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Greenbrier River Trail to reopen this summer

By Sarah Richardson

Lewisburg City Manager Misty Hill shared some exciting news to Lewisburg City Council this week about the ongoing water pipe relocation work along the Caldwell section of the Greenbrier River Trail.

“The biggest news that I have tonight is to state that we still have some power things to put through, and some final items to address, but we are way ahead of schedule. We have had some phenomenal weather this year,” said Hill. “We are going to be able to open the trail in mid-summer. I think that’s some exciting news, we are way ahead of schedule.”

The original trail reopening date was estimated to be February 2024.

Hill also announced that the City opened a parking area at Harper Road earlier this month with a new gravel parking lot for visitors.

While no exact date was given for the earlier reopening date, the City will release further details as the project wraps up over the next few months.

Greenbrier Valley Brewing Company announces closure

The Greenbrier Valley Brewing Company announced on their social media this week that they have closed their taproom “indefinitely” as they work to save the company.

“Regrettably, as of Mar. 7 our employees were furloughed, and our taproom was closed indefinitely,” reads the post. “Efforts are being made to save the brand, but it’s an arduous process. We are hopeful that GVBC will return to the shelves and taps once again in the future, but in the meantime our distributors do have some product still available in the market. Our employees are the heart of GVBC, the finished product we strive so hard to create was the soul. Please keep our employees and their families in your thoughts as they are faced with a hard transition at this time.”



GEHS senior Lauren Rodgers finishes top five at 2023 Poetry Out Loud State Championship

By Matthew Young, RealWV

Lauren Rodgers strolled on stage at the Norman L. Fagan Theatre in Charleston with the poise and presence of a performer twice her age, and commanded the attention of everyone in the room.

And what did she say to the audience?

“Starspangled cowboy, sauntering out of the almost-silly West,

On your face a porcelain grin,

Tugging a paper mache cactus on wheels behind you with a string...”

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The top five finalists of the 2023 Poetry Out Loud State Finals: Emma Christie (left) of Berkeley Springs High School, 2022/2023 State Champion Morgan Sprouse of Bridgeport High School, 2023 Runner-Up Willow Peyton of St. Mary’s High School, Aubrey Smith of Tyler Consolidated High School, and Lauren Rodgers of Greenbrier East High School.

Alderson authorizes opioid settlement, releases 2024 budget

By Adam Pack

The Alderson Town Council met for their regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, Mar 9, and addressed the proposal for a settlement with several pharmacies involved in recent proceedings at the Supreme Court. Pharmacies involved with the suit included Walgreens Pharmacy, Bypass Pharmacy, Rhonda’s Pharmacy, The Pharmacy, Clendenin Pharmacy, and Fruth Pharmacy, Inc. The town approved the settlement, while the evaluation of funds pursuant to the settlement were left undisclosed.

The council also reviewed and approved the Fiscal Year 2024 budget for the town of Alderson. According to the FY2024 budget, the city’s general funds total \$585,149. This is separate from those in the water and sewer funds. Those two funds have, respectively, “around \$1,000,000,” according to Mayor Travis Copenhagen.

In other news, the city approved the signing of an agreement with Thompson & Litton Engineering for the procural of NPDES (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System) permits for the upcoming wastewater treatment plant project. According to the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection, “facilities that discharge wastewater to receiving waters in West Virginia must apply for a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit for that discharge.” The application process takes six months.

The city also made the final drawdown from ARPA funds for the final draw of the creek mitigation project. The draw, totaling \$3,482.63, covers final invoices for the project. The council was full of praise, saying it was “very well done.” This was followed by the signing of a lease with Country Roads LLC for the financing of the purchase of a new police cruiser. The lease, a 4-year

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Airport entrance sign on delay; LWB expecting electrical charging stations

By Adam Pack

The Greenbrier County Airport Authority met for their regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, Mar. 21, to discuss issues surrounding the new entrance sign and the prospect of electrical vehicle charging.

The meeting began with the February financial report from Airport Financial Advisor and interim Director Martha Livesay. Livesay, unfortunately, did not have good news for the Authority. “This month, we did record a loss of \$178,000.” The airport usually makes a fair portion of their revenue from the selling of fuel to other airports, but for the month of February the airport “bought \$50,000 more than we usually do. This is in addition to the payment of \$34,000 in legal fees, as well funds that went to the repair of heating units in the terminal.” Livesay reminded the authority that these numbers are consistent across the industry and are a result of the current economy.

In other news, Beta Technologies recently visited the

airport to assess plans to install electric vehicle charging stations. However, these charging stations would not only be for wheeled vehicles. According to engineering consultant John McCalmont of Parrish & Partners, “The plans actually call for the construction of one station for the charging of electrical aircraft and two for electric automobiles.” Beta will be visiting the airport again soon to further the plans to place these stations, as well as meet with a local power company to assess associated costs.

After a long wait, the much-anticipated installation of the new airport entrance sign has been delayed once again. This delay, however, is final, according to Livesey. “I have seen photographic evidence that the sign is in construction, and have commitments that it will be done and placed onto a truck on Mar. 31, will arrive here on Apr. 3, be installed, and stone masonry will be set around it. The stone mason has already agreed to this

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WVSP Superintendent Jan Cahill resigns amid investigation

Gov. Jim Justice announced on Monday that Jan Cahill resigned from his position as Superintendent of the West Virginia State Police. Justice also announced the appointment of Jack Chambers as Interim Superintendent.

“I had Jan come over to the house earlier this morning, we sat in my driveway and talked,” Justice said during a press conference on Monday, “The first thing I told Jan was ‘Jan, there is no pathway here. There is no pathway that absolutely you can remain as the colonel of the State Police in the state of West Virginia.’”

Cahill had served as the Superintendent of the State Police since 2017, and before that was the Sheriff of Green-

brier County for two terms.

During the press conference, Justice gave details of an investigation into several incidents that occurred within the State Police, including an alleged situation where a video camera was placed in a women’s locker room and three officers later “stomped” on a thumb drive containing the video in an effort to destroy the evidence. Justice said that the officer who originally placed the camera had passed away before the video footage was allegedly attempted to be destroyed.

“Our State Police did stuff that was really bad and put a video camera in the women’s locker room,” said Justice, although he didn’t specify what year the recording incident occurred. “To me, it is

absolutely not to be tolerated in any way, and we all know this.”

He went on to say, “From what I understand, one if not all, jerked the thumb drive out and started stomping on it. You can’t make this stuff up, can you? Now you have law enforcement officers destroying evidence.”

Justice said he would be telling Chambers to immediately launch an “all-out investigation.”

Other alleged incidents that were revealed included a trooper stealing money from an individual gambling at a casino, and an incident where a man passed away after interacting with State Police on I-81 in the eastern panhandle.

“There was a man playing one of the video machines,

and a state trooper close by. The man got up and an envelope that he had fell out into the seat and he went on to the restroom. There is no way to look at this other than just theft. The trooper picked it up and took the money. Any way you cut it, that money was stolen,” said Justice. He said that “we didn’t do that” when it came to an investigation. He said he is asking Chambers to look into this, “and do it properly.”

With the “loss of life incident on I-81,” Justice explained that he had seen the video of the encounter, “and it is very, very disturbing. The investigation is ongoing at this time.”

Interim Superintendent Chambers retired from the West Virginia State Police



Interim Superintendent of the WV State Police, Jack Chambers

with 26 years of service, having served as Deputy Superintendent and Lieutenant Colonel.

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Maverick Model UN honored by State Senate and County BOE

On Feb. 23, the West Virginia Senate recognized the James Monroe High School (JMHS) Model United Nations debate team for its excellence at the 70th Annual Harvard Model UN Conference in Boston Massachusetts from Jan. 25 to 29. Senators Jack Woodrum and Vince Deeds organized the event and authored the proclamation. On Mar. 7 the Monroe County Board of Education also honored the team for this achievement.

The team included Shane Arthur, Emily Bailey, Emma Ballard, Braydie Carr, Luke Fraley, Michael Fraley, Luke Jackson, Sadie Maxey, Thomas Sibold, Cole Thomas, Katherine Viars, and Bryceson Whitt. This was the third time JMHS has been selected for this prestigious event, having also participated in 2020 and 2022. JMHS is the only high school from West Virginia that has been selected to participate in this conference in recent history, and possibly ever since it started in 1953.

In Model UN debate student delegates represent a country assigned to them and work with

other delegates to develop solutions to problems as diverse as public health disparities, cybercrime and cyberwarfare, globalization, impact of economic sanctions, genetic modification, nuclear arms proliferation, weaponization of space, unexploded ordnance disposal, and persecution of ethnic minorities. Assigned the Balkan country of Bosnia-Herzegovina, the Mavericks researched its culture and politics and expressed the country’s position on the problem assigned to their committees. Next, they sought like-minded allies and began the process of developing and debating solutions to the problem via a draft UN Resolution.

The trip was not all conference, and the students had the opportunity to experience some of Boston’s rich history, including a portion of the Freedom Trail with Boston Common, the 54th Massachusetts Infantry monument, the burial places of Paul Revere and John Hancock, the site of the Boston Massacre, Faneuil Hall, Paul Revere’s House, Old North Church, and Bos-

ton Harbor. The group also visited Harvard University, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum.

The students joined over 4,000 other high school students from across the United States and overseas, including elite private schools and those that offer Model UN as a course of study rather than a club. Acceptance into this highly competitive debate competition is an acknowledgment of the excellence of our students in the YLA Model United Nations program.

Although Model United Nations is not a class at JMHS as it is in some other high schools, the students gain valuable academic experience in research, critical thinking, logic, written and verbal communication, and empathy by participating in it. The debate competition is not funded by Harvard and would not have been possible without the generosity of the Monroe County Board of Education, which approved funds from the school levy to assist with the trip, and



Front Row: Coach Ashley Mann (left), Senator Vince Deeds, Senator Jack Woodrum, Thomas Sibold, Emma Ballard, Sadie Maxey, and Coach Scott Womack; Back Row: Shane Arthur (left), Cole Thomas, Senate President Craig Blair, Luke Fraley, Emily Bailey, Luke Jackson, Bryceson Whitt, Braydie Carr, and Michael Fraley

that of the parents who allowed their children to travel and paid for a portion of the trip. Future plans for the Maverick Model UN program include hosting a local conference, participating in a revived YLA Model UN program in Charleston, and a return to Model UN Conferences in Atlanta and Boston next year.

If you wish to contribute time, expertise, or funds to this endeavor please contact the Maverick Debate Coach, Dr. Scott Womack, at 304-753-5182, on Facebook Messenger, or via email at swomack@k12.wv.us

Poetry Out Loud

But it was more than just the words of Margaret Atwood which Lauren spoke that had the audience’s attention...

Along with 43 other high school students from across West Virginia, Lauren competed, on Mar. 11, in the 18th annual Poetry Out Loud State Finals. And although the competition reached its crescendo that day in the state’s capital, it began in local high school classrooms several months earlier.

As explained by the WV Dept. of Arts, Culture, and History, “Poetry Out Loud is a national contest, a joint project of the National Endowment for the Arts and The Poetry Foundation, in which high school students memorize and recite poetry for an audience.”

With the guidance and support of 153 teachers, more than 4,800 students participated in local competitions at 46 West Virginia high schools. The winners of those local competitions - including Lauren, a senior at Greenbrier East High School - then advanced to the State Finals.

“I’ve been involved in the program (Poetry Out Loud) since my freshman

year,” Lauren said while speaking with RealWV. “I was involved with the theatre, and it was a big deal to try out and participate.”

That background in theatre served her well while preparing for this year’s state finals. Lauren reached out to former Greenbrier Valley Theatre instructors Cathy Sawyer and Courtney Sussman for recitation guidance.

“I can’t thank them (Sawyer and Sussman) enough for their mentorship and wisdom,” Lauren said.

Lauren explained that participation in the Poetry Out Loud program has helped her to build confidence, as well as develop public speaking skills.

“It’s also helped me to develop a deeper understanding of different pieces of writing,” Lauren added. “Different cultures, different styles of writing, different authors - it’s a very eye-opening experience.”

Lauren spoke of the impact that the COVID-19 pandemic had on the previous two annual competitions, saying, “My sophomore and my junior year were both virtual, so competition was done through

video.”

Lauren said that competing virtually “did not resonate” with her, because it minimized the performance aspect. For Lauren, as well as every other participant, the stage serves to both embolden the performance, and facilitate a connection with the audience.

“Even though I had all these takes to do it over and over again, it just didn’t work as well for me,” Lauren explained.

Under the guidance of teachers Kallie Cochran and Celia Moore, Greenbrier East High School began preparing for the state finals back in January. Each of the 42 participating students were provided with a list of pre-selected poetry, of which they were instructed to select two. After two rounds of competition, Lauren was selected to represent her school in the state finals.

“When picking a poem, it’s really important that it resonates with you,” Lauren said. “Surprisingly, Emily Dickinson’s ‘I Heard a Fly Buzz - When I Died,’ was probably my favorite [that I performed]. It’s just really powerful, and her (Dick-

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inson) writing style is super interesting.”


Lauren, who finished the competition in the top five of all West Virginia competitors, praised the performances of both Willow Peyton of St. Mary’s High School, and 2023 champion Morgan Sprouse of Bridgeport High School. Sprouse’s victory makes her a back-to-back champion.

While the performance of spoken-word poetry can be intimidating to many, to interested students considering participation, Lauren says, “Do it!”


