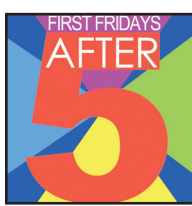




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## Historic Ronceverte home enters next era with rebranding as Hollerwood House

*The former Edgerton Inn steps into new era with a focus on event space*

Ronceverte residents have long admired the grey home tucked behind the pine trees on the corner of Main and Walnut streets. The house, the oldest in Ronceverte built by Thomas Edgar who founded Ronceverte, was a thriving bed and breakfast before the Covid-19 pandemic and is now stepping into its next iteration as an event space.

Guests to the Hollerwood House will be treated to the tranquility of the holler with the vibe and style of the West Coast. Chris and Jorge Rodriguez-Stanley are thrilled to open the doors to host events from book clubs to fitness classes to wedding rehearsal dinners to baby showers.

"I grew up coming to his house and it has been updated a couple times since,"

said Chris. "I am so excited to be part of the next update to the house and property. We want this to be a place for the community. A place where you can come wearing sweatpants for a fitness class, your pajamas for a movie night, or dressed to the nines for your best friend's wedding."

While the rooms are available to rent, including as part of events, the couple says that the bed and breakfast aspect of the house will be relaunching later this year. Food will be provided to the Hollerwood House by the RNCVRT Café, which is coming soon.

The two business owners have been working behind the scenes to get both businesses off the ground while bringing

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Owners Chris and Jorge Rodriguez-Stanley say that the bed and breakfast aspect of the Hollerwood House will launch later this year, and that they will also be opening the RNCVRT Café in the future.

## Three southern West Virginians receive Golden Ticket on American Idol

By RealWV Staff

It's official - Kamron Lawson (Raleigh), Caden Glover (Monroe), and Andre Williams (Greenbrier) are all going to Hollywood for the next round of American Idol!

The three Appalachians competed on American Idol Season 21. Kamron's episode aired a few weeks ago and saw him receive a golden ticket from the judges. This secured his spot in the next round of



Kamron Lawson (left), Caden Glover, and Andre Williams

the competition in Hollywood.

Everyone was anxious to see Caden and Andre

compete as well, since they both appeared in trailers for this season. Initial auditions ended with

last night's show, and they weren't seen.

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## Lewisburg Chocolate Festival next weekend

Secure your tasting tickets now!

The 15th annual Lewisburg Chocolate Festival is fast approaching and will be held on Saturday, Apr. 8, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Visit [www.unitedwaygreenbrier.org/LCF](http://www.unitedwaygreenbrier.org/LCF) to purchase tasting tickets. Tickets will be ready for pickup on the day of the festival at Will-Call at City National Bank (downtown Lewisburg branch) from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tickets are \$1 each and come in sets of five. Most tastings cost \$1, some are \$2. Tickets usually sell out quickly, so don't wait!

A shuttle service will be provided by MTA from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. every 20-30 minutes from the bottom of the Walmart parking lot to and from the Lewisburg United Methodist Church parking lot.

Dogs not permitted.

## County Commission signs Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation, moves Quinwood broadband project forward

By Adam Pack

Tuesday morning's regular meeting of the Greenbrier County commission began with an address to the commission by Mary Carr of Children's Home Society of West Virginia, in her capacity as a representative of the Children's Memorial Flag Day Committee. Carr requested that the commission officially proclaim April as Child Abuse Prevention Month and announce this year's date for the Children's Memorial Flag Day Ceremony. Carr and the committee requested the use of the outside of the courthouse for the ceremony, as well as the use of the first floor courtroom in the event of rain. The commission was more than happy to approve this, with Commissioner Tinchner noting, "We've been unable to do this for the last couple of years, so we'd be very glad to have you all back for the ceremony." The motion to approve the use of courthouse property for the Children's Memorial Flag Day Ceremony on Apr. 28 at 12 noon was approved.

The proclamation of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month reads, in part: "Whereas, in federal fiscal year 2022, more than 3.1 million reports of child abuse were made to child protective services, and whereas child abuse and neglect is a serious problem affecting every segment of our community and finding solutions requires input and action from everyone ... be it resolved that the Greenbrier County Commission does hereby proclaims the month of April, 2023, as Child Abuse Prevention Month, and

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## Old Seneca Health building demoed, 'public park/parking lot hybrid' planned

By Adam Pack

What has long been referred to as "The Old Seneca Health building" across from the New River Community and Technical College campus has been the site of some very extensive and public demolition beginning the third week of March. Angus Peyton of the James F.B. Peyton Fund, a non-profit working with the City of Lewisburg to develop part of the property, has another name for the complex of buildings on the corner of Church and Foster Street: "A kid trap. Whenever you have abandoned buildings you inevitably have kids who want to get in there, and then they inevitably get hurt."

Peyton and his organization are therefore assisting the city with removing the dangerous and unattractive buildings. However, the fund is not content simply to remove the buildings on the plot and stop there. "Demolition, of course, is just phase 1 of this project," explained Peyton. "We have in the works some new municipal parking, as well as ten 'electric vehicle supercharger' charging stations."

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Crowds gather as crews begin work to remove the Old Seneca Health building on the corner of Foster and Church Street on Thursday, Mar. 23.

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## Babydog secures second film role

**By Matt Young**

On the heels of Disney’s successful 2019 remake of the 1955 animated classic Lady and the Tramp, Nickelodeon Films hopes to duplicate that success with a modern reimagining of their own famous pup - Blue of Blue’s Clues-fame.

Much like the Lady and the Tramp remake, Blue’s Clues will be a live action/ CGI hybrid. Although director Francis Ford Coppola has stated he intends to keep the CGI to a minimum.

“Obviously we have to make the dog blue,” Coppola said in a recent interview. “We’ll use the computers for that.”

Coppola also stated that his film will be nothing like 2022’s “Blue’s Big City Adventure” which saw original host, Steve Burns, reprise his role as Blue’s bestest buddy. Coppola’s film, titled “Blue: the Final Clue,” will follow the titular Blue (reimagined as a male dog) as he attempts to rescue a much older Steve - now played by famed character-actor Steve Buscemi - from the crippling realities of middle age.

“Steve’s older now, he’s lived and seen some things,” Buscemi told members of the press at a February media function.

Buscemi portrayed “Mr. Pink” in Quentin Tarrantino’s 1992 crime drama “Reservoir Dogs.” For his role in Martin Scorsese’s “Boardwalk Empire,” Buscemi received multiple Primetime Emmy, Golden Globe, and Screen Actors Guild award nominations. Coppola, himself a five-time winner of the Academy Award for Best Director, is known for the films “Apocalypse Now,” “Bram Stoker’s Dracula,” and The Godfather franchise.

According to Coppola, finding the perfect dog to play the lead role of Blue proved much easier than he’d first imagined.

