine Production. Eight members were chosen to become delegates and helped to elect the new State Officer Team.

## 2022-23 Greenbrier East Chapter Officers



The GEHS FFA 2022-2023 Officers from left to right are President Jagger McNeely, Vice Presidents Luke Fogus and Makayla Walton, Secretary Emma Helmick, Treasurer Keilei Christian, Reporter Hailey Elmore, Sentinel Abby Hawver, Parliamentarian Elizabeth Kesterson, Chaplain Bailee Burns, and Historian Kymberlyn Morgan.

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