“Poetry, and poetry recitation is one of the most vulnerable and meaningful performances you can

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Waylon is a six-month-old hound mix and weighs 20 pounds

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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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Free Community Meal at Ronceverte

Ronceverte Presbyterian Church will offer its monthly free community meal this Saturday, Mar. 25, from 4 to 6 p.m. Saturday's menu is shepherd's pie, salad and dessert. This meal is available for all. Carry-out will be available. Those dining in will also have drink selections of sweet and unsweet tea, lemonade, coffee and water. Come join us to have a delicious meal.

Greenbrier Co. Democratic Women's Club will hold their next meeting Tuesday, Mar. 28 at 5:30 p.m. at the Old Stone Church Fellowship Hall.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt 2023

will be held at the Lewisburg Elks Country Club Saturday, Apr. 1 at 1 p.m. Free to the public - thousands of eggs with candy. On the 18th hole golden eggs with special prizes. The Easter Bunny will make an appearance. BYOB (bring your own basket)

Make It Shine Day

The Lewisburg Make It Shine Day will be held Monday, Apr. 10, from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Volunteers will meet at Lewisburg City Hall, and trash bags and gloves will be provided. Volunteers will pair up to pick up litter in the downtown area. Contact Shannon Beatty at 304-534-2080 or sbeatty@lewisburg-wv.org for more information.

Democratic Executive Committee

will meet Wednesday, Apr. 12, at 5:30 p.m. at the Better Homes and Gardens Real Estate office in downtown Lewisburg. Anyone who is interested in supporting our Democratic values is welcome to attend.

Earth Day

Fashion Forward Competition

On Saturday, Apr. 22, at 3 p.m. at the Greenbrier County Library, there will a fashion show celebrating the repair, reuse, and repurposing of materials to reduce waste in our landfills and to promote the health of our planet. Awards will be given in a range of categories, and both amateurs and professional designers of all ages are encouraged to enter. Design categories and the entry form are available at edfashionforward.com. Create on your own or grab some friends and see what you can come up with! The event is open to the public and tickets are available via the website. The event is sponsored by the Greenbrier County Democratic Women as a fundraiser for Blue Skies Ahead Get-Out-The-Vote work.

Cahill Resigns

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Gov. Justice also announced a comprehensive set of actions taken to restore public trust and confidence in the West Virginia State Police.

"We're going to clean it up, and we're going to make it a place of honor beyond all belief," said Justice.

An administrative investigation conducted by the West Virginia Department of Homeland Security remains active and ongoing with regard to other allegations.

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give," Lauren added. "Even though it feels ridiculous sometimes, it's so worth it. It will teach you so much about yourself and what matters to you."

When our young people embrace poetry, they become the horizon we ride towards, and the thing we can never lasso. As the state's repeat champion, Morgan Sprouse is now invited to represent West Virginia at the National Championships in May. Lauren, as well as the rest of West Virginia, will certainly be cheering her on.

For the Record

Deeds

David Taylor to James Walker and Alicia Walker, Lot No. 125, Bowman Realty Company's East Rainelle Subdivision, Meadow Bluff District
Crystal Webb to Misty Mountains LLC, Lots No. 45, 46, and 47, Atkinson Place Addition, White Sulphur Springs, White Sulphur Corporation
James R. Feury and Mahala M. Feury to James Robert Feury, Mark Shane Feury and Jill Marie Huffman, 29.95 Acres, White Sulphur District
208 Hemlock, LLC. to Harry Golliday, Lots 327 and 327A, White Sulphur District
Miranda Shields to Stephen B. Thomas, 2.0 Acres, Williamsburg District
Dustin Blake Burch to Timothy A. Garrow and Linda Sue Garrow, Lot No. 3, Stoney Fields Subdivision, Lewisburg District
Jonathan R. Madara and Jessica L. Madara to Timothy Steele, Lots Nos. 4 and 5, Gibson Addition, Town of Alderson
Warren E. Myers and Barbara Hall Myers to Robert O. Hefner, Jr. and Diana L. Hefner, Lots No. 35, 37, Block 3, Tallassee Subdivision No. Two
Alice Gajtowski to David L. Lemons, Lots Nos. 65, 66, and 67, Gypsy Heights, Fort Spring District
G.M. Property Holdings LLC., to Copeland Hill 13 LLC, Lot No. 13, Copeland Hill Neighborhood, The Greenbrier Sporting Club, White Sulphur District
Property Brothers, LLC. to Beth Ann Daniels, Lot 34, Murphy Addition, White Sulphur Corporate District
Oak Hall to Fred J. Giggenbach, Jr., Lot No. 4, Lamp-lighter Valley Subdivision, Lewisburg Municipality

— Public Meetings —

Rainelle Town Council

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

Gbr. Co. Farmland Protection Board

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

Renick Town Council

will have a budget meeting Monday, Mar. 27 at 7 p.m. at Renick Town Hall. Agenda items include:

- Create 2023-2024 Fiscal Budget

Immediately following the budget meeting, Council will meet for the regular monthly meeting. Agenda items include:

- Community comments
- Approval of meeting Minutes
- Approval of Financial reports
- Old business
- New business
- Committee reports
- Other business

Greenbrier County Magistrate Court Convictions

Chris Cameron, Gap Mills, driving too fast for roadway conditions, GP, fine \$10

Dana L. Hutsell, Newport News, VA, riving too fast for roadway conditions, GP, fine \$10

Gabriel J. Jones, New Plymouth, OH, riving too fast for roadway conditions, GP, fine \$10

Anthony Drew, Lexington, KY, speeding, NCP, fine \$10

Nathaniel Clevenger, Gap Mills, speeding, NCP, fine \$5

Savannah Turner, Rainelle, seatbelt violation, GP, fine \$25

Hawken T. Nutter, Ronceverte, operation of vehicles with safety belts, GP, fine \$25

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note, will keep the payments below \$1,000 per month. At that rate, the city is confident in the receipt of USDA grant funds and that the vehicle will be paid in full prior to the 4-year timeline. The liquidation of the police vehicle to be replaced, a Ford Taurus, will go towards the outfitting of the new vehicle.

In related news, the city officially transferred ownership of their FEMA trailer, considered an asset of the Alderson Police Department but under ownership of Greenbrier County, to itself. This was to comply with state insuring policy on such equipment. A new dump truck may also be on its way, as the city took the first step in applying for a grant with the USDA. The grant, if received, would total \$50,000.

Lastly, in the mayor's report, Mayor Copenhaver was happy to update the town on several promising developments. The "Lower Concession Stand" at the ballfield will be complete "in time for the start of the season," and the Alderson Fire Department was recently given an upgraded ISO rating. According to www.PowerDMS.com, "ISO stands for Insurance Services Office (ISO), which is an independent, for-profit organization. The ISO scores fire departments on how they are doing against its organization's standards to determine property insurance costs. After analyzing the data it collects, the ISO assigns a Public Protection Classification (PPC) on a scale from 1 to 10. The higher the ISO fire protection class (with Class 1 being the best), the 'better' the department - at least in the eyes of the ISO." As of now, the Alderson Fire Department is a ISO Class 3 fire department. This is an upgrade from the department's previous Class 5 designation. Copenhaver went on to add that, "with the new water project we can have that designation go even higher, as well. We're really proud of the work Frankie has been doing at the department, and our ISO rating has only gone up every time it's been evaluated since he's taken charge. That's huge folks, because odds are very good that with a higher ISO rating, you can qualify for a reduction in your home insurance price."


The Alderson Town Council meets on the second Thursday of every month at 7:30 p.m. in the Alderson City Hall Building. The public is encouraged to attend. Interested parties should call ahead to confirm time and date of meeting at 304-445-2916, as times and dates of meetings are subject to change.

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Monongahela National Forest plans spring prescribed burns

Monongahela National Forest staff plan to conduct prescribed burns on 1,251 acres in Pocahontas, Greenbrier, and Pendleton counties from March through June, weather permitting. The purposes of these treatments are to re-establish fire's natural role in the forest ecosystem, improve forest health and wildlife habitat, and reduce the threat of catastrophic wildfires.

Project areas planned for prescribed burns this spring include:

- Hopkins Units A, B & C - 844 acres (Greenbrier Co.)
- Brushy Mountain Units B2, B4 & B6 - 140 acres (Greenbrier Co.)
- Big Mountain Unit 9 & 10 - 55 acres (Pendleton Co.)
- Chestnut Ridge North/South Savanna Units 1 & 2 - 212 acres (Pocahontas Co.)

Each burn area will be closed to the public on the day of the burn, and may be closed for several days after, to ensure public safety. Signs will be posted on roads near all prescribed burn areas before and during burning. Residents and Forest visitors may see and smell smoke for several days. If you encounter smoke on the highway, slow down, turn on your vehicle's lights and drive appropriately for the conditions.

Prescribed burns are conducted under specific weather conditions and are designed to accomplish pre-determined forest management goals. Monongahela National Forest follows strict guidelines for conducting prescribed burns, and takes into consideration environmental factors such as temperature, humidity, smoke dispersion and wind. If any environmental conditions are not within limits, the burn will be postponed.

Local radio stations will be alerted to burn activities ahead of time. When burning begins, information, photos, and maps will be available at <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/>

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arrangement. At the conclusion of the stonework, the company will return to complete the wiring."

The airport will also be engaging in a unique and innovative collaborative effort with Marshall University. Through local CPA Gayle Mason, one student from Marshall University and two from West Virginia University will work together to present a full fiscal feasibility proposal for the building of new hangars at the airport. Livesay also briefed the authority on the issues centering around Contour Air. Since their arrival at LWB, Contour has acquired several other cities and customers have been complaining of delays, cancellations, and lost bags. Livesay said that she spoke directly with CEO Matt Chaefitz, who reported that these issues have "come to his attention" and "he is personally involved in working out these bugs, and that if there are any issues that we can go to him directly and discuss those. I personally feel that Mr. Chaefitz is genuine and wants to work with us."

Annulment

Arthur William Bodine and Barbara Seigel Bodine

Marriages

Gary Lane Bragg, Charleston, WV to Sara Kathleen Sykes, Crawley
Julian Ray Hughart, Hines to Jessica Ashley Barry, Hines

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By Karen Cohen

Transplants

I’m a transplant, are you? Or are you native born? If we direct our discussion to gardening, transplants are plants started elsewhere other than their eventual grounding place. Transplants don’t always “take” to the place they are moved to. Sometimes they disappear all together and sometimes they come back, unexpectedly. We did.

In another month, maybe less, transplants will be ready to go into your garden space. The weather and soil temperatures will be a little warmer and won’t shock the transplants. Living in New Jersey, our seasons were similar to here in Greenbrier County, maybe just a tad warmer there. We used to put in peas on St. Patty’s Day, that was our marker. Here, maybe in a week or two we can plant peas from seed directly in the ground.

Things we are transplanting right now are the brassica family of veggies: broccoli, cabbages, bok choy, mustard greens, cauliflower, kale and turnips. They can take the temperature dips at night and do well with just a light blanket of remay cloth or just a sheet. Fresh, fluffy snow also acts as an insulator because it stays around 32 degrees and can trap air pockets underneath it. It is beneficial for plants because it also melts as the degrees climb and slowly waters everything.

Lettuces can be started indoors and then transplanted into the garden; this gives them a jump on the season. They don’t mind the cold either and arugula prefers cool temps. You will notice our local garden departments have all the cold hardy plants out and ready to take home. Be aware though, not everything sold right now is cold hardy. I planted two berry bushes I recently purchased and when our temps fell to 17, they froze to death. Maybe they will resurrect but I will buy some new ones and try again.

I can’t help but dig deeper into the metaphor of transplants and what that word means.

Think of what your world would be like if you didn’t experience things that were transplanted? We wouldn’t have tomatoes; these originated from the Andes. Our summertime favorite food is corn. Corn was selectively bred in Mexico about nine thousand years ago. It was an act of pure generosity when the natives in America offered corn, hides, and their knowledge of plants, to the settlers who were transplanting here from a foreign place. Compared to the harsh climate of England, for example, the Americas appeared to be paradise.

Transplants can help or hurt a place. Certain species of plants brought into new regions by humans, sometimes unintentionally, can upset the balance of growth. Water hyacinths, an aquatic, floating plant, came from South America on boats. These can be destructive when they clog up pipes and ponds. But they also produce lovely flowers and if planted in baskets in ponds, can be useful. India, for example, ferments this quick renewable source for ethanol.

Here’s a list of some of the best transplants from Europe: donkeys, pigs, chickens, dogs, cats and bees! Avo-



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cados and roses! How could Americans live without any or all of these? What happened is that humans have the innate ability to adapt. By trying something new, like bareback riding on a horse or sampling a baseball size, green seed pod, we improve our species not just as a population, but we also pass on acquired traits to the next generation. This is how we grow.

So, my conclusion is to try some new transplants this year in your garden. Early spring is usually the best time since plants are still dormant. For the first time, I am transplanting yarrow and elderberries from root stock. These were removed from other fields and given to me upon request. Both are native to North America but have been removed from many places where it is considered a weed. Elderberries have great medicinal value and though the berries must be cooked first before human consumption, they will thrive and feed scores of wildlife such as raccoons, 45 species of birds, and deer.

I’m open to trying something new, something wild, something different than what I am familiar with. Are you?

(Karen Cohen is an organic gardener and is conducting the first annual seed/plant exchange for Greenbrier County Apr. 23. Please contact via email for more info: karencohennnaturesway@gmail.com)

Commentary

Former Secretary of State calls WV leaving ERIC ‘shortsighted’

Nadia Ramlagan for WVNS

Critics say West Virginia is taking a step backward by dropping out of the Electronic Registration Information Center system known as ERIC.

Run by states for the past decade, ERIC operates as a nonprofit membership organization aimed at helping improve the accuracy of state voter rolls by allowing states to share information about their voters.