“I was home watching a Christmas film with my wife,” Coppola said. “My sister, Adrian, was there watching with us. I saw this little bulldog on the television, and I got all excited.”

“Adrian, she was all, “Settle down, Francis!” Coppola added. “But I knew it right away - that dog was my Blue! So, I told her, ‘Yo Adrian, we did it! That’s my boy, Blue!’”

The movie was “Christmas at The Greenbrier,” and the bulldog who so thoroughly caught Coppola’s attention was none other than West Virginia’s first pup, Babydog. The film was shot on location at the Greenbrier Resort in White Sulphur Springs.

The Greenbrier Resort is owned by West Virginia’s governor, and Babydog’s proud papa, Jim Justice. Coppola wasted little time reaching out to Justice in the hopes of securing the bulldog’s services.

“When Francis makes you an offer you can’t refuse, it surely to heavens don’t have mud flaps or squirrel tails,” Justice said, of his conversation with Coppola. “This is just another example of the greatness we do here in West Virginia.”

Justice laughed about his attempt to persuade Coppola to cast him and First Lady Cathy Justice as the characters “Mr. Salt” and “Mrs. Pepper,” but said he abandoned his efforts when “Cathy about killed me.” However, Justice continues to publicly lobby for the casting of WV Secretary of State Mac Warner as “Mailbox,” and Attorney General Patrick Morrisey as “Slippery Soap.” There is no word yet on casting choices for Blue’s K-9 friend “Magenta.” However, Elon Musk’s dog, Floki, has been rumored for the part.

Academy Award winner Morgan Freeman has signed on to narrate the film. “Blue: the Final Clue” is scheduled to arrive in theaters across the country on Apr. 1.

Happy April Fools! While there may be no Blue’s Clues remake in the works, you can still spot Babydog accompanying Gov. Jim Justice around the state for plenty of time in the spotlight!

*(NOTE: This satirical-fiction was created with the assistance of Gov. Jim Justice’s Communications Office.)*



## American Idol

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But as soon as the show ended, Caden and Andre both posted pictures with their golden ticket! They said the show simply doesn’t air all successful auditions.

American Idol airs the Hollywood episodes on Apr. 2 and 3 at 8 p.m. Check your local TV provider for listings.

You can catch Andre in concert at Ronceverte Presbyterian Church on Apr. 2 at 6 p.m. A love offering will be taken up for him and for Communities in Schools of Greenbrier County. Seating is first-come, first-served. The doors open at 5 p.m.

## PICK OF THE LITTER



### VIXEN

Vixen is a one year old heeler mix and weighs 45 pounds



### NEVAEH

Nevaeh is a six year old German Shepherd mix and weighs 57 pounds.

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

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

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

Call 304-645-4775 for more information.

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

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## Hollywood House

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The Hollerwood House, formerly known as the Edgarton Inn, is reopening as an event space for everything from weddings to book clubs.

a new feel to the spaces once occupied by The Edgarton Café and The Edgarton Inn. “We are so excited to finally let everyone see everything we have been working on all these months,” says Chris. “We want to bring something that residents of Ronceverte can enjoy while being true to our aesthetic. Ronceverte is on the rise and it feels so special to be a part of it.”

People interested in hosting events at the Hollerwood House can email thehollerwoodhouse@gmail.com. Some of the event packages available include weddings, receptions, rehearsal dinners, book clubs, meetings, photoshoots, baby showers, slumber parties, movie nights, quinceañeras, fitness classes, lectures, book signings, holiday parties/dinners, fundraisers, nonprofit gatherings, private parties, reunions, and more.

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# OPINION

## Nature’s Way

By Karen Cohen

*Come Together*

The daffodils are here, scores of them, gathered in bunches around our front yard. A few years ago, I started planting dozens of bulbs here and there in our woods, too. And I will continue that hobby. Every year 50 daffodil bulbs go in the ground in patches where the sun shines all day long. Early spring sure looks bright and cheery with those bold dashes of yellow in an otherwise dreary, brown setting.

Of course we take them by the bucket full into our house for decoration on tables and window sills, even in the bathroom! I also cut off lots of early, yet to fully bloom, forsythia branches and force them to bloom inside. It’s easy enough, just place a bunch in water and voila, instant bloom in just a few days. Another quick fix for the winter blues.

Trays of seedlings are kept warm at night on heating pads and then are brought out into the warm sunshine during the days when temps are 55 degrees or above. That’s how you “harden off” a new plant which is the way to have them adjust slowly to bright sunshine and warmer air outside. A light breeze blowing across little seedlings also strengthens up their root system as they sway gently back and forth. Wind will dry out soil faster than usual, so always check your soil moisture in pots and seedling trays, inside or outside. I use a spritzer bottle of water to lightly mist the soil, not the plant itself.

Growing fast are tomato and eggplant seeds alongside kale and cabbage seedlings. The cold hardy veggies like the kale and cabbage are ready to pop into prepared garden beds. Lots of rotted compost and manure was dumped months ago throughout our garden. Nutrients slowly leach into the ground and by the time the plants are ready to sink into it, the additives will mellow out and not burn them.

I joined the nonprofit Seed Savers Exchange this year and was thrilled to find their catalog filled with hundreds of heirloom seeds, open pollinated, untreated, non-hybrid, non-GMO seeds. These are the only kind of seeds I sow and my choice is deliberate. Browsing through the catalog, I find the descriptions of seeds most fascinating, such as a “lustrous tiny red pepper,” originally collected by none other than Thomas Jefferson in 1812. There’s a drought resistant sweet corn seed called Stowell’s Evergreen which was introduced in the mid 1800’s by Nathaniel Newman Stowell of Pennsylvania. If you have ever wondered where your seeds come from-this is the “go to” source for tracing back seeds to former generations of avid growers.

Saving seeds is important. Planting those saved seeds is even more important. It’s called growing out the seed. That is the way to keep the seed “alive” and thriving, to be able to be saved and perhaps swapped. We don’t need big seed commercial companies to do that for us. They often have additives and GMOs spliced into their seeds. By owning the patents on their own seeds, it means that you as a consumer cannot trade them. You cannot because you are not the owner, the seed company is. Many hybridized seeds are sterile and will not produce seeds anyway, so again, you are forced to go back to the company to buy the seeds year after year. That may work for some folks, but I got off that bandwagon decades ago. I love the idea of keeping old time seeds in the hands and

### Commentary

## April is Alcohol Awareness Month in West Virginia

The West Virginia Alcohol Beverage Control Administration (WVABCA) is pleased to report that Governor Jim Justice has officially recognized April as Alcohol Awareness Month in West Virginia. In issuing a proclamation, Governor Justice emphasized the need to increase public awareness and understanding about the dangers associated with underage alcohol use and adult alcohol misuse.

Since 1987, the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence has recognized April as Alcohol Awareness Month. According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC) every year in the United States approximately 95,000 people die from alcohol related causes. Alcohol Use Disorder (AUD) affects about 15 million adults in the United States, (National Institute for Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism-NIAAA). The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) reports that about 2.3 million adolescents aged 12 to 17 in 2019 drank alcohol in the past month, and about 1.2 million of these adolescents binge drank in the last month.

### County Commission

encourages all citizens to become interested in the lives of children and families living around them, to offer support, helping to reduce the likelihood of child maltreatment.” The Commission signed the proclamation unanimously.

The county also took another step towards realizing the goal of broadband internet access in the Quinwood area. At Tuesday’s meeting, the commission accepted a bid for legal counsel services for the project. The firm selected will work with the county’s legal counsel to help deal with all legal matters pertaining to the acquisition of land, drafting of contracts, and other issues arising throughout the life of the project. The firm selected was Steptoe & Johnson, PLLC of Charleston, West Virginia. Commissioner Rose explained the decision by saying, “we’ve used Steptoe [& Johnson] before and have always had a good experience.”

The county also presented their budget for Fiscal Year 2023-24. The commission took time to discuss the upcoming rate increase from PEIA. PEIA, as per legislative acts in the most recent session, will soon be raising their rates. The percentage of the raise is not yet locked down but will soon be finalized by the PEIA board. PEIA member institutions have been advised to budget for and prepare for a 20 percent increase.

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The Commission explained that this is not the first rate increase as of late, and that they will be responding in the same way as last time. “We had a 5 percent increase last year, and what we did then was simply to take that extra cost onto ourselves [the county]. We’ll be doing that again this year, whatever the percentage may turn out to be.” The county currently pays 80% of the costs associated with PEIA coverage for all county employees, and will continue to do so, and will absorb the cost of the rate increase without changing the current 80/20 split. The commission wanted to stress that “while we won’t be changing the split, PEIA users who work for the county will not see an increase in their rates.”

In closing, Commissioner Tincher reminded the public that, “as of this Friday, if your taxes are not paid, you will be determined delinquent on your taxes as of Apr. 1. You can pay your taxes here at the courthouse, or online.”

The Greenbrier County Commission will meet again on Tuesday, Apr. 11, at 10 a.m. in the Greenbrier County Commission offices, in the basement of the courthouse. The public is encouraged to attend. Interested parties should call 304-647-6689 ahead, as times and dates are subject to change.



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Seed exchanges and seed libraries have sprung up over the years in local neighborhoods and country libraries, some are in West Virginia. It’s a fun community project for gardeners who enjoy harvesting seeds from their plants and not just the vegetables to eat. This ensures that the following year you can reap what you sow.

People who want to trade seeds will have their first seed and plant swap on April 23 in Lewisburg, WV. You can participate by potting up things already growing in your garden, too, such as rhubarb plants, oregano and catnip roots, yarrow stock, divided irises and peonies. Curious gardeners who have not yet attempted to save or swap their own seed can learn how easy it is to do from year to year. Testing the viability of seeds is a valuable lesson for beginners. Some seed companies donate loads of expired seed packets for the purpose of swapping since seeds can last many years.

When I think of growing maybe six tomato plants each year, do I really need a whole pack of seeds? The answer is no and the solution is to exchange them with other gardeners who are in the same boat! What a perfect way to celebrate Earth Day weekend and meet like-minded home growers, too. Come together with hands open for giving and receiving.

*(Karen Cohen is an organic gardener and organizer for the first annual seed/plant swap. Send your comments, tips, and email for more info to [natureswaykaren@gmail.com](mailto:natureswaykaren@gmail.com) And Happy Growing!)*

### Commentary

## Gov. Justice issues statement on HB 2820

Gov. Jim Justice issued the following statement this week after he allowed HB 2820 to go into law without his signature:

“I fully support the ability of our HOPE scholarship recipients, students in microschools or learning pods, homeschooled students, or our private school students to participate in extracurricular activities at their school or at their local public school.

“However, the extra provision in this bill which allows all public school students to transfer schools and retain athletic eligibility one time during their four years of high school is something I have a big problem with.

“Allowing student athletes to transfer to any school whatsoever with no purpose other than jumping to a better athletic team will do nothing but make a few teams better at the expense of all the others.

“As a high school coach, myself, I’ve spent decades with high schoolers, and I believe wholeheartedly that coaching is one of the most rewarding experiences you can participate in. It’s one that all West Virginians should get involved with at some point in their lives, because it’s up to us to pass down our wisdom to the next generation so that our teenagers are equipped to handle all that’s thrown at them from so many different directions.

“I couldn’t veto this bill because I strongly support allowing our HOPE scholarship recipients, students in microschools or learning pods, homeschooled students, and our private school students to participate in extra-curricular activities across the board. However, I will ask the Legislature next session to revisit the transfer rules, because if we don’t, I fear we’re heading down the wrong path with our high school athletes and opening up the door to many unintended consequences.”

### Commentary

## Governor’s Highway Safety Program reminds drivers: U DRIVE. U TEXT. U PAY.

The West Virginia Governor’s Highway Safety Program (GHSP) is teaming up with the U.S. Department of Transportation’s National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and law enforcement agencies statewide for the national U Drive. U Text. U Pay. high-visibility enforcement effort. From April 3-10, law enforcement officers will work together to enforce texting and distracted driving laws. The GHSP also supports these efforts throughout the year with statewide education and enforcement activities.

According to NHTSA, nearly 32,483 people died in distraction-affected crashes over the ten-year period from 2011 to 2020. In 2020, there were 3,142 deaths linked to driver distraction, or 8% of all motor-vehicle crash fatalities. This is an increase of 23 fatalities compared to 2019.

Violating West Virginia’s distracted driving laws can be costly. The fine for the first offense of using a cell phone while driving in West Virginia is \$100 plus court costs. The second offense carries a fine of \$200 plus court costs. The consequences of a third offense and subsequent offenses are a \$300 fine plus court costs, plus merit points being applied to the driver’s license record.

The GHSP and NHTSA urge drivers to put their phones away when behind the wheel. If you need to text, pull over and do not drive while doing so. If you are the driver, follow these steps for a safe driving experience:

- If you are expecting a text message or need to send one, pull over and park your car in a safe location. Once you are safely off the road and parked, it is safe to text.
- Ask your passenger to be your “designated texter.”

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# OBITUARIES

### Charles Benton Elmore



**Ronceverte**-Charles Benton “Benny” Elmore, 87, went home to be with Jesus, Thursday, Mar. 23, 2023, at his home surrounded by his family.

Born Nov. 29, 1935, at Dorr, WV, he was the son of the late Theodore R. and Edna Pearl Wimmer Elmore.