Natalie Tennant, former Secretary of State, said the state is dumping the system - previously praised by election officials in both Red and Blue states - without thinking ahead about how to maintain clean voter rolls.

“What other kinds of program or maintenance process would there be?” Tennant asked. “That’s why this is so shortsighted. They’re just playing along with the politics that are taking place here, and not really looking out for the voters.”

West Virginia is one of several states, including Louisiana, Alabama, Missouri, Florida, and most recently

Ohio, choosing to stop sharing data with ERIC. Republicans opposed to the program have recently argued it is tool of liberal donors and organizations.

Tennant explained ERIC shares information about voters which helps streamline voter databases, especially when residents move or become deceased.

“It’s easier for county clerks to be able to maintain and make sure that they don’t have duplicates on their list, that someone hasn’t passed and still on the list,” Tennant outlined. “That’s why ERIC was so important.”

In an open letter released earlier this month, ERIC’s executive director Shane Hamlin emphasized ERIC is not connected to any state’s voter registration system, the reports generated by the program comply with federal and state laws, and member states retain complete control over their voter rolls.

Support for this reporting was provided by The Carnegie Corporation of New York.

Commentary

Capito, colleagues introduce resolution to celebrate AmeriCorps Week

U.S. Senator Shelley Moore Capito (R-W.Va.), Senate Vice Chair of the National Service Congressional Caucus, recently released a resolution in celebration of AmeriCorps Week to honor the invaluable contributions of AmeriCorps members and alumni.

“Just recently, I was proud to meet AmeriCorps volunteers at Grow Ohio Valley and at Wheeling Heritage. Whether helping grow and develop our Heritage Areas or reading to kids through the Energy Express program, AmeriCorps volunteers put in time and effort to make real, lasting impacts on lives in communities across West Virginia,” Senator Capito said. “I am proud to join my colleagues in leading this effort to celebrate the good work AmeriCorps does to serve others and improve the lives of so many.”

Every year, AmeriCorps enrolls more than 200,000 individuals who currently serve in 40,000 communities across America, totaling more than 1 million alumni since the program’s founding in 1994. The National Service Congressional Caucus celebrates the contributions of AmeriCorps members and alumni and AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers across the country.

AmeriCorps, by the numbers:

- More than 200,000 members and volunteers in organizations dedicated to strengthening their communities.
- 9,500 public, private, and charter schools supported

by AmeriCorps tutors and mentors.

- Nearly 245,000 veterans and military families connected to education opportunities, jobs, and the benefits they have earned.
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- 365,000 elderly Americans provided with independent living services annually.

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Commentary

Capito announces funding for wildlife and habitat conservation in West Virginia

U.S. Senator Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV), Ranking Member of the Senate Environment and Public Works (EPW) Committee, as well as a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, announced \$564,939 from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) through the State Wildlife Grant (SWG) Program to support conservation and stewardship for wildlife and their habitats in West Virginia.

“An integral part of our state is centered on our natural landscape and native wildlife. That’s why it’s important that steps are taken to protect those aspects of the Mountain State, and this funding helps in accomplishing that goal. As Ranking Member of the EPW Committee, I will continue to advocate for support like this that keeps West Virginia ‘wild and wonderful’ for generations to come,” Capito said.

SWG Program funds must be used to address conservation needs described within State Wildlife Action Plans. The program provides matching grants for the development and implementation of state programs and supports priority-setting for species and habitats. These priorities benefit wildlife, especially at-risk or imperiled species, often referred to as species of greatest conservation need. This collaborative approach to conservation facilitates partnerships among universities, industry, nonprofit conservation organizations and private landowners.

Commentary

WV Poison Center offers over-the-counter medicine safety tips

Many people believe over-the-counter medicines are safer than prescription medicines because a doctor does not have to write a prescription for them. However, that is not the case. All medications - prescription, over-the-counter, herbals, and vitamins - can be dangerous if not taken correctly. Taking too much of any medication will not make you feel better faster.

The West Virginia Poison Center offers these over-the-counter medicine safety tips:

- Keep all medication up, away, and out of sight of children and pets.
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- Always read the label before taking or giving medication. This ensures the right medicine is being given, and double checks the dose.
- Take only one medicine at a time with the same active ingredient.
- For liquid medicine, always use a proper dosing device - never a kitchen spoon.
- Remember, child-resistant packaging does not mean child-proof.
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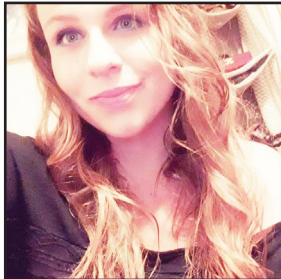
Myrtle Virginia Faulkner
Born - Mar. 10, 1934
Entered into Eternal Rest - Mar. 22, 2023



Lewisburg-Myrtle Virginia Faulkner (McCoy), 89, formerly of Williamsburg, passed away Wednesday morning, Mar. 22, 2023 of natural causes. She was a lifelong resident of Greenbrier County, and a member of the Lewisburg Community Pentecostal Holiness Church. She will be deeply missed by her family and friends. Born Mar. 10, 1934, in Etsy, she was the daughter of the late Jesse McCoy and Rebecca McCoy (Snedegar). She was also preceded in death by her sister; Zetta Lewis, and brother-in-law, Reverend Earl Lewis; sister, Christina Taylor Wright; sister, Helen Owens Miles, and brother-in-law, Lonnie Miles; and brother, Clennie “CA” McCoy, and sister-in-law, Dollie McCoy; and infant granddaughter Virginia Rebecca Heath. Survivors include daughter, Drema (Faulkner) Langdon and son-in-law, Norman (Skip) Langdon of Lewisburg; and son, Donald (Donnie) Faulkner and fiancé’ Alison Levy of Burke, VA. Myrtle was blessed with eight grandchildren that adored and loved her greatly: Jason Faulkner, Jesse Heath, Joseph Heath (Lindsey), Norm Langdon (Anna), Mike Langdon (Tonya), Patty Dilly (Brain), Kathie Scott (Joe) and Rosie Langdon (Jill); brothers, Chester McCoy (Pearl) of Frankford, and Leslie McCoy (Pat) of Shepherdstown. She is also survived by 17 adoring great-grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews. Myrtle loved the Lord, her family and friends. She was deeply devoted to her family and raised her two children as a single parent during the 1960’s and 70’s in Williamsburg, WV. She had a strong work ethic and with the caring and support of her mom, dad, siblings, and many members of the Williamsburg community, to whom she was always grateful, was able to provide for her family despite tough medical and financial difficulties. Myrtle worked at the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine and Kellwood Company prior to retirement and made many lifelong friends. She enjoyed the outdoors, gardening, and always helping her family. In 2017, she developed dementia. In addition to Myrtle’s daughter, son, and grandchildren, her family would like to acknowledge some of her many caregivers including Brenda McCoy, Tonya Langdon, Dreama Halstead, and the loving staff at Stonerise Lewisburg Healthcare facility. Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m., Saturday, Mar. 25 at Morgan Funeral Home, Lewisburg. Funeral services will be held on Sunday, Mar. 26 at 2 p.m. at the funeral home, followed by burial in New Ellis Chapel Cemetery, Brushy Flats, officiated by Rev. Everette (Hat) De-fibaugh.

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

Ciara Nicole Poe



Ronceverte-Ciara Nicole Poe, 27, died unexpectedly on Wednesday, Mar. 1, 2023. She is survived by her beloved children, Bella Brown and Natalie Poe; her father, Michael Williams; stepmother, Madison Bryant Williams; sisters, Georgia Holcomb and Ava Williams; grandparents, Billy Clendenin, Victoria Poe, Debbie Skaggs, and Brenda Bryant. She was preceded in death by her mother, Cherie Clendenin Williams; and grandparents, David Williams and Kathy Hall Williams. She graduated from Greenbrier East High School in 2014. Ciara was employed locally in various positions but one of the highlights of her life was working at the Greenbrier County Humane Society since she loved animals and caring for them. Ciara was good to everybody and was known for her generous spirit; she would give to anyone in need whenever she could. She will be remembered by those who loved her as a girl who could truly light up a room with her smile. She was creative, enjoying drawing and crafts. She loved family get-togethers; you could hear her laughter throughout the gatherings. Ciara was a wonderful young woman who was too soon taken from us. A memorial service of remembrances and fellowship will be held at Butler Hall of St. Thomas Episcopal Church on Main Street in White Sulphur Springs on Saturday, Mar. 25 at 11 a.m. A private interment will be held at a later date and time. Information submitted by Lobban Funeral Home, Alderson, WV.

Faye Edith Baker



Faye Edith (Persinger) Baker passed away peacefully Friday, Mar. 17, 2023 at the age of 91 at her daughter and son-in-law’s home on Teaberry Road. Faye was born Mar. 16, 1932 in Lewisburg, to parents Clyde and Pearl (Flack) Persinger of Mud-dy Creek Mountain. Faye was a loving wife, mother, and homemaker. She also cherished becoming a grandmother and great-grandmother. Faye was always ready to lend a helping hand to family, friends, and the church. Assisting her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren get a start in the world with a lot of tender loving care gave her much pleasure. Also, she especially loved housework of all kinds which allowed her to assist a number of people in

the community with maintaining their homes and, in some cases, provided an opportunity for them to remain in their familiar surroundings even if they were dealing with illness. She also volunteered at the Ronceverte Food Pantry for many years. She was a long-standing member of the Ronceverte Presbyterian Church where she also assisted in the church kitchen for many years. Her church was an important part of her life. Other than her parents, Faye was preceded in death by her husband, Basil to whom she was married for 66 years; and sister, Lucille, and brother, John. Those left to cherish memories of Faye are two daughters, Pamela Carter (Billy) and Angela Whited (Alan); two grandchildren, Allison Whited McMellon (Jason) and Gary Whited (Jamie); three great-grandsons, Ryan McMellon, Kyle McMellon, and Cash Whited; brothers, Harold Persinger (Ginny) and Guy Persinger. Also, extended “Persinger” family members which includes a niece, Colleen Whelan to whom she was very close, as well as a number of “Baker” family members. Faye was very proud of her family and their accomplishments throughout every stage of their lives. The number of family pictures found in almost every room of the house was a testament to her love of her precious family. Per her wishes, a public graveside service will be held at Greenbrier Memorial Gardens in Lewisburg on Saturday, Mar. 25, at 2:30 p.m. with Rev. Stephen Baldwin officiating. The family would like to extend sincere appreciation to Lewisburg Hospice for the care and guidance given during our loved one’s time of need. If anyone should so choose, memorial donations may be made to the Ronceverte Presbyterian Church Building Fund, Ronceverte Food Pantry, or Lewisburg Hospice Care. Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Ronceverte is in charge of arrangements. Please send online condolences by visiting www.WallaceandWallaceFH.com

Nancy L. Sparks O’Brien



Ronceverte-Nancy L. Sparks O’Brien, 84, passed away on Thursday, Mar. 16, 2023 at her daughter’s residence in Ronceverte. She was born July 27, 1938 in Glace, the daughter of the late William and Mary Baldwin Sparks. Nancy had worked as a retail salesclerk for Heck’s Department store in Fairlea, and she had previously worked at Leggett’s Department store in Lewisburg. Nancy was a member of Greenbrier Baptist Church in Ronceverte. Other than her parents she was preceded in death by her husband, James “Jim” O’Brien; and several brothers and sisters. Surviving are her daughter, Terri Hylton (Mike) of

Ronceverte; sons, Nicky O’Brien (Linda) of Ronceverte and Marty (Sue) of Lewisburg; grandchildren, Emily Taylor (Scott), Philip Boggs (Linda), Levi Hylton and Sara Blankenship (Nathan Dixon); her great-granddaughter, Brylee Taylor; sister, Alberta Bowyer of Florida and brother, George Sparks of Maryland. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, Mar. 21, at Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Lewisburg where Pastor Stewart Farley officiated. Interment followed in Rosewood Cemetery, Lewisburg. The family received family and friends on Tuesday before the services at the funeral home. Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Lewisburg is in charge of arrangements. Please send online condolences by visiting www.WallaceandWallaceFH.com

Nora Kayaloff Johnson

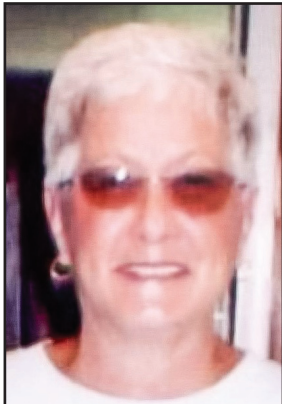


Caldwell-On Thursday, Mar. 16, 2023, Nora Kayaloff Johnson passed away. Born Nora Jane Kayaloff in Flushing, NY, Nora sang her way into a choir led by Leopold Stokowski at Carnegie Hall before leaving for Hawaii, where she taught horseback riding and attended the University of Hawaii, graduating with a degree in European Intellectual History. After flying with her horse Tom (Top o’ the Morn, an AQHA champion) back from Hawaii to these hills, she performed investigative work for the Humane Society, taught GED classes, and supported women in crisis through the Family Refuge Center. Nora met her husband Bill first by telephone. They married in 1984 and found their forever home in “The Meadow” in Caldwell in 1988. Nora took up golf and proceeded to win an assortment of golf trophies to go with her roomful of equestrian trophies. She started a medical auditing company, Medex, and through her partnership with Medical Billing Advocates of America, Nora spoke on CNN, 60 Minutes, and to the U.S. House Committee on Energy and Commerce about unscrupulous hospital billing practices. Nora never did anything halfway, instead preferring to do things all the way and a good bit farther. She lived life on her own terms, which gave her the freedom to be generous to others with her time, wisdom, and advocacy. The world will be smaller without her. Upon learning that her exit was imminent, Nora spent her last days enjoying food, drink, and being treated like a queen by the many people who loved her. She is survived by her husband, William Johnson of Caldwell, and her stepchildren, Leigh Ann Scherer (Robbie) and David

In Memoriam
Alice Katherine “Kitty” Cook, 90, of White Sulphur Springs passed away Thursday, Jan. 5, 2023. Graveside memorial service will be Saturday, Apr. 8, at 11 a.m., at Mapledale Cemetery in White Sulphur Springs, WV.