Benny was a U.S. Army Korean War veteran. He was a faithful member of Ronceverte Baptist Church where he served as Deacon, Trustee, Sunday School Teacher, Assistant Sunday School Superintendent and sang in the choir. Benny was the Owner/Operator of Elmore’s Farm Supply for 20 years and was a long-time farmer. He was also a member of the Greenbrier County Farm Bureau, NRA, WV Cattle-men’s Association, and was a strong supporter of the Greenbrier County Republicans, where he served multiple terms as President of the Greenbrier County Republican Club and was honored as the Republican of the Year in 2003. Benny most importantly was selfless, honorable, humble, and was unquestionably one of the most faithful men known. He demonstrated the Fruits of the Spirit, had a constant drive to learn more about God and was a Christian witness that touched many.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in

death by three brothers, Donald, Henry, and Larry Elmore and one sister, Helen Taylor.

Survivors include his loving devoted wife of 62 years, Shirley Hess Elmore; son, Doug Elmore (Karen) of Ronceverte; daughter, Susie Anderson of Ronceverte; grandchildren, Ben and Hannah; brother, Dale Elmore (Bonnie) of Second Creek; sisters, Isabelle Cook of Richmond, VA, Naomi Painter of Richmond, VA and Rachel Carter of Fort Spring, WV; several nieces, nephews, and many friends.

Funeral service was held on Tuesday, Mar. 28, at the Morgan Funeral Home Chapel, Lewisburg, where Pastor Andy Howdick officiated. Visitation was before the service, Tuesday, at the funeral home.

Burial followed in the Wallace Memorial Cemetery, Clintonville.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made to the Peyton Hospice House, 1265 Maplewood Avenue, Lewisburg, WV 24901.

Online guestbook may be signed at [www.morganfh.net](http://www.morganfh.net). Arrangements by Morgan Funeral Home, Lewisburg, WV.

**Richard Donovan Organ Cave**-Richard “Dick” Donovan, 101, passed away Mondy, Mar. 27, 2023 at White Sulphur Springs Family Care Center.

Dick was born in Covington, VA, on Sept. 23, 1921 and grew up in Ronceverte.

He was a graduate of Greenbrier High School. Dick was a member of the WV National Guard and was called to active duty shortly after Dec. 7, 1941. He served in the

U.S. Army in the Panama Canal Zone, England and Germany during World War II.

Dick lived in Organ Cave for more than 70 years. He loved gardening and working around the house. He was an active member of the Organ Cave Community Association, an active member of Salem Presbyterian Church for most of his adult life and a trustee of Salem Presbyterian Church Cemetery Association.

Dick was a long time employee of the Greenbrier Laundry and The Greenbrier Hotel.

Dick was one of nine children born to G. P. and Ethel Wood Donovan.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife of 67 years, Juanita Parker Donovan.

He is survived by five children, Richard, Lois Dell’Accio (Vincent), Tim (Tina), Tom (Kay) and David (Mary); ten grandchildren, Ty Donovan (Melissa), Todd Donovan, Thomas Donovan, Christopher Dell’Accio (Melissa), Michael Dell’Accio (Jennie), Andrea Dell’Accio, Katie Ann Donovan, Kris Donovan, Michaela Donovan Keatley (Tyler), and Emily Donovan; five great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Dick will be Friday, Mar. 31, at 11 a.m. at the Salem Presbyterian Church with Pastor Kristi Moore officiating with interment with Military Rites in the church cemetery.

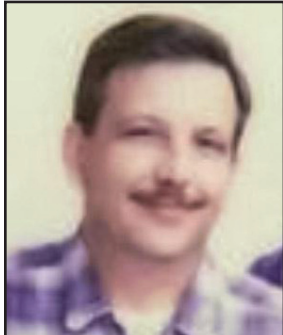
Visitation for Mr. Donovan was held Thursday evening, Mar. 30, from at Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Lewisburg and again from 10 a.m. until time of services at the church on Friday.

In lieu of flowers the

family suggests that memorial contributions be made to Salem Presbyterian Church, 2376 Seneca Trail South, Ronceverte, WV 24970.

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

### John Joseph Mansfield



John Joseph Mansfield, 59, passed away Thursday, Mar. 23, 2023.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jesse Lafon and Catherine Mansfield; brothers, Carl and Wesley Lafon; and his sisters, Patricia Myers, Dreama Jones, Katherine Burns and Geneva Propps.

Survivors include his sister-in-law, Brenda Lafon; best friend, Mike Saunders; brother, Gene Lafon; special great-niece and her children, Patricia Coffey, Makenzie and Easton; and numerous nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.

The family received friends Thursday evening, Mar. 30, at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford, VA. Funeral services followed the visitation with Pastor Ray Propps officiating.

The Mansfield family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory in Radford, VA. Online condolences may be submitted on the funeral home website: [www.mullinsfuneralhome.com](http://www.mullinsfuneralhome.com)

### John G. Osborne Citrus Springs, FL

-John G. Osborne, 70, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, Mar. 26, 2023.

He leaves behind his wife of 46 years, Debbie, and his son, John V. Osborne.

He was loved and will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

A private Celebration of Life will be held for immediate family only, but fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at [www.ferofuneralhome.com](http://www.ferofuneralhome.com) for the Osborne family.

### Armella Albertine Johnson



**Lewisburg**-Armella Albertine Johnson, 96, passed away Monday, Mar. 27, 2023.

Armella was born Aug. 25, 1926 in Victoria, KS, to the late Joseph Adam and Adelaide Meis Sander.

Armella was a member of the St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in White Sulphur Springs and was a homemaker who loved to cook and quilt. In her earlier years she was employed at Walker Air Base in Kansas and helped to paint the Enola Gay, a Boeing B-29 Superfortress Bomber.

Besides her parents, Armella is preceded in death by her husband, Elmer Dwain Johnson; three sisters; five brothers; daughter-in-law, Cookie Johnson and son-in-law, Roger L. Sheppard.

Survivors include daughter, Margie L. Sheppard; son, Robert D. “Bob” Johnson; four grandchildren, sixteen great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Apr. 1, at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in White Sulphur Springs with Father Jim Conyers officiating. Burial will follow in Greenbrier Memorial Gardens Mausoleum in Lewisburg.

Family will receive friends on Friday, Mar. 31, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Lewisburg.

In lieu of flowers donations of sympathy may be made to St. Charles Bor-

romeo Catholic Church Roof Fund.

Please send online condolences by visiting [www.WallaceandWallaceFH.com](http://www.WallaceandWallaceFH.com)

### Alijah Lee Peyton



**Lewisburg**- Alijah Lee Peyton, the three-month-old son of Robert Howard and Jeri Lynne Woods Peyton passed away Tuesday, Mar. 28, 2023, at his home.

Born Dec. 20, 2022, in Ronceverte, he was the brother of JonCarter Calhoun, Caliyah Newsome and Kamari Walton.

Alijah will be missed by his paternal grandmother, Carrie Peyton; maternal grandparents, Cheryl and Jerry Woods; maternal great-grandmother, Eline Weldon and maternal great-grandfather, Mildard Seams; aunts, Christina Peyton, and Kristen Woods (John Arnold) and uncle, Ryan Woods (Tonya); several great-aunts, great-uncles, and many cousins.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandfather, Robert Lee Peyton and maternal great-grandmother, Edith Seams.

Funeral service will be at 12 noon, Tuesday, Apr. 4, at the Morgan Funeral Home, Lewisburg, with Rev. Ronald Sherrod officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service. Burial will follow the service in the Mt. Zion Cemetery, Sinks Grove, WV.

Online guestbook may be signed at [www.morganfh.net](http://www.morganfh.net). Arrangements by Morgan Funeral Home, Lewisburg, WV.

## Andre Williams gospel concert set for April 2 at Ronceverte Presbyterian

André Williams will be performing a concert of gospel and praise and worship music at Ronceverte Presbyterian Church on Sunday, Apr. 2, at 6 p.m. Doors will open at 5 p.m. Seats are available on a first-come, first-served basis. A love offering will be accepted for André and Communities in Schools Greenbrier County (CISGC).

André is a graduate of Greenbrier West High School and a beloved artist in the Greenbrier Valley. He recently won a golden ticket on American Idol and is now heading to the next round of the competition Hollywood. He serves on the Board of CISGC, and Ronceverte Presbyterian Church is a supporter of theirs as well.

“We are so excited about this concert,” says Rev. Stephen Baldwin of Ronceverte Presbyterian Church. “This is a wonderful opportunity to support André, support Communities in Schools, and worship together as a community on Palm Sunday.”

The community is invited to attend. Ronceverte Presbyterian Church is located at 261 Locust Street, just off 219. Please direct any questions to 304-647-4400 or [rpc.sec@gmail.com](mailto:rpc.sec@gmail.com)

## Catholic services announced for Holy Week observance April 1-9

Holy Week services at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in White Sulphur Springs and St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church in Ronceverte have been announced beginning on Palm Sunday weekend with Masses at St. Charles of Borromeo at 4 p.m. on Saturday, Apr. 1, and Sunday at 9 a.m. Masses will be held at 11 a.m. on Sunday, Apr. 2 at St. Catherine of Siena.

On Tuesday, Apr. 4, there will be a Mass at St. Catherine of Siena at 8:30 a.m. and on Wednesday at St. Charles Borromeo at noon.

Holy Thursday Mass will be at St. Catherine of Siena at 6:30 p.m. and on Good Friday services will be held at St. Charles at noon and St. Catherine at 3 p.m.

On Holy Saturday, the Easter Vigil Mass will be at St. Charles at 8 p.m., and on Easter Sunday Masses will be at 9 a.m. at St. Charles and 11 a.m. at St. Catherine.

The choirs at each respective church will provide music at most services, and the public is invited to join the parishioners at either church to commemorate the historical events of the Holy Week.

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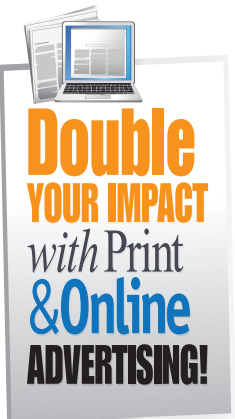
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# Dear Recycle Lady,

Spring is upon us, and if any of your readers are wondering what plants to grow, here is some information I have found helpful. There are benefits to using native plants in your garden and landscaping – they are low maintenance, conserve water, add beauty to the landscape, and provide food and shelter for wildlife. Secondly, according to author Doug Tallamy in Bringing Nature Home, “when native plants disappear, the insects disappear, thus impoverishing the food source for birds and other mammals.” Native plants and seeds can be purchased locally from Sunshine Farm & Gardens in Renick, WV (www.sunfarm.com, 304-497-2208) or they can be purchased online from www.prairiemoon.com.,

**Dear Recycle Lady,**  
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**Missed Earth Hour**  
**Dear Missed Earth Hour,**  
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**Dear Recycle Lady,**  
What are floating cities?  
**Sounds Interesting**

**Dear Lover of Birds, Bees, and Food**

**Dear Lover of Birds, Bees and Food,**  
Thanks for the very timely information. Hopefully, calling our attention to the value of native plants will inspire readers to use native plants in their gardens and landscaping. Native plants suitable for this area can be found at <https://www.nwf.org/NativePlant-Finder/Plants> by using



have lived on the water in fishing villages in Southeast Asia, Peru, and Bolivia. More modern homes on the water are found in Canada and the Netherlands. Floating cities of the future will have sustainable homes that are climate-friendly and offer an alternative to living in overcrowded cities. They must be able to withstand floods, hurricanes, tsunamis, and strong waves. Ideas for proposed platform designs, communal facilities, making seawater drinkable, harnessing wave power, and using organic waste to generate energy are being researched, along with the necessary supportive technology. For further information, see [www.freethеоcean.com/journal/move-over-land-sustainable-floating-cities-are-the-future/](http://www.freethеоcean.com/journal/move-over-land-sustainable-floating-cities-are-the-future/).

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# A Look Back



**By William “Skip” Deegans**  
When Margaret “Maggie” McCaffrey-Kapa’s mother, Verna McCaffrey, conferred with the dean of Cornell University’s School of Hotel Administration (aka Hotel School) about her daughter enrolling, she was told that “not many women entered and that they either flunked, left or got married.” Undeterred, Kappa applied and was admitted to Cornell.  
Although Cornell was one of the first eastern universities to admit women, Kappa was only one of two women in the Hotel School. She was most likely unaware that soon she would begin to help blaze a trail for women in hotel management.  
Kappa was born in 1921 on the Mississippi River in Wabasha, Minnesota. She lived and worked as a child in her family-owned Anderson House Hotel in Wabasha. Following graduation from Cornell in 1944, Kappa worked in executive housekeeping at grand hotels, including the Plaza Hotel in Manhattan, St. Paul Hotel in St. Paul, Minnesota, and the Athearn Hotel in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. She began at The Greenbrier in 1957 as Assistant Manager of House-keeping and Decorating and rose to become Executive Director of Housekeeping. Following her retirement from The Greenbrier, she started a consulting firm and worked with numerous hotels, including for twenty years the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island, Michigan.  
Throughout her career, Kappa was recognized and honored for her accomplishments in the hospitality industry. She received the Diploma of Honor from the Society Culinary Philanthropique, Lamp of Knowledge from the American Hotel and Motel Institute, and she was in the first class of inductees in the Cornell Hotel Society’s Hotelie Hall of Fame. In 1980, she became the first female president of Cornell’s Hotel Society. She was much loved and engaged in White Sulphur Springs where she sang in both the St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church and the Emmanuel Methodist Church choirs and volunteered as the “story lady” in the elementary school.  
Kappa died in 2006. Her family hotel, the Anderson House, that opened in 1856 is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is the oldest operating hotel in Minnesota.  
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FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2023 - JUNE 30, 2024