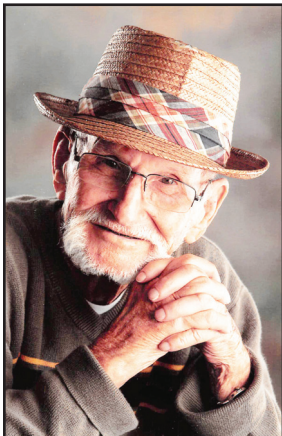
Johnson, and step-granddaughter, Murphy Scherer, as well as her stepchildren from her late husband, Commander Winfield Junk, U.S. Navy (ret.), David Junk (Myrna), John Junk (Mary Kay), and William Junk (Sandy). She also leaves behind her brother, Walter Kayaloff; her sisters, Anne Pisarra (Sal) and Aletha Kayaloff; and her parents, Vladimir Kayaloff and Aletha Maloney, preceded her in death. In lieu of flowers, Nora requested that donations be sent to the Greenbrier County Humane Society or the Peyton Hospice House. Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Lewisburg is in charge of arrangements. Please send online condolences by visiting www.WallaceandWallaceFH.com

Loretta Gail Heck



Vinton, VA-Loretta Gail “LG” Heck, 70, passed away on Sunday, Mar. 19, 2023. She was preceded in death by her parents, Melvin and Anna Mae Napier; and her husband, Walter Heck. She is survived by her brother, Dale Napier of Lewisburg and numerous nieces and nephews. The family will receive friends Monday, Mar. 27, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. at Lotz Vinton Chapel. There will be a funeral service at 1 p.m. with burial following at Mountain View Cemetery in Vinton, VA.

Clifford Marshall Church



Ronceverte-Our dear Dad, Clifford Marshall Church, completed his earthly journey on Saturday, Mar. 18, 2023. Clif was born to Thomas and Alice (Austin) Church on Nov. 24, 1931 at their home on his beloved Teaberry Road, Ronceverte. He had two brothers, Roscoe and Willard, and five sisters, Stella, Sylvia, Joyce, Ruth and his youngest Doris. Clifford attended Ronceverte Elementary School and graduated from Greenbrier East High School in 1951. During his school years he enjoyed performing in school plays

and playing left field and shortstop on his baseball team for three years. He also played high school football, basketball, was a member of FFA, 4-H club, and Hi-Yi club, but enjoyed his five years in the Boy Scouts the most. He loved swimming in the Greenbrier River, and sleigh riding with his many cousins and friends. He even got to fly in small airplanes with his brother-in-law Alvin from the small airport in Fairlea after WWII was over, all over Greenbrier County. He met and dated our mother Nettie Ethelene Hall all through his high school years. After he graduated, he worked for a short time at Watt’s Manufacturing Co. in Ronceverte before enlisting in the U.S. Airforce. At Scott Airforce Base in East St. Louis he attended airborne electronics school to learn how to maintain radio equipment for the Air Force, and later returned for classified radio equipment school. In 1953 he left for South Korea where he worked on the radios of the 94-B night fighter jets for nine months. In 1956 he married his high school sweetheart and love of his life Nettie Ethelene and became stepfather to Peggy and Jackie and later becoming father to Debbie and Brenda. Eventually he was stationed in Japan for two years and then to Pope Air Force base in Fayetteville, NC. While stationed at Pope he made many trips to various countries around the world, including Vietnam. In 1967 he was stationed at Patrick Air Force Base in Satellite Beach, FL, where he was in the space program that was under contract to NASA for the Apollo and Gemini moon missions. Clif’s job was operating high frequency radio transmitters and receivers-relaying the voices of the astronauts while in orbit to and from the moon to Houston on the EC135-also known as the “snoop nosed” plane. He was given many awards and certificates for his duties from both the Air Force and NASA. He even saw the first moon rocks. The Naval ship that retrieved the capsule with the astronauts and the moon rocks sailed to a South Pacific Island and his crew picked up the moon rocks from there and flew them to Houston. He really enjoyed those years and was very humble about his fabulous career. During those years he started long distance running and entering marathon races. He received many first and second place ribbons and certificates for his outstanding achievements. As a boy Clifford and his family were members of the First Christian Church in Ronceverte. Later on he became a lifelong member of the Church of Christ. He served in many ways throughout his life and was a devoted Christian man who was admired and

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Dear Recycle Lady,

Dear Recycle Lady,

Must the plastic windows in envelopes be removed before recycling them in office paper?

Recycler

Dear Recycler,

The plastic windows of envelopes recycled at the local Recycle Center do not need to be removed. They will be filtered out during the pulping process. However, not all recycling centers can recycle envelopes with windows, so if your envelopes are going to be recycled at another facility, check with them before leaving the windows in place. This is also true for tissue boxes that have a plastic insert. They can be recycled locally without removing the plastic. One word of caution: don't put large envelopes with large plastic windows in materials to be shredded as they may cause the equipment to jam. When bringing materials to the Recycle Center to be shredded, be sure all envelopes have been opened and checked for non-paper items such as slicks, credit cards, or coins.

Dear Recycle Lady,

I have several aerosol cans that are partially full. Can they be recycled as is, or should I empty them first?

Spray Can User

Dear Spray Can User,

It is best to empty all aerosol cans before recycling.

clinging. There are two ways to accomplish this. First, hold down the spray nozzle until nothing comes out or second, shake the can until you can't hear any liquid remaining in the can. Never puncture a hole in the can to determine if there is any product left inside as the can will explode and could injure you. Aerosol cans are made of either steel or aluminum, both of which are high-value metals. The Recycling Center accepts all of these cans and recycles them with steel cans, regardless of whether they are steel or aluminum.

Dear Recycle Lady,

What is organic plastic? I thought all plastics were made with petroleum products.

Don't Believe It

Dear Don't Believe It,

According to www.bbc.com/news/magazine, organic plastics are plastics that are designed to decompose. Dr. Jeremy Tomkinson, who advises the UK government on bio-fuels and bio-materials says that "the main thrust at the moment is Polyethylene." Several compostable products are under experimentation. One possibility is Polylactic acid (PLA), which is derived from cornstarch, the same stuff that corn flakes are largely made of. Plastic bags and fibers for clothing can be made of PLA. The plant

material Cellulose, when turned into celluloid, can be made into food wrapper cellophane or fiber rayon. Recently, Coca Cola and Pepsi have been in competition to see who can first use a 100% bioplastic PET bottle. Pepsi won! The bio-plastic bottles were made from sugar cane, which can be converted into ethylene, polythene, and PET.

Good News: The Early BKK café in Bangkok, Thailand is not your ordinary coffee shop. It's made entirely of recycled and repurposed materials designed to promote zero waste and sustainability to the community. (fto.com)

A belated Happy Global Recycling Day. It is celebrated every year on March 18 to encourage everyone to look at new ways to recycle and to help change the thinking and actions of businesses, governments, communities, and individuals.

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.



By William "Skip" Deegans

Was Kent Snyder's Buick Model F (pictured here) the first automobile to roll into Lewisburg? Well, perhaps. Snyder's arrival in Lewisburg in 1908 was something of a holiday for the townsfolk. According to the The Charleston Gazette, everybody turned out to "give the all-fired contraption the once over. They came and they saw. They piled into the machine and around it until it was as a beehive covered with a swarm. They saw it wheeze down the pike at the terrific speed of 15 miles an hour."

Once the dust settled, a conflict between the automobile and a town full of horse and buggies became obvious. The mayor took charge, and the city imposed an ordinance restricting Snyder's Buick to a maximum of 6 miles an hour. Snyder protested and pointed out his car couldn't go that slow. The mayor relented and raised the speed limit to 10 miles an hour. Despite the speed restrictions, the Buick continued to be a nuisance with Snyder getting bills for demolished buckboards and buggies from runaway horses.

When Snyder visited the Old White (predecessor to The Greenbrier), he was instructed to park behind the hotel to avoid annoying the guest's horses.

The Buick Model F was powered by a 2 cylinder, 22 h.p. engine and had a two-speed manual transmission. Interestingly, it had a tilt steering column. The car cost \$1,000 new (\$32,700 in today's dollars). Buick sold 8,820 cars in 1908 making it the world's largest producer of automobiles.

But was Snyder's Buick Lewisburg's first car? It was reported that John W. Dwyer owned the first car in the county - an Oldsmobile gas runabout. He drove it from Lewisburg to Roncerverte where it remained for some time because it didn't have enough power to climb the hill back to Lewisburg.

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Sources: The West Virginia News, www.oldercarsweekly.com.

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Consumer Confidence Report- 2023

Covering Calendar Year- 2022

This brochure is a snapshot of the quality of the water that we provided last year. Included are the details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and state standards. We are committed to providing you with information because informed customers are our best allies. If you would like to observe the decision-making process that affect drinking water quality, please call BEVERLY WHITE at 304-645-2080.

Your water comes from:

Source Name	Source Water Type
IN-GREENBRIER RIVER	Surface Water

Buyer Name	Seller Name
There are no additional purchases to display.	

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as those with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPNCDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800- 426-4791).

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) included rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, res-

Disinfection Byproducts	Sample Point	Monitoring Period	Highest LRAA	Range (low/high)	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
TOTAL HALOACETIC ACIDS (HAA5)	21224 Seneca Trail N	2022	44	17-63	ppb	60	0	By-product of drinking water disinfection
TOTAL HALOACETIC ACIDS (HAA5)	24937 Seneca Trail N	2022	47	30.8-63	ppb	60	0	By-product of drinking water disinfection
TOTAL HALOACETIC ACIDS (HAA5)	2789 Davis Stuart Rd	2022	56	34-66	ppb	60	0	By-product of drinking water disinfection
TOTAL HALOACETIC ACIDS (HAA5)	390 Industrial Park Rd	2022	53	32-64.1	ppb	60	0	By-product of drinking water disinfection
TTHM	21224 Seneca Trail N	2022	45	18-66	ppb	80	0	By-product of drinking water chlorination
TTHM	24937 Seneca Trail N	2022	50	24-69.5	ppb	80	0	By-product of drinking water chlorination
TTHM	2789 Davis Stuart Rd	2022	45	22-69.5	ppb	80	0	By-product of drinking water chlorination
TTHM	390 Industrial Park Rd	2022	44	21-70.6	ppb	80	0	By-product of drinking water chlorination

Lead and Copper	Monitoring Period	90th Percentile	Range (low/high)	Unit	AL	Sites Over AL	Typical Source
COPPER, FREE	2022	0.246	0.0029-0.526	ppm	1.3	0	Corrosion of house-hold plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives
LEAD	2022	1.4	0-10.3	ppb	15	0	Corrosion of house-hold plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Your water system is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

LEWISBURG is working towards identifying service line materials throughout the water distribution supply. The service line inventory is required to be submitted to the state by October 16, 2024. If you have any questions about our inventory, please contact BEVERLY WHITE at 304-645-2080.

Chlorine/Chloramines				
Maximum Disinfection Level	MPA	MPA Units	RAA	RAA Units
2022 - 2022	2.1000	MG/L	1.5	MG/L

Total Organic Carbon	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range	Unit	TT	Typical Source
Lowest Month for Removal						
CARBON, TOTAL	8/11/2022	1.5	0-1.5	MG/L	0	Naturally present in the environment

Analyte	Facility	Highest Value	Unit of Measure	Month Occurred
No Detected Results were Found in the Calendar Year of 2022				

Radiological Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range (low/high)	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
GROSS ALPHA, EXCL. RADON & U	5/2/2019	3.6	3.6	pCi/L	15	0	Erosion of natural deposits

Secondary Contaminants-Non Health Based	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range (low/high)	Unit	SMCL
Contaminants-No Federal Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) Established					
ALKALINITY, TOTAL	11/2/2022	73.6	28.4-73.6	MG/L	10000
ALUMINUM	5/4/2021	0.126	0.126	MG/L	0.05
BORON, TOTAL	5/4/2021	5.2	5.2	UG/L	
CARBON, TOTAL	8/11/2022	2	0-2	ppm	10000
CRYPTOSPOIDIUM	8/21/2018	1	0-1		
GIARDIA LAMBLIA	9/18/2018	1	0-1		1
SODIUM	5/5/2022	9.92	9.92	MG/L	1000
SULEATE	5/4/2021	11.1	11.1	MG/L	250
TEMPERATURE (CENTIGRADE)	5/15/2018	24.1	7.2-24.1	C	

During the 2022 calendar year, we had the below noted violation(s) of drinking water regulations.

Compliance Period	Analyte	Comments
10/1/2022-12/31/2022	CHLORINE	MONITORING, ROUTINE (DBP), MAJOR
10/1/2022-10/31/2022	CHLORINE	FAILURE TO COMPLETE OR SUBMIT MOR
10/1/2022-10/31/2022	CHLORINE	MONITORING, TRN/RPT MAJOR (SWTR-FILTER)
10/1/2022-12/31/2022	CHLORINE	MONITORING, ROUTINE (DBP), MAJOR
11/1/2022-11/30/2022	TURBIDITY	SINGLE COMB FLTR EFFLUENT (IESWTR/LT1)
11/1/2022-11/30/2022	CHLORINE	FAILURE TO COMPLETE OR SUBMIT MOR
11/1/2022-11/30/2022	CHLORINE	MONITORING, RTN/RPT MAJOR (SWTR-FILTER)

Additional Required Health Effects Language:

Some people who drink water containing haloacetic acids in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

Coliforms are bacteria that are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially-harmful, bacteria may be present. Coliforms were found in more samples than allowed and this was a warning of potential problems.