LEVY ESTIMATE - BUDGET DOCUMENT

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA  
MUNICIPALITY OF LEWISBURG, WEST VIRGINIA  
In accordance with Code § 11-8-14, as amended, the Council proceeded to make an estimate of the amounts necessary to be raised by levy of taxes for the current fiscal year, and does determine and estimate the several amounts to be as follows:

The amount due and the amount that will become due and collectible from every source during the fiscal year INCLUDING THE LEVY OF TAXES, is as follows:

REVENUE SOURCE		
Unassigned Fund Balance		3,639,623
Property Taxes - Current Expense		1,078,063
Property Taxes - Excess Levy		550,033
Gas & Oil Severance Tax		19,000
Excise Tax on Utilities		200,000
Business and Occupation Tax		864,000
Wine & Liquor Tax		62,000
Animal Control Tax		900
Hotel Occupancy Tax		450,000
Sales Tax		450,000
Fines, Fees & Court Costs		25,000
Licenses		30,000
Building Permit Fees		21,000
Miscellaneous Permits		1,500
Franchise Fees		35,000
IRP Fees (Interstate Registration Plan)		110,000
Municipal Service Fees		436,500
Off Street Parking		240
Rents, Royalties and Concessions		18,300
Fire Protection Fees		273,800
Contributions from Other Entities		600
Gaming Income		18,000
Interest Earned on Investments		2,856
Recycling Program		3,500
Video Lottery (LVL)		13,500
Miscellaneous Revenues		25,000
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE (GENERAL FUND)		\$ 9,128,415
COAL SEVERANCE TAX FUND		
REVENUE SOURCE		
Assigned Fund Balance	\$	12,000
Coal Severance Tax		10,000
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE (COAL SEVERANCE FUND)		\$ 22,000
General Fund	Coal Severance Fund	
ESTIMATED CURRENT EXPENDITURES		
Mayor’s Office	27,833	-
City Council	13,400	-
City Manager’s Office	62,781	-
Treasurer’s Office	36,357	-
City Clerk’s Office	46,838	-
Police Judge’s Office	51,016	-
City Attorney	35,000	-
City Auditor	15,500	-
Community Development (Housing)	87,427	-
Rehabilitation of Property	22,000	-
Regional Development Authority	1,400	-
Building Inspection	50,251	-
Planning & Zoning	138,927	-
City Hall	951,906	-
Other buildings	2,250	-
Parking	2,800	-
Contingencies	180,000	-
Police Department	2,259,701	-
Fire Department	1,050,001	-
Fire Fee Distribution	646,792	-
Streets and Highways	630,214	-
Snow Removal	55,764	-
Sidewalks	828,165	-
Public Transit	3,000	-
Recycling Center	64,464	-
Storm Sewer	922,493	-
Parks & Recreation	501,121	22,000
Visitors Bureau	225,000	-
Arts & Humanities	64,400	-
Library	51,600	-
Beautification Programs	100,014	-
TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES	\$ 9,128,415	\$ 22,000
MUNICIPALITY OF LEWISBURG, WEST VIRGINIA		
Regular Current Expense Levy		
FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2023 - JUNE 30, 2024		
	Certificate of Valuation	
	Assessed Value	Levy
	for Tax Purposes	Rate/\$100
		Taxes
		Levied
CLASS I		
Personal Property	\$ 0	12.50
Public Utility	0	0
Total Class I	\$ 0	0
CLASS II		
Real Estate	\$ 134,702,270	25.00
Personal Property	0	0
Total Class II	\$ 134,702,270	336,756
CLASS IV		
Real Estate	\$ 107,157,040	50.00
Personal Property	43,945,965	219,730
Public Utility	10,654,280	53,271
Total Class IV	\$ 161,757,285	808,786
Total Value & Projected Revenue	\$ 296,459,555	1,145,542
Less Delinquencies, Exonerations & Uncollectable Taxes	3.00%	34,366
Less Tax Discounts (use Total Projected Revenue to calculate)	1.00%	11,112
Less Allowance for Tax Increment Financing (if Applicable)		0
Total Projected Property Tax Collection		\$ 1,100,064
Less Assessor Valuation Fund	2.00%	22,001
(Subtracted from regular current expense taxes levied only)		
Net Amount to be Raised by Levy of Property Taxes		\$ 1,078,063
MUNICIPALITY OF LEWISBURG, WEST VIRGINIA		
Excess Levy		
FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2023 - JUNE 30, 2024		
	Certificate of Valuation	
	Assessed Value	Levy
	for Tax Purposes	Rate/\$100
		Taxes
		Levied
CLASS I		
Personal Property	\$ 0	6.25
Public Utility	0	0
Total Class I	\$ 0	0
CLASS II		
Real Estate	\$ 134,702,270	12.50
Personal Property	0	0
Total Class II	\$ 134,702,270	168,378
CLASS IV		
Real Estate	\$ 107,157,040	25.00
Personal Property	43,945,965	109,865
Public Utility	10,654,280	26,636
Total Class IV	\$ 161,757,285	404,393
Total Value & Projected Revenue	\$ 296,459,555	572,771
Less Delinquencies, Exonerations & Uncollectable Taxes	3.00%	17,183
Less Tax Discounts (use Total Projected Revenue to calculate)	1.00%	5,556
Net Amount to be Raised by Levy for Budget Purposes		\$ 550,032
STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA		
COUNTY OF Greenbrier		
MUNICIPALITY OF LEWISBURG		

I, Shannon Beatty, Recording Officer of said municipality, do hereby certify that the foregoing are true copies from the record of the orders made and entered by the council of the said municipality on the 21st day of March, 2023.