There are no additional required health effects violation notices.

Water system	Type	Category	Analyte	Compliance Period
No Violations Occurred in the Calendar Year of 2022				

There are no additional required health effects violation notices.

There are no additional required health effects notices.

To receive a paper copy in the mail, please contact us at the phone number above.

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Tariff Form No. 8 (RULE 23)
PUBLIC NOTICE CHANGE IN RATES WITH PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATES
NOTICE is hereby given that Mountaineer Gas Company, a public utility, has filed with the Public Service Commission of West Virginia a tariff containing a requested increase in rates and charges for furnishing natural gas service to approximately 218,000 customers in Barbour, Berkeley, Boone, Braxton, Brooke, Cabell, Calhoun, Clay, Doddridge, Fayette, Gilmer, Grant, Greenbrier, Hancock, Hardy, Harrison, Jackson, Jefferson, Kanawha, Lewis, Lincoln, Logan, Marion, Marshall, Mason, McDowell, Mercer, Mineral, Mingo, Monongalia, Monroe, Morgan, Nicholas, Ohio, Pendleton, Preston, Putnam, Raleigh, Randolph, Ritchie, Roane, Summers, Tucker, Tyler, Upshur, Wayne, Wetzel, Wirt, Wood, and Wyoming Counties in West Virginia.

The proposed increased rates and charges will become effective Friday April 5, 2023, unless otherwise ordered by the Public Service Commission, and will produce, on a total Company basis, \$19,740,000 annually in additional revenues, or an overall average increase in revenues of approximately 6.08%. The \$19,740,000 consists of an increase in base rates of \$37,649,000 and a decrease in the Company's Investment Replacement and Expansion Program ("IREP") of \$17,909,000. The average monthly bill for the various classes of customers will be changed as follows:

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This increase incorporates the rate impact of the cumulative Investment under the IREP that was placed into service as of December 31, 2022. As a result, the Company proposes to reduce the IREP component of its rates relating to that investment when the new base rates go into effect.

Resale customers of Mountaineer Gas Company include Canaan Valley Gas Company, Consumers Gas Utility Company, Cardinal Natural Gas Company, Hope Gas, Inc., Megan Oil and Gas, City of Philippi and Southern Public Service Company. The increases shown are based on averages of all customers in the indicated class. Individual customers may receive increases that are greater or less than average. Furthermore, the requested rates and charges are only a proposal and are subject to change (increases or decreases) by the Public Service Commission in its review of this filing. Any increase in rates and charges will not become effective until authorized and approved by the Public Service Commission. (If a hearing is scheduled, notice will be given of the time and place of hearing.)

Anyone desiring to intervene and act as a part in the case should file on or before June 5, 2023 a Petition to Intervene complying with the Commission rules on intervention in the Rules of Practice and Procedure, 150 C.S.R.1, unless otherwise modified by Commission order. Anyone desiring to protest should file a written protest as soon as possible, although protests will be accepted by the Commission through the pendency of this proceeding. All written protest should briefly state the reason for the protest. All protest and Petitions to Intervene should clearly state the case name and number and the addressed to Karen Buckley, Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, P.O. Box 812, Charleston West Virginia 25323.

A complete copy of the Company's tariff proposals and a representative of the Company to provide information concerning this tariff are available to all customers, prospective customers or their agents at the following office of the Company:

501 56th Street SE, Charleston, WV 25304

A copy of this tariff is also available for public inspection at the office of the Executive Secretary of the Public Service Commission at 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia 25301.

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Notice of Public Hearing
Lewisburg Planning Commission
Thursday, April 6, 2023 at 7 p.m.
942 Washington Street, West

Also available via Teleconference because of the Covid-19 Pandemic. For information on how to participate on ZOOM, contact Lewisburg City Hall at 304-645-2080 by 4 p.m. on Thursday, April 6, 2023.

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes: March 2, 2023
3. Comments from the Public
4. Public Hearing for Conditional Use Permit, Lindsay Moran, 163 Randolph Street - Approval of three (3) plus bedrooms for Air BnB.
5. Comments from Planning Commission Members
6. Comments from Planning and Zoning Officer
7. Adjournment

The next regularly scheduled Planning Commission Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 4, 2023 with a deadline of **noon** April 14, 2023.

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

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Call	Contract	State Project	Federal Project	Description
005	2021000740	S399-STR/IP-23. 02	NHPP-2023(244)D	PAVEMENT MARKINGS INTERSTATE STRIPING STATEWIDE COUNTY: GREENBRIER, HARDY, HAMPSHIRE, HANCOCK

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REMARKS:
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The West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways reserves the right to defer, delay or postpone the date for receiving and publicly opening proposals for any project designated in this advertisement, without the necessity of renewing such advertisement. The deferment, delay, postponement, and the date that proposals will be received and publicly opened will be available on www.bidx.com.
The West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex or national origin in consideration for an award.

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Call	Contract	State Project	Federal Project	Description
034	2022890002R1	S389-REC/AL-23. 00	STBG-2023(009)D	PAVEMENT MARKINGS D-9 RECALL STRIPING 2023 DISTRICT WIDE COUNTY: FAYETTE, GREENBRIER, NICHOLAS, OTHER

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NOTICE OF SALE UNDER DEED OF TRUST

Under authority of a certain Deed of Trust from Greenbrier River Retreat LLC, dated the 27th day of February, 2009 and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Greenbrier County, West Virginia, in Book 646 at page 412; default having been made in the payment of the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust and sale having been requested by the beneficial owner, the undersigned will offer for sale at the front door of the Courthouse of Greenbrier County, West Virginia, on *Thursday, April 6, 2023 at 1:30 0'clock p.m.*, that certain real estate conveyed by said Deed of Trust as described on the Exhibit “A” attached hereto and made a part heretof.

And being the same property heretofore acquired by Greenbrier River Retreat LLC by Deed dated the 8ff day of June, 2007, from James Stuart Richmond and Elizabeth Richmond, husband and wife, and of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Greenbrier County, West Virginia in Book 514, at page 09.

TERMS OF SALE

- The property will be sold and conveyed in an “AS IS” physical condition by Deed containing no warranty, express or implied, subject to any Internal Revenue Service right of redemption, 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.
- The Purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the transfer taxes imposed by the West Virginia Code §11-22-2.
- The Beneficiary and/or the Servicer of this Deed of Trust and Note reserve the right to submit a bid for the property at sale.
- The Trustee reserves the right to continue the 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.
- The Trustee shall be under no duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying the property to vacate the 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.
- The total purchase price is payable to the Trustee by cashier’s check, cash, or the equivalent on day of sale.
- FEDERAL TAX LIENS: IF THERE ARE FEDERAL TAX LIENS AGAINST THE SUBJECT PROPERTY AND AS A RESULT THE UNITED STATES WOULD HAVE THE RIGHT TO REDEEM THE PROPERTY WITHIN A PERIOD OF 120 DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THE SALE OR ANY OTHER PERIOD ALLOWABLE FOR REDEMPTION UNDER LOCAL LAW, WHICHEVER IS LONGER.

Given under my hand this the 7th day of March, 2023.

EXHIBIT A

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

All that certain lot, tract or parcel of land, together with the buildings thereon, and the easements, rights of way and appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate and being near the Village of Fort Spring in Fort Spring District of Greenbrier County, West Virginia, and more particularly bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at a large beech tree by the county road north of the bridge across the Greenbrier River, near Fort Spring; thence with the road as it meanders toward the river S 21-01 E 263 feet; S 45-40 E 182 feet; S 69-22 E 324.5 feet to a wild cherry tree on a line of Elmer Powell; thence leaving the road and with Powell S 75-55 W 779.5 feet, more or less to the edge of the river at its north bank; thence leaving Powell and with the river as it meanders N 36-40 W 181 feet; N 5-53 W 79-5 feet; N 12-40 E 285 feet; N 32-25 E 196.5 feet; thence leaving the river N 86-31 E 171 feet to the beginning and containing 6 acres, more or less.

THERE IS EXCEPTED AND RESERVED, from this tract the following tract of land containing 0.88 acre, 36,660 square feet and 2.2 acres, more or less, which were excepted and reserved in deed from Ernest T. Cobb, et ux to Dede S. Richmond, dated August 14, 1969 and of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Greenbrier County, West Virginia in Deed Book 251 at Page 690.

And being the same real property now being conveyed unto Greenbrier River Retreat, LLC, a West Virginia limited liability company, by deed dated June 8, 2007 from James Stuart Richmond and Elizabeth Richmond, husband and wife, and of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Greenbrier County, West Virginia in Deed Book 514 at Page 09.

EXHIBIT A

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

All that certain lot, tract or parcel of land, together with the buildings thereon, and the easements, rights of way and appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate and being near the Village Fort Spring in Fort Spring District of Greenbrier County, West Virginia, and more particularly bounded and described as follows:

Property One:
BEGINNING at a large beech tree by the old County Road north of the bridge across the Greenbrier River near Fort Spring; thence with the road as it meanders towards the river S 8-5E 122 feet to a beech tree at the edge of said road; thence S 52-30 W 86 feet to an iron pin; thence S 86-31 W 229 feet to the Greenbrier River; thence with said river N 12-40 E 9 feet; thence N 32-25 E 196.5 feet; thence leaving the river N 86-31 E 171 feet to the point of beginning and containing 0.88 acre, more or less. There is excepted

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WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Division of Highways

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Bids will be received electronically by the West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways through the Bid Express Bidding Service (www.bidx.com) and by sealed proposals (only when prequalification is waived) being received at its office in Building 5, Room 843, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East, Charleston, West Virginia until May 09, 2023 at 10:00 AM (Eastern Standard Time). The bids will be downloaded and/or opened and read publicly thereafter for the constructions of the following project(s):

Call	Contract	State Project	Federal Project	Description
010	2022990095	S399-050/00-0.00	HSIP-0050(429)D	PAVEMENT MARKINGS 2023 APD STRIPING STATEWIDE COUNTY: STATEWIDE

DBE GOAL: 10% OF CONTRACT BID AMOUNT. BIDDER MUST PROVIDE WRITTEN ASSURANCE OF MEETING GOAL ON FORM IN PROPOSAL.

REMARKS:
Proposals will be received from prequalified and West Virginia licensed contractors only except that on Federal-Aid Projects a contractors’ licence is not required at time of bid, but will be required before work can begin. Registration is required with the Department of Administration, Division of Purchasing, in accordance with Chapter 5A, Article 3, Section 12 of the West Virginia Code. All contractors submitting bids on project(s) must include one of the following forms properly executed with each proposal: Proposal Guaranty Bond, Cashier’s Check, or Certified Check for \$500.00 or 5% of the total bid, whichever is greater.
The West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways reserves the right to defer, delay or postpone the date for receiving and publicly opening proposals for any project designated in this advertisement, without the necessity of renewing such advertisement. All bidders holding valid bidding proposals will be notified of such deferment, delay or postponement and the date that proposals will be received and publicly opened.
The West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex or national origin in consideration for an award.

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Call	Contract	State Project	Federal Project	Description
008	2018001099R1	U313-LEW/IS-1.00	TAP-2017(183)D	ContWrkTyp US 60 S Lafayette US 60 S Lafayette Sidewalk Improvements COUNTY: GREENBRIER

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and reserved from the lot that certain parcel of real estate containing 3,420 square feet, more or less which was conveyed by Ken Barnett and wife to the State of West Virginia, by the State Road Commission of West Virginia by Deed dated July 1 7, 1957 of record in the Clerk’s Office in Deed Book 200 at Page 325.

Property Two:
Situate and being near the Village of Fort Spring in Fort Spring District of Greenbrier County, West Virginia, and being 30 feet by 315 feet, more or less, and being the northern 30 feet of the property owned by Dede S. Richmond as shown by deed dated August 14, 1969 of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Greenbrier County, West Virginia in Deed Book 251 at Page 690, and being parallel and adjacent to the property presently owned by Mary Ruth Richmond as shown by deed dated August 13, 1962 of record in the aforesaid Clerk’s Office in Deed Book 217 at Page 470.

And being the same property conveyed unto Greenbrier River Retreat, LLC, a West Virginia limited liability company, by deed dated June 22, 2007 from D. Douglas Sams and Bernetta Sams, husband and wife, and of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Greenbrier County, West Virginia in Deed Book 514 at Page 03.

EXHIBIT A

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

All those certain lots, tracts or parcels of land together with the buildings and improvements thereon, easements, rights of way, and the appurtenances thereunto belonging situate in Fort Spring District, Greenbrier County, West Virginia and more particularly bounded and described as follows:

TRACT ONE: all of the following tract or parcel of land together with the improvements thereon and appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate in Fort Spring District, Greenbrier County, West Virginia, and more particularly bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a Sugar Maple on the east bank of the Greenbrier River, said Maple being the southwest corner of the P. K. Burdette Restaurant Property; thence N 77-12’ E 213.00 feet leaving the river and crossing the State Road with the line of the P. K. Burdette Property in part (180 feet to be exact) to a stake by a large elm on the side of the hill; thence S 22-05’ E 167.5 feet to a stake on the side of the hill in line with the Wickline Property fence; thence S 83-14’ W 242.0 feet with the Wickline Property fence in part, crossing the State Road at 195 feet and continuing on a point on the East Bank of the Greenbrier River; thence N 12-25’ W 140.0 feet with the East Bank of the Greenbrier River to the point of beginning, containing 0.70 acres, State Road Property excluded; and being the same property conveyed to the parties of the first part by deed dated the 1st day of September, 1959, from Minnie L. Hatcher (Widow), Thomas Hatcher and Nora Hatcher, his wife, and of record, in the Office of the Clerk of the County Court of Greenbrier County, West Virginia in Deed Book 207, at page 346, to which reference is hereby for a more particular description of the property hereby conveyed.

There is, however, **RESERVED** and not hereby conveyed in the above survey, that certain lot or parcel of land containing 2000 square feet, more or less, which conveyed to Paul S. Carlisle by Leroy C. Tuck and wife by deed dated the 8th day of May 1954, and of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Court of Greenbrier County, West Virginia, in Deed Book 188, at page 267.

There is, however, **RESERVED** and not hereby conveyed is all of the following tract or parcel of land together with the improvements thereon and appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate in Fort Spring District, Greenbrier County, West Virginia, and more particularly bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at a 5/8” rebar, set, on the easterly right-of-way line of West Virginia Route 43, 15 feet from the centerline thereof, on a line of Elizabeth Burdette (DB 225, Pg 409), the parent tract of which this description is a part, from which S. 68 E. 14 feet bears power pole #D 2211, thence with said right-of-way line; N. 09 IS’ 12” W., 38.77 feet to a point on said right-of-way line, 15 feet from the centerline thereof, on a line of Randy Burdette (DB 428, Pg 919), from which S. 79 51’ 30” W., 30.00 feet bears a 5/8” rebar, set, thence leaving said right-of-way line and with Burdette; N 79 51’ 30” E., 152.07 feet to a point, corner to Burdette and to Thomas Hatcher (DB 196, Pg 611), from which N. 33 52’ W., 96.23 feet bears a 24” Apple tree and S. 16 W. , 7.7 feet bears C & P pole #67/23, thence leaving Burdette and with Hatcher; S. 19 10’ 22” E., 36.29 feet to a 5/8” rebar, set, on the line of Hatcher, from which S. 19 10’ 22” E., 131.2 feet bears a roof bolt, found, thence leaving Hatcher and going through parent tract S. 78 48’ 06” W., 158.40 feet to the point of BEGINNING, containing 0.133 acres as surveyed in September 1998 by Rickford Walton, PS #856, Lievasy, WV.

TRACT TWO: that certain real estate located in Fort Spring District, Greenbrier County, West Virginia, and more particularly described as follows:

Containing Two Thousand (2,000) square feet situate in Fort Spring District, Greenbrier County, West Virginia, fronting fifty (50) feet on Greenbrier River, as shown on a map prepared by Rick Walton in September, 1998, as Tract 3.

And being the same property conveyed unto Dorman Doug Sams, by deed dated May 2, 2005 from James S. Richmond, et ux, and of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Greenbrier County, West Virginia, in Deed Book 497 at Page 810. And also being the same real property conveyed unto Dorman Doug Sams and Bemetta Sams, husband and wife, by deed dated May 19, 2005 from Dorman Doug Sams and Bernetta Sams, husband and wife and of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Greenbrier County, West Virginia in Deed Book 498 at Page 81. And being the same property conveyed unto Greenbrier River Retreat, LLC by deed dated June 22, 2007 from Dorman Doug Sams, et ux, and of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Greenbrier County, West Virginia in Deed Book 514 at Page 06.

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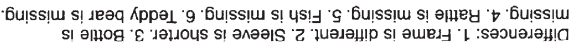
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**SCHEDULE OF PROPOSED LEVY RATES
GREENBRIER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024**

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

Column E	Current Expense Levy	
Certificate of Valuation	Levy	Taxes
Assessed Value for Tax Purposes	Rate/\$100	Levied
\$ -	19.40	\$ -
-		-
-		-
1,042,462,370	38.80	4,044,754
3,281,411		12,732
1,045,743,781		4,057,486
427,425,900	77.60	3,316,825
285,689,681		2,216,952
133,092,376		1,032,797
846,207,957		6,566,574
178,379,470	77.60	1,384,225
96,758,427		750,845
35,669,642		276,796
301,807,539		2,411,866

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GREENBRIER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024**

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**SCHEDULE OF PROPOSED LEVY RATES
ALLOWANCE FOR TAX INCREMENT FINANCING
GREENBRIER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Column C	Current Expense Levy	
	Roll Back	Levy	Taxes
	Value Form	Rate/\$100	Levied
Class I			
Personal Property	\$ -	19.40	\$ -
Public Utilities	-		-
Total Class I	-		-
Class II			
Real Estate	271,781,480	38.80	1,054,512
Personal Property	-		-
Total Class II	271,781,480		1,054,512
Class III			
Real Estate	78,382,310	77.60	608,247
Personal Property	-		-
Public Utilities	-		-
Total Class III	78,382,310		608,247
Class IV			
Real Estate	18,463,890	77.60	143,280
Personal Property	274,554		2,131
Public Utilities	-		-
Total Class IV	18,738,444		145,411
Total Value & Projected Revenue	\$ 368,902,234		\$ 1,808,170
Less Allowance for Uncollectibles,			
Exonerations and Delinquencies		3.50%	(63,286)
Less Allowance for Tax Discounts		1.00%	(17,449)
Allowance for Tax Increment Financing			\$ 1,727,435

by Linda Thistle

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.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

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

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TODAY'S WORD

STUDY OF GENESIS

ACROSS

1 Downhiller's headwear	47 Fucini work	58 Cambration for a long or short view	4 Eon features	42 One of the four seasons	58 Fashion designer
8 Mexican beach resort	51 Gala after a presidential oath	91 Down Under dweller	5 French buds	43 Wildly excited	Phillip —
14 Island home of Odysseus	54 Cutting noise	92 "Me? Never!"	7 Bowler, informally	44 Blast stuff	82 Name shared by 12 popes
20 University of Wyoming's city	55 Quadrillionth: Prefix	94 — Cruces	8 Koi, e.g.	45 Sapporo sash	84 Least cloudy
21 Moon-landing program	56 — epic scale	95 Says "yes" to	9 Clumsy sorts	46 Prohibit	86 Join forces
22 Had to have	57 Musical insensitivity	96 Celebratory event for a rollout	10 Signal "yes"	49 Stream in the title of 1957's Best Picture	87 Fall lawn tool
23 They appear before a film's first scene	59 Sets for viewing	102 Swung tool	11 Actor Montgomery	50 Church area	89 Rx writer
25 Viewed to be	60 Perfume by Dana	103 Green gem	12 Radical sort	52 Horse color pattern	93 A flirtatious look
26 Cakes of cornbread	61 Lured	107 Prefix with directional	13 GI's "Uh-uh!"	53 Fills with freight	95 Element #8
27 Indy units	63 "You Gotta Be" singer of 1994	108 Cosmetician	14 Owing money	58 Irish actor Stephen	96 Safe securers
28 Bichon — (white dog)	65 Graduation address	109 Saintry	15 PGA peg	61 Lawyer Melvin called "The King of Torts"	97 Love, in Italy
30 Stitch's cartoon friend	71 Keyless, musically	111 Birds-and-bees class	16 Shoe lifts	62 — Moines	98 Not stricken
31 Bleating females	72 Many a Netflix show	112 Stick together	17 Grant entry to	64 Minis, midis and maxis	99 — or two (on occasion)
32 Speedy plane	73 "— Dinka Doo" (Jimmy Durante tune)	114 Bible's first words (apt for this puzzle's theme)	18 Singer/rapper Green	66 GPS display	100 Kidney-related
33 It turns a computer on	75 Candy in collectible dispensers	117 Actress McNichol or Swanson	24 Purring pet	67 Tetley competitor	101 "Neon" fish
35 Always, to bards	76 "Mice" or "lice," but not "rice"	118 Quarterback great Dan	29 "Remington —"	68 Bridal gown features	102 Schooner fill
36 Vintage auto	81 Blowout, e.g.	119 Flow out	32 Bach's "—, Joy of Man's Desiring"	69 Grain towers	103 One of the Bush twins
38 Active Sicilian volcano	82 Look for prey, as a lion	120 Smallish sofa	33 Mediocre	70 Hammer's striking end	104 Around a line of symmetry
39 Holders of emergency supplies	83 Cyber-addresses	121 Slip away	34 108-card game	71 Since Hector was —	105 Al — (a bit firm)
43 Women with babies on the way	85 Membership ceremony	122 City in Arizona or Mexico	35 Frozen waffle brand	74 Everybody, in Essen	106 Knife features
	88 Phony: Prefix		36 Move in circles	77 Starts to remove a jacket, say	109 Birds sitting on clutches
			37 "Lose Yourself" rapper	78 — de Janeiro	110 Conical-bore woodwind
			39 Natural ability	79 — -Z (total)	111 Hosiery flaw
			40 Many short plays		113 GPS display: Abbr.
			41 Hoodwink		115 Trendy
					116 "It seems to me," online

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1 Inclined land	40 Many short	jacket, say	115 Trendy
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BUSINESS

Mountaineer Gas Company files to increase residential gas rates 7.85 percent

NOTICE is hereby given that Mountaineer Gas Company, a public utility, has filed with the Public Service Commission of West Virginia a tariff containing a requested increase in rates and charges for furnishing natural gas service to approximately 218,000 customers in Barbour, Berkeley, Boone, Braxton, Brooke, Cabell, Calhoun, Clay, Doddridge, Fayette, Gilmer, Grant, Greenbrier, Hancock, Hardy, Harrison, Jackson, Jefferson, Kanawha, Lewis, Lincoln, Logan, Marion, Marshall, Mason, McDowell, Mercer, Mineral, Mingo, Monongalia, Monroe, Morgan, Nicholas, Ohio, Pendleton, Preston, Putnam, Raleigh, Randolph, Ritchie, Roane, Summers, Tucker, Tyler, Upshur, Wayne, Wetzel, Wirt, Wood, and Wyoming Counties in West Virginia.

The proposed increased rates and charges will become effective Friday April 5, 2023, unless otherwise ordered by the Public Service Commission, and will produce, on a total Company basis, \$19,740,000 annually in additional revenues, or an overall average increase in revenues of approximately 6.08%. The \$19,740,000 consists of an increase in base rates of \$37,649,000 and a decrease in the Company’s Investment Replacement and Expansion Program (“IREP”) of \$17,909,000. The average monthly bill for the various classes of customers will be changed as follows:

Residential (\$) Increase - \$7.08; % Increase - 7.85%

Commercial (\$) Increase - \$10.26; % Increase - 2.68%

Large Commercial (\$) Increase - \$747.47; % Increase - 0.70%

Industrial (\$) Increase - \$293.54; % Increase - 0.40%

Resale (\$) Increase - \$100.00; % Increase - 1.70%

Other (\$) Increase - ; % Increase -

This increase incorporates the rate impact of the cumulative Investment under the IREP that was placed into service as of December 31, 2022. As a result, the Company proposes to reduce the IREP component of its rates relating to that investment when the new base rates go into effect.

Resale customers of Mountaineer Gas Company include Canaan Valley Gas Company, Consumers Gas Utility Company, Cardinal Natural Gas Company, Hope Gas, Inc., Megan Oil and Gas, City of Philippi and Southern Public Service Company. The increases shown are based on averages of all customers in the indicated class. Individual customers may receive increases that are greater or less than average. Furthermore, the requested rates and charges are only a proposal and are subject to change (increases or decreases) by the Public Service Commission in its review of this filing. Any increase in rates and charges will not become effective until authorized and approved by the Public Service Commission. (If a hearing is scheduled, notice will be given of the time and place of hearing.)

Anyone desiring to intervene and act as a part in the case should file on or before June 5, 2023 a Petition to Intervene complying with the Commission rules on intervention in the Rules of Practice and Procedure, 150 C.S.R.1, unless otherwise modified by Commission order. Anyone desiring to protest should file a written protest as soon as possible, although protests will be accepted by the Commission through the pendency of this proceeding. All written protests should briefly state the reason for the protest. All protest and Petitions to Intervene should clearly state the case name and number and the addressed to Karen Buckley, Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, P.O. Box 812, Charleston West Virginia 25323.

A complete copy of the Company’s tariff proposals and a representative of the Company to provide information concerning this tariff are available to all customers, prospective customers or their agents at the following office of the Company:

501 56th Street SE, Charleston, WV 25304

A copy of this tariff is also available for public inspection at the office of the Executive Secretary of the Public Service Commission at 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia 25301.

Appalachian Power Seeks Review of Infrastructure Costs

Appalachian Power, along with Wheeling Power, submitted a petition to the Public Service Commission of West Virginia (PSC) to update current rates for the Modified Rate Base Cost (MRBC) tracker and surcharge mechanism. Initially approved in August 2021 by the PSC, the tracker allows limited recovery of costs associated with infrastructure investments made between base rate cases.

The MRBC is designed to provide timely cost recovery of incremental investments not recovered through current rates, and to decrease the size and frequency of base rate case filings.

The company is proposing to increase MRBC rates currently in effect by approximately \$10 million, effective Sept. 1, 2023. This represents a 0.58 percent increase over total current revenue and falls below the 3 percent annual cap on the tracker ordered by the Commission. If approved the monthly bill would increase by \$1.23 for a residential customer using 1,000 kilowatt-hours.

Cullerton Named Deputy District Ranger for Gauley & Marlinton-WSS

Forest Supervisor Shawn Cochran has selected Thomas Cullerton to serve in a new position as Deputy District Ranger on the Gauley and Marlinton-White Sulphur districts of Monongahela National Forest.