Shannon Beatty  
City Clerk

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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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SCHEDULE OF PROPOSED LEVY RATES

GREENBRIER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

The above named county board of education, having ascertained that the amount to be raised by a levy of taxes for the purposes and within the limits prescribed by statute or authorized by voters, does hereby propose to adopt the following levy rates to be laid on each one hundred dollars of assessed valuation of each class of property:

	Column E		Current Expense Levy	
	Certificate of Valuation		Levy	Taxes
	Assessed Value for Tax Purposes		Rate/\$100	Levied
Class I				
Personal Property	\$ -		19.40	\$ -
Public Utilities	-			-
Total Class I	-			-
Class II				
Real Estate	1,042,462,370		38.80	4,044,754
Personal Property	3,281,411			12,732
Total Class II	1,045,743,781			4,057,486
Class III				
Real Estate	427,425,900		77.60	3,316,825
Personal Property	285,689,681			2,216,952
Public Utilities	133,092,376			1,032,797
Total Class III	846,207,957			6,566,574
Class IV				
Real Estate	178,379,470		77.60	1,384,225
Personal Property	96,758,427			750,845
Public Utilities	35,669,642			276,796
Total Class IV	301,807,539			2,411,866
Total Assessed Valuation and Projected Gross Tax Collections	\$ 2,202,759,277			\$ 13,035,926
Less Allowance for Uncollectibles, Exonerations and Delinquencies		3.50%		(456,257)
Less Allowance for Tax Discounts		1.00%		(125,797)
Less Allowance for Tax Increment Financing- see worksheet (Subtracted from regular current expense tax levy only)				(1,727,435)
Net Projected Tax Collections, before allowance for Assessor’s Valuation Fund				10,726,437
Less - Allowance for Assessor’s Valuation Fund (Subtracted from regular current expense tax levy only)		2.00%		(214,529)
Projected Net Taxes to be Collected				\$ 10,511,908

SIGNED THIS 14TH DAY OF MARCH 2023, BY  
Jeffrey Bryant  
COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT

SCHEDULE OF PROPOSED LEVY RATES

GREENBRIER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

Permanent

	Excess Levy		Improvement		Bond Levy	
	Levy	Taxes	Levy	Taxes	Levy	Taxes
	Rate/\$100	Levied	Rate/\$100	Levied	Rate/\$100	Levied
Class I						
Personal Property	11.475	\$ -	-	\$ -	3.68	\$ -
Public Utilities		-		-		-
Total Class I		-		-		-
Class II						
Real Estate	22.95	2,392,451	-	-	7.36	767,252
Personal Property		7,531		-		2,415
Total Class II		2,399,982		-		769,667
Class III						
Real Estate	45.90	1,961,885	-	-	14.72	629,171
Personal Property		1,311,316		-		420,535
Public Utilities		610,894		-		195,912
Total Class III		3,884,095		-		1,245,618
Class IV						
Real Estate	45.90	818,762	-	-	14.72	262,575
Personal Property		444,121		-		142,428
Public Utilities		163,724		-		52,506
Total Class IV		1,426,607		-		457,509
Total Assessed Valuation and Projected Gross Tax Collections	\$ 7,710,684		\$ -		\$ 2,472,794	
Less Allowance for Uncollectibles, Exonerations and Delinquencies	3.50%	(269,874)	3.50%	-	9.15%	226,248
Less Allowance for Tax Discounts	1.00%	(74,408)	1.00%	-		
Projected Net Taxes to be Collected	\$ 7,366,402		\$ -		\$ 2,246,546	
Total Projected Net Taxes from Regular and Excess Levies	\$ 17,878,310					

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

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TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE

The undersigned Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the authority vested in him by that certain Deed of Trust, dated April 8, 2016, and duly recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Greenbrier County, West Virginia, in Document No. 230779, in Book No. 760, at Page 336, and modified in Trust Deed Modification in Document No. 304331, in Book 877, at Page 368, Jonathan C Lord, a single man, and Chentell L Withrow, a single woman, did convey unto David M. Moore, Trustee(s), certain real property described in said Deed of Trust; and the beneficiary has elected to appoint Seneca Trustees, Inc., as Substitute Trustee; and default having been made under the aforementioned Deed of Trust, and the undersigned Substitute Trustee having been instructed by U.S. Bank National Association not in its individual capacity but solely as Legal Title Trustee for RMTP Trust, Series 2021 BKM-TT-V to foreclose thereunder, will offer for sale at public auction at the front door of the Greenbrier County Courthouse in Lewisburg, West Virginia, on May 9, 2023 at 12:00 PM

the following described real estate, together with its improvements, easements and appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate in 04 - Falling Springs District, Greenbrier County, West Virginia, and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a 3/4" iron pipe set at the intersection of Sec Rt. 5 and a private road, referenced N54-25W 75.3 to a 1/2" iron pipe set at down fence post, corner of parent tract of 103 acres and 30 poles described in DB 120 P. 78, also a corner of a parcel owned by Kathleen Snell DB 323 P. 658, Leave Rt. 5 and up east bank of private road, N55-11E 226.4' 1/2" iron pipe set east of road and north of small drain witnessed S 35-45E 3' to a 6" locust, leave private road S51-15E 153.5' 1/2" iron pipe set, witnessed S 80-30W 1.5' to 12" Black Walnut S820W 96.3' 1/2" iron pipe set at 5" hickory S15-30E 282.1' 1/2" iron pipe set west of drain S51-00W 106.3' 1/2" iron pipe set on north edge of Rt. 5 R/W, witnessed N 59-45E 3' to 3" white oak; S89-30E 2.6' to 4" white oak; S76-20E 3.5' to 3" white oak, with north side of Rt. 5 R/W N39-30W 416.9' 1/2" iron pipe set N 14-15W 81.0' to the beginning and containing 2.33 acres as surveyed May 15, 1986 by Earl Roth, Renick, W.Va." RIGHT OF WAY Beginning at a stake set S 51-15 E 100.00 feet from an iron pin set in the corner of the 2.33 acre tract N 55-11 E 226.4 feet from Secondary Rt. 5 and in the line of a private road; thence leaving said private road in an arc 100 feet from the aforementioned corner to the west side of said private road, together with the right to use said private road to the said Secondary Rt. 5 and over Rt. 5 to U.S. 219.

And being the same tract or parcel of land which was conveyed unto Judy McMillion Christian and Jewell C. Dolan by Jewell C. Dolan, widow, by deed dated February 17, 2000, of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Greenbrier County, West Virginia, in Deed Book 561, at page 47. The said Jewell C. Dolan conveyed all her right, title and interest in and to subject property to the said Judy McMillion Christian by deed dated May 14, 2004, of record in the aforesaid clerk's office in Deed Book 573, at page 392. Reference is hereby made to all prior instruments in the chain of title for all reservations, restrictions, and limitations pertaining to the real estate herein conveyed.

It is the intention of this conveyance to vest title to said property in the parties of the second pan, Chentell L Withrow and Jonathan C. Lord, or the survivor, jointly and equally, and to the survivor of either of them, so that upon the death of either, the entire interest in said property will immediately vest in the survivor.

And being the same property conveyed unto Chentell L. Withrow and Jonathan C. Lord by deed dated April 8, 2016 from Judy McMillion Christian and not yet of record, but to be recorded prior to or simultaneously herewith.

At the time of the execution of the Deed of Trust, this property was reported to have an address of: 4718 Leonard Cordova Road, Renick, WV 24966.

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

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

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

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

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

SENECA TRUSTEES, INC.

5000 Coombs Farm Drive, Suite 104

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Reference File No. 81248

# WVSOM students achieve 100 percent residency placement



Less than two months before graduation, fourth-year students at the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine (WVSOM) discovered that their years of hard work and dedication paid off. The Class of 2023 attained a perfect residency placement rate, with all 176 students receiving spots in residency programs.