In this position, Cullerton will work with communities, landowners, and other organizations on the shared stewardship of the Forest. Cullerton shares leadership of the districts with District Ranger Jason Hattersley.

Cullerton comes to the Monongahela after 11 years serving with the National Park Service, U.S. Department of Defense, and Veterans Health Administration. He is stationed in Richwood at the Gauley District office.

“I’m honored to serve the American public and the Forest Service as the Deputy District Ranger for the Gauley and Marlinton-White Sulphur districts,” said Cullerton. “It has been a pleasure to work with the forest leadership team and the local communities these past few months. I consider it a great privilege to manage and care for this spectacular landscape and diverse biome.”

Cullerton holds an undergraduate degree from Arcadia University and two graduate degrees from Webster University. He is a veteran of the U.S. Coast Guard.

For more information about Monongahela National Forest visit www.fs.usda.gov/mnf or www.facebook.com/MonongahelaNF.

CLUB & CHURCH

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 Mar. 6.

WSS Tilapia Dinners continue for Lenten Season

The traditional Lenten fried or baked tilapia dinners, served in the White Sulphur Springs Community Center behind Emanuel United Methodist Church downtown, began Feb. 24 and will continue each Friday through Mar. 31 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. The meal consists of tilapia, scalloped potatoes, cole slaw, hard rolls, and your choice of drinks and desserts.

“We held the price down as much as we could, considering inflation,” notes Andrew Wrzosek of Waitesville, grand knight of the Greenbrier Valley Council 8689 Knights of Columbus, the sponsoring organization.

Eat in or to-go dinners are available at \$15 for adults, \$8 for children 12 and under, and under 5 years old are free. “We are offering an extra piece of tilapia for an additional \$5,” he added. “This is the first time we have offered eat in dinners since the Lenten season in 2020, offering take out only for past two years and we are pleased to offer these methods of service once again.”

Proceeds from the dinners go to the community, youth, church, and service projects of the Greenbrier Valley Council which consists of members from Pocahontas, Greenbrier, Monroe, and eastern Fayette counties.

The most recent major project was purchasing and distributing 96 new children’s winter coats in the four county area, in cooperation with the Family Resource Network of Pocahontas County; the Wellspring of Meadow River Country, Family Resource Network of Monroe County; Alderson Elementary School, Smoot Elementary School, White Sulphur Springs Elementary School, and gently used winter wear through Wellspring, Family Resource Network of Monroe County; Lewisburg/Fairlea Food Pantry; and the Donald Davis Memorial Toy Fund of Summers and western Greenbrier County.

For further information and directions to the dinners, telephone the office of the Catholic Churches of the Greenbrier Valley 304-536-

1813 or Knights of Columbus 304-645-1373.

New Growth Group at Rhema Christian Center

It turns out, giving up your “right” to be offended can be one of the most freeing, healthy, simplifying, relaxing, refreshing, stress-relieving, encouraging things you can do. It’s a radical, provocative idea that - We’re not entitled to get offended or stay angry. The idea of our own “righteous anger” is a myth.

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- How to adjust your expectations to fit human nature
- Replace perpetual anger with refreshing humility and gratitude

This study seeks to lift religious burdens allowing us to experience the joy of gratitude, perhaps for the first time, every day of our lives.

Join Judy Tucker and Terri Beavers for an in-depth study and discussion of Brant Hansen’s book Unoffendable Thursdays at Rhema Christian Center from 6 to 7:30 p.m. beginning Mar. 30. For more information and to register please visit therhemalife.com or call the church office at 304-645-6999.

Henning Church of God Ladies hold March Meeting

The Ladies of the Henning Church of God met on Tuesday, Mar. 14, in the church fellowship hall for their regular monthly meeting. President Carole Spencer presided and Barb Seldomridge led in prayer.

Marsha Merritt presented the devotion, “The State of Your Heart,” with scripture references Proverbs 15:13, Philippians 4:7, and Proverbs 4:23. March is almost half over. Time seems to go more quickly when we are older. Valentine’s Day is in February along with heart healthy month. To prevent heart disease, a heart healthy diet is proposed with limited sodium, processed meats, creams, butter and all that good stuff. What is the state of your heart spiritually? We can tell when someone has a good day by a smile in the face of adversity. If someone has a sad heart, they will have a sense of defeat in everything they do. The world tries to break us. Don’t allow negativity to seep out. The right way is the positive way. The heart is the reason we show joy or brokenness. There are times when we need help in a season of despair. We need to guard our heart because everything flows from it. How is your heart spiritually, today?

Barb Seldomridge presented the missionary education report, “For I Was Hungry,” by Abby Torlison. Abby was in Costa Rica and met Rosa and Mateo living in the tent city. They fled Venezuela and left behind a month’s wages of thirteen dollars. Mateo was Rosa’s son. She carried him the whole way because he had no shoes. They traveled through the Darien Gap, it is the area that connects the North and South American continents with central America. It is very dangerous because there are bands of criminals located in this area. The Americans found Mateo a pair of shoes and a stuffed animal. Most of the refugees in the tent city want to come to the United States and were curious about it and how people felt about them. What is the answer to immigration? What will happen to the tent city? Church members are going to serve these people. They will remain close to the broken hearted, the way God is close to us. Jesus suffered for us. What are we willing to sacrifice for him? We need to step out of our comfort zone no matter if it is for a child or widow.

Jamie Harvey gave the treasurer’s report and Pauline Perkins read last month’s minutes.

Carole thanked the group for bringing Children’s Home Society items. Members will join next month. The group will be serving the Maxwellton Ruritans on Mar. 23. Easter egg hunt will be Saturday, Apr. 8 and the Easter Cantata will be Sunday morning service, Apr. 9. The spring convention will be held Apr. 28-29 at Rippling Waters. The speaker will be Lori Salierno and the program will be, “A Night to Remember.” There will be no election and all officers will remain the same as last year. The group will also have their yard sale May 6.

Joan Vance presented members a shamrock and challenged members to contact three families not connected to our church and invite them to church. St. Patrick took Christian faith to Ireland and by the time of his death, most people there had heard the gospel. The shamrock is shaped like three hearts in a trinity.

The next meeting will be Apr. 11 and Marsha Merritt dismissed in prayer.

Attending were: Alice Coff, Barb Seldomridge, Carole Spencer, Christine Cullen, Cindy Fleshman, Dyan Hefner, Jamie Harvey, Joan Vance, Marsha Merritt, Marty Burns, Patty Owens and Pauline Perkins.

Celtic Knot 5K Run/Walk resumes after lengthy COVID hiatus



The Celtic Knot Fun Run/Walk will return to Lewisburg this Saturday, Mar. 25, following three years of COVID complications. The race starts at the Lee Street Studios parking lot and will traverse in front of the Osteopathic School, through Crowfields Circle and Lamplighter neighborhoods, before connecting back

to the Hub via Dwyer Lane. Participants can register online or on the morning of the race, beginning at 8:30 a.m. The race kicks off at 10 a.m.

Refreshments are sold onsite, and a raffle will be made up of donations from Downtown Lewisburg businesses. All kids aged 17 and under and AmeriCorps members of all ages race for free! Everyone else can register online now for \$20.

The event, sponsored by the Hub in Lewisburg, is a youth-run social enterprise that offers homework help, workshops, and community engagement for students and young people alike. To find out how to support the Hub and participate in the Celtic Knot this Saturday, Mar. 25, visit highrocks.org and click “upcom-

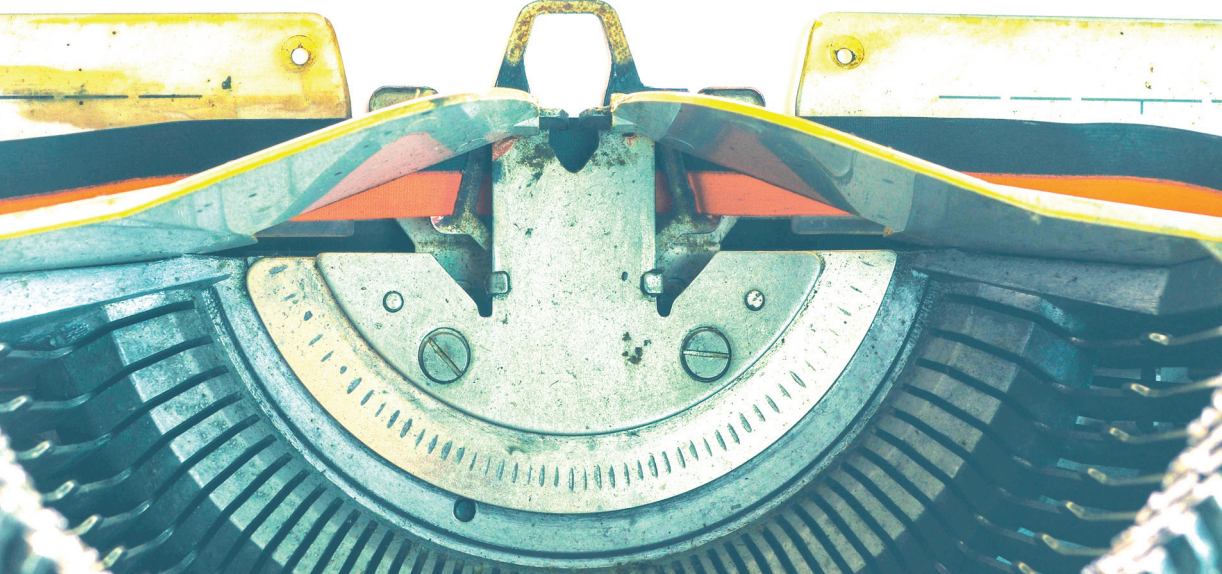
ing events.” Participants can register online or on the morning of the race, beginning at 8:30 a.m.

The Celtic Knot 5K is open to participants of all skill levels. Whether you are an avid runner, training for a marathon, or just looking for a fun Saturday stroll, the Celtic Knot offers a fun way to meet your health and wellness goals. Starting line registration on Saturday morning will be \$30.

“High Rocks is extremely excited to bring this event back to Lewisburg, in-person and on-the-ground-running,” Marketing, Outreach, and Data Coordinator Arron Seams said. “We value health and wellness and community engagement and there is no better example of this, than the Celtic Knot, which combines both.”

SCHOOL

What's your story?



Fantastic Fridays Writing Workshop planned at NRCTC

“Fantastic Fridays” is a new writing workshop addition to author Belinda Anderson’s “Fun Fridays” series offered by New River Community and Technical College. The class, offered through the convenience of a conference call, starts Apr. 21. “Fantastic Fridays” is a new focus for the college’s successful “Fun Fridays” writing workshop series taught by Anderson. “Students will find their expression of their creativity expanding by exploring fantastical elements,” Anderson said. Anderson, the author of four books and an experienced teacher, will present a variety of writ-

ing concepts, followed by playful prompts, to stimulate both new writers and practicing writers of both fiction and nonfiction. “It’s an hour of fun intended to inject energy into new and ongoing projects,” Anderson said. “Writers will find new doors opening - and maybe some windows, too. “Scientific studies have shown that creative play can create new neural pathways in the brain,” Anderson added. “Author Kurt Vonnegut advised, ‘Practice any art ... to experience becoming, to find out what’s inside you.’” “Fantastic Fridays” meets for three weeks

at 10 a.m. on Fridays through an audio-only conference call. The class can be accessed either through an internet conference call connection or by landline telephone - high-speed internet is not required. The hour-long conference calls will provide time for questions and participant sharing, with group e-mail follow-up as needed. The workshop is open both to new and experienced writers. Students continuing with the series will enjoy brand-new material. Tuition for the class is \$75. The registration deadline is Apr. 5. Participants will be emailed the conference call num-

ber and access codes after registering and paying for the class. Visit www.newriver.edu/community for information on upcoming classes or register for the course or contact Gloria Kincaid (304-793-6101, gkincaid@newriver.edu). Learn more about Anderson and her work online at www.BelindaAnderson.com. New River CTC’s Workforce Education Division provides community education classes and employable educational opportunities including noncredit courses, workforce development programs and customized training.

Spotlight on Education at Lewisburg Rotary Club



Robert Crawford, deputy director (left); Dr. Amelia Courts, chief executive officer; and Sally Barton, vice president, all of The Education Alliance

At the regular lunch meeting of the Lewisburg Rotary Club on Monday, Mar. 13, the Club hosted Dr. Amelia Courts, chief executive officer of The Education Alliance. The Education Alliance is an independent, nonprofit organization that advocates for public education in the State of West Virginia. In partnership with businesses throughout West Virginia, the Education Alliance seeks to mentor and empower students for success in their future careers. Through the work of the Caperton Center, The Education Alliance connects public schools with businesses to create partnerships for education access and equity. The Education Alliance also connects students to post-secondary education opportunities through virtual college visits and other programs. Also at the Mar. 13, meeting, the Lewisburg Rotary Club honored the service of Greenbrier County Sheriff’s Department Deputy Sergeant S. W. Hudnall and his K-9



K-9 Deputy Layla and Deputy Sergeant S.W. Hudnall

deputy teammate, Layla. The Club hosted this special team in recognition of National K-9 Veterans Day, which is the day set aside to honor the service and sacrifices of American military and police dogs.

Obituary

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Clifford Marshall Church continued

respected and loved by many. After retiring from the Air Force in 1976 he attended a bible college in Florida and also studied law at the local community college in Lewisburg. Clifford had a zest for life and a very unselfish giving nature. He loved traveling around the world, all kinds of music, long drives in the country, gardening, walking the Greenbrier River Trail, watching the sun set, reading

and collecting books, collecting hats, buying gifts, and playing checkers. Clif loved and leaves behind his daughters, Debra Spencer, Brenda Weaver, Jacqueline Jauz, and Peggy Ferdinand who cherish his memory as does his sister, Doris (Church) Campbell from Fort Lauderdale, FL and his sister-in-law, Nancy Church of Ronceverte. Clif was a grandpa, great-grandpa, brother, uncle, father, husband, friend, and fellow church member to many

who loved him dearly. His grandchildren are: Gaylyn Woodruff and husband Scott, Christine Newlon, David Collins, Sonny Church, Anthony DeCoach, Justin Ferdinand, Joshua Jauz and wife Danielle, Jesse Jauz, Joy Jauz, Katie Weaver, and Abby Weaver. His great-grandchildren are: Hannah Woodruff, Tyler Woodruff, Jake Woodruff, Collin Woodruff, Jonah Woodruff, Cameron Collins, Joey Newlon, Maggie Estep, Marley Jauz, Simon Jauz, Scout Jauz, and

the youngest, Addalicia Keeling. There are numerous nieces and nephews with whom he had special relationships as well, and with dear friends, Kimberly and Robert King and Harry McCormack. The funeral service will be on Saturday, Mar. 25, at 11 a.m. at the Lewisburg Church of Christ. Online guestbook may be signed at www.morganfh.net. Arrangements by Morgan Funeral Home, Lewisburg, WV.

Christopher McCullough Earns Faculty Honors at Georgia Tech

Christopher McCullough of Lewisburg earned the distinction of Faculty Honors for Fall 2022 at the Georgia Institute of Technology. This designation is awarded to undergraduate students who have earned a 4.0 academic average for the semester. The Georgia Institute of Technology, or Georgia Tech, is one of the top public research universities in the U.S., developing leaders who advance technology and improve the human condition. The Institute offers business, computing, design, engineering, liberal arts, and sciences degrees. Its more than 45,000 undergraduate and graduate students, representing 50 states and more than 148 countries, study at the main campus in Atlanta, at campuses in France and China, and through distance and online learning. As a leading technological university, Georgia Tech is an engine of economic development for Georgia, the Southeast, and the nation, conducting more than \$1 billion in research annually for government, industry, and society.

James Monroe Youth Govt’ Officers Honored

West Virginia Youth Senate President Shane Arthur and Youth Speaker of the House Emma Ballard were honored by their respective legislative bodies at the State Capitol in Charleston on Mar. 8. They were elected by their peers at the 2022 Youth Leadership Association (YLA) Youth Government session and will preside over this year’s session. Speaker Ballard had the opportunity to serve in this



WV Legislative Photography, Photo by Will Price

Youth Senate President Shane Arthur at his post. capacity before the actual House of Delegates and led the session during its “introduction of guests” phase. This recognition would not have been possible without the contributions of Senate President Craig Blair, Senator Jack Woodrum, Senator Vince Deeds, House Speaker Roger Hanshaw, Delegate Roy Cooper, and Delegate Todd Longanacre. YLA Youth Government (YG) attracts over 300 students from more than 20 high schools across West Virginia to replicate the legislative, judicial,



WV Legislative Photography, Photo by Perry Bennett

Youth Speaker of the House Emma Ballard presiding over the session’s introductions phase.

and executive branches for three days in the State Capitol in April, after the actual legislative session ends. Election to statewide office is therefore, challenging and JMHS has had great success in winning these contests for the past decade. YG develops skills in critical thinking, written and spoken communication, and civics. Anyone desiring to support this program financially or with expertise in government should contact Dr. Scott Womack at swomack@k12.wv.us or via phone at 304-753-5182.

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STEPPIN' OUT

James and the Giant Peach at Greenbrier Valley Theatre

The Students of GVT's Education Program Present a Classic



James and the Giant Peach Jr. will run at Greenbrier Valley Theatre through Apr. 1.

James and the Giant Peach has been delighting families for decades. Many will know the children's novel written in 1961, even more will know the Disney film from 1996. Now the stage production is coming to Greenbrier Valley Theatre (GVT).

Based on one of Roald Dahl's most recognizable and quirky stories, the musical follows James as he discovers a magic potion that grows a tremendous peach and launches him into a journey beyond his wildest imagination. Joining him is a band of singing insects as they ride the peach across the ocean towards an unlikely family bond.

Ali Wills, a senior in her final GVT Education Program production, plays Spiker, one of James's aunts that propels him to finding the magical peach.

"Audiences will enjoy the theme of community and found-family," says Wills. "James and the Giant Peach has such a funny way of going about it where audiences experience the heartwarming theme while still laughing at the funny songs and dances."

Directed by Jacob Masters, James and the Giant Peach

will also bring some unique twists to the stage that go beyond the original story.

"It has challenged us to grow, and think outside the box," said Wills. "We want to think about unique ways to make the story personal to us and our theatre."

Now entering its 56th season, Greenbrier Valley Theatre, is a mainstay and theatre destination located in Lewisburg. The arts organization has been further recognized as a "West Virginia Jewel of the Hills," awarded the Living the Dream Service Organization Honor Roll by The Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission, and is a multi-year recipient of Non-Profit Business of the Year. GVT boasts a robust series of year-round programming and educational offers with the goal to enlighten, enrich, and enliven throughout the region.

James and the Giant Peach Jr. opened at GVT on Mar. 23 and runs through Apr. 1. Tickets are \$17 for general seating, \$15 for seniors, and \$13 for students. For more information on tickets, shows, and the organization's history, visit the theatre's website www.gvtheatre.org or call the box office at 304-645-3838.

Logo revealed for 2023 US Capitol Christmas Tree Project

This year the People's Tree will come from Monongahela National Forest in West Virginia

Amy Albright, project manager for the 2023 US Capitol Christmas Tree Project, has announced the new logo designed especially for the project.

"All of us at Monongahela National Forest are so excited to share this logo which was specifically designed with the landscape of West Virginia in mind," said Albright. "We are proud of the Mountain State, and we worked to ensure that the logo reflects that."

Monongahela National Forest has provided the US Capitol Christmas Tree previously in 1970 and 1976. This year's theme is "Endlessly Wild and Wonderful".

The Forest Service has partnered with the non-profit Choose Outdoors to assist in the creation of a conservation education campaign about the multi-use mission of the Forest Service. The public will be able to join in the fun through virtual and in-person events throughout the year, including making ornaments to adorn the tree.

Monongahela National Forest was established in

outreach programs to schools and youth organizations across the state.

"We see this project as an opportunity to celebrate the state of West Virginia and share the mission and values of the Forest Service," said Forest Supervisor Shawn Cochran. "Our project goals include engaging with children, communities, and non-profit organizations, and strengthening existing relationships with stakeholders including tribal, state, and local governments."

Once the tree is selected and harvested, it will be toured around communities in West Virginia and surrounding states before being delivered to the Architect of the Capitol in Washington, DC. The initiative is made possible with support from the presenting sponsor, 84 Lumber, and with cash and in-kind contributions from companies large and small, along with vital support from volunteers locally and across America.

Monongahela National Forest was established in

1920 and includes more than 920,000 acres of federal land in 10 West Virginia counties. It's a working forest managed for multiple uses including outdoor recreation, range, timber, water, fish and wildlife, and wilderness.

Follow the journey of the 2023 US Capitol Christmas Tree and be a part of the festivities at www.uscapitolchristmastree.com, @uscapitolchristmastree on Instagram, on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/USCapitolChristmasTree>, or the Monongahela National Forest website at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/mnf> and <https://www.facebook.com/MonongahelaNF>



Super Crossword

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Carnegie Hall presents the John Jorgenson Quintet



John Jorgenson Quintet performing April 14

Carnegie Hall’ Mainstage Performance Series continues with John Jorgenson Quintet Friday, Apr. 14, at 7:30 p.m. 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 are available.

John Jorgenson is perhaps best known for his guitar work with bands such as the Desert Rose Band and The Hellecasters. Jorgenson is also proficient in the mandolin, mandocello, Dobro, pedal steel, piano, upright bass, clarinet, bassoon, and saxophone. John Jorgenson, known for his blistering guitar and mandolin licks and mastery of a broad musical palette, has earned a reputation as a world-class musician, as evidenced by his collaborations with Earl Scruggs, Bonnie Raitt, Elton John, Luciano Pavarotti, Bob Dylan and many others.

First coming to national attention in the mid ‘80s as co-founder of successful country-rock act The Desert Rose Band, an eclectic array of artists such as Bonnie Raitt, Bob Seger and Barbra were drawn to add Jorgenson’s artistry to their own recordings. While a member of the Desert Rose Band, Jorgenson won the Academy of Country Music’s “Guitarist of the Year” award two consecutive years.

In the ‘90s The Hellecasters gave audiences a chance to experience John’s fretboard fireworks in an unrestrained venue and the trio’s three original albums remain favorites of guitarists everywhere. Having been a fan of the Desert Rose Band, Elton John invited Jorgenson to join his band in 1994 for an 18-month tour that stretched into a six-year stint of touring, recording and TV appearances with the British superstar, in addition to collaborations with other artists including Sting and Billy Joel.

2010 marked the 100th birthday of the great gypsy guitarist Django Reinhardt. Since discovering Django in 1979, Jorgenson has become “the US Ambassador of Gypsy Jazz” which is quite an honor given the distinctly European slant of the music’s heritage. Over

the years Jorgenson has continued to honor the legacy of Reinhardt by bringing his unique brand of Gypsy Jazz to the masses with his John Jorgenson Quintet.

Jorgenson continues to expand his dynamic range of musical offerings, exploring new elements of world music, bluegrass, rock and classical as he captivates and enlightens fellow musicians and listeners along the way. Touring with multiple musical configurations such as the John Jorgenson Quintet, the John Jorgenson Electric Band, the John Jorgenson Bluegrass Band and the Desert Rose Band. Jorgenson annually plays dates across the U.S. and Europe. Each permutation allows him to make prodigious use of his mastery of many instruments; no matter which band Jorgenson is playing with - his brilliant guitar work leads the way with music that is a combination of groundbreaking playing full of soaring melodies and driving rhythms.

His contribution is utterly one of a kind by not only Jorgenson’s skillful guitar playing, but also his solo clarinet, bouzouki, and vocal performances as well.

Legends like Elton John, Earl Scruggs and Duane Eddy along with fellow guitarists such as Tommy Emmanuel, Peter Frampton and Brad Paisley have sung Jorgenson’s praises, and the best way to find out what they already know is to check out this artist who is leaving a lasting legacy in the art of guitar performance.

Tickets start at \$28, 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, or stop by at 611 Church Street, Lewisburg. The Carnegie Hall Box Office is open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

This engagement of John Jorgenson Quintet 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.

Gov. Justice declares April WV Native Plant Month



April is

NATIONAL NATIVE PLANT MONTH

The West Virginia Native Plant Society and the Kanawha Garden Club are pleased to announce the signing of a proclamation by Governor Jim Justice on Feb. 20, officially designating Apr. 2023 as “West Virginia Native Plant Month.” This is a coordinated effort across all 50 states to increase awareness of the critical role native plants play in supporting a healthy environment and ensuring thriving wildlife and pollinator populations. We are extremely grateful to Governor Justice for taking the lead and recognizing how important native plants are to keeping West Virginia “Wild and Wonderful.”

The National Native Plant Month initiative was started in 2021. Senator Rob Portman (R-Ohio) and Senator Mazie Hirono (D-Hawaii) are the founding co-sponsors of a

bipartisan Senate Resolution to designate April 2021 and April 2022 as National Native Plant Month. With the retirement of Senator Portman, Senator Mike Braun (R-Indiana) and Senator Mazie Hirono have agreed to co-sponsor the renewal of the Senate Resolution to make April 2023, National Native Plant Month.

The West Virginia Native Plant Society has been working to protect and preserve WV’s native plants for over 40 years. The Kanawha Garden Club (a member of the Garden Club of America) has been educating its members and the general public in the fields of horticulture, gardening, beautification, conservation, and the environment since 1921.

Native plants are special because they have evolved over thousands of years alongside

native bees, birds, and wildlife. The intricate relationships that have developed between local flora and fauna are extremely specialized and cannot be replaced with ornamental, non-native plants. Our landscapes today often contain plants collected from around the world, but many of our insects and caterpillars have not evolved quickly enough to be able to eat these strange, exotic foods.

Therefore, native plants are unique because they provide food for native wildlife. Incorporating so many non-native plants into our landscapes has caused a sharp decline in pollinators and wildlife species, because of destruction of habitat and the lack of food.

To help reverse this trend, many more native plants need to be planted across the country, including a wide variety of native plants with flowers that have different blooming times, flower colors, and flower shapes.

During the month of April, people and organizations across the state can celebrate native plants by planting native trees, shrubs, perennials and grasses, planning educational events with schools and community organizations, hosting hands-on workshops, removing non-native invasive plants so native plants can thrive, and restoring areas with native habitats to allow birds, bees, butterflies and all wildlife to flourish.

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What Can We Do?

STRIP MINING in Greenbrier County

3,300 acres is being permitted to be coal mined in Northern Greenbrier County.

If you live in the Greenbrier Valley, this may affect small streams, river water, and our drinking water due to run-off of increased sediment.

This WILL affect endangered species like the Candy Darter and Brown Trout. Haul roads, blasting and total tree removal with affecting the areas near Monongahela National Forest and residents of the area.

Contact Greenbrier Watershed Association, Mountain Advocacy, Alleghany Blue Ridge Alliance and other groups trying to protect our wild areas.

Also contact WV DEP. They should vigorously enforce environmental laws.