Students at the state's largest medical school learned of their 100 percent residency placement rate on March 17, a day designated as Match Day by the National Resident Matching Program, the organization responsible for placing medical school graduates into residency programs. On Match Day, which typically falls on the third Friday of March, students preparing to graduate learn where they will complete residencies.

James W. Nemitz, Ph.D., WVSOM's president, congratulated soon-to-be-graduates on their success.

"I continue to be amazed at the accomplishments of our students," Nemitz said. "This class entered medical school just months before the COVID-19 pandemic became an international public health emergency, and the fact that its members have not only weathered the additional challenges but achieved a perfect residency placement

is worth celebrating. I couldn't be more proud of the Class of 2023 and of the faculty and staff who have helped them become competent, compassionate osteopathic physicians."

After completing medical school, new physicians serve in residency programs for three to seven years to qualify for medical licensure. During this time, physicians are trained in the specialty they will spend their careers practicing.

While WVSOM is renowned for producing primary care physicians, graduates of the school can practice in any specialty.

A total of 105 students in the Class of 2023, or 60 percent, are entering primary care residency programs, encompassing the specialties of family practice, internal medicine and pediatrics. A total of 44 students matched to family practice residencies, 39 matched to internal medicine, 20 matched to pediatrics and two matched to internal medicine/pediatrics, in which physicians train to become board certified in both specialties.

Other popular specialties for members of the Class of 2023 include emergency medicine, with 25 students; psychiatry, with 12 students; general surgery, with eight students; and orthopedic surgery, with five students.

Linda Boyd, D.O., the school's vice president for academic affairs and dean, praised students and employees for their work in reaching the 100 percent residency placement.

"We're proud of our Class of 2023 graduates. The students, along with WVSOM's graduate medical education career advising team, worked all year to ensure graduates' success in attaining their best match," she said.

WVSOM's Class of 2023 Commencement Ceremony will take place May 5.

## CLUB & CHURCH

### Lewisburg House and Garden Club kicks off '23 season



Al Emch (left), Karen Lee McClung, and Regent Deborah Phillips.

### Gen. Andrew Lewis Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution meets

The General Andrew Lewis Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution met Mar. 16 at the Fellowship Hall in the Old Stone Presbyterian Church. Regent Deborah Phillips presided. The hostess was Karen Lee McClung. Each table had an attractive centerpiece honoring St. Patrick's Day.

The guest speaker was Al Emch, vice-president of the Greenbrier Historical Society. He spoke to the group about the history and plans for what is known as the "pink library" which has been leased by the society. The building dates to 1834 and served as the Supreme Court of Appeals Library and offices for the judges. The building is to be stabilized and restored to the original configuration. It is hoped that when it is reopened, the community will attend to learn about the building, the Court and the law books. A hint:

some of those books are still around.

The adjacent building will be known henceforth as Rhoda's Kitchen. There is a story here, and we know you will want to hear it when it, too, is opened. If this press release contained all the information Emch delivered, it would go on for pages. At this time, the date of the reopening is not known.

The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution is a non-profit, non-political women's service organization whose main objectives are historic preservation, education and patriotism. Members are all lineal descendants of those who supported the cause of independence in the Revolutionary War back in 1776. If you are interested in the Daughters of the American Revolution, call Registrar Sandra Cowan at 304-497-3553.



Members and guests packaging more than 800 seed packets.

The Lewisburg House and Garden Club opened their 2023 season at Old Stone Presbyterian Church by packaging sunflower seeds for Ronceverte and Lewisburg Elementary students. Members also gathered to celebrate retiring president Jeri Via and inaugurate new President Marit Withrow.

### Upcoming Earth Day Fashion Forward Competition Announced



Planning Committee Members Karen Cohen, Thomas Ruggiero, Tenley Shumate, and Gloria Martin.

The planning committee of the Earth Day Fashion Forward event is getting ready for the competition on Saturday, Apr. 22, at 3 p.m. at the Greenbrier County Library. The fashion show will celebrate 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 are encouraged to enter. Design categories and the entry form are available at edfashionforward.com.

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 their get-out-the-vote work.



Jeri Via and Merit Withrow.

## Church Bulletin

### Women's ministry holds 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.

### Last Lenten Baked, Fried Tilapia Dinner set for Friday, Mar. 31

The final Lenten season baked or fried tilapia dinner is scheduled for Friday, Mar. 31, from 4 to 7 p.m. in the White Sulphur Springs Community Center behind the Emanuel United Methodist Church, just south of the Main Street bridge. Dinners are available to eat in or take out.

"We have to humbled by the support we have received this year and are very appreciative of everyone who has come out and enjoyed the dinners and the fellowship," noted Andrew Wrzosek of Waitesville, grand knight of the Greenbrier Valley Council 8689 Knights of Columbus who sponsors the dinners to benefit the community, youth, service, church and council projects in eastern Fayette, Greenbrier, Monroe, and Pocahontas counties.

The dinners consist of tilapia, scalloped potatoes, coleslaw, hard rolls, desserts and drinks for \$15 for adults, \$8 for children age 6-12, 5 and under free, and an extra piece of tilapia for \$5.

In addition to the donations being awarded this Friday from the 50/50 drawing, the "Raise the Roof" fundraising committee of St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in White Sulphur Springs will have the drawing for the four big baskets of goodies, one of which you must be 18 years old to win, at 7 p.m., but you do not need to be present to win in any of the drawings.

Already during the Lenten Season, the Knights have supported the Greenbrier Valley Solid Waste Authority with recycling of bottles, cans, and cardboard; the Family Refuge Center, with nearly 35 lbs of food and the St. Catherine of Siena Church Altar and Rosary Society.



# BUSINESS

## Judith Lyons named new WVCA Executive Director



Judith Lyons (center)

Judith Lyons has been selected as the new executive director of the West Virginia Conservation Agency. She will officially step into the role on Apr. 8.

Commissioner of Agriculture Kent Leonhardt, who serves as chairman of the State Conservation Committee,

welcomed Lyons to her new role.

“Judith has served in the environmental and conservation field for over 20 years,” he said. “Her management and technical experience will be a tremendous asset to the West Virginia Conservation Agency and the Committee looks forward to working with her in continuing its mission.”

Lyons has been with the West Virginia Conservation Agency since 2010, most recently as the assistant director of watershed projects. She had also been a longtime watershed program manager for southern West Virginia and a contract/permitting manager with the agency. In her previous roles, Lyons has supervised watershed managers and staff and taken responsibility for professional development training of all watershed technicians, established and managed a team that specialized in stream restoration, and wrote and edited the agency’s Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) policy and procedural manual, which is used during flood events.

She also has worked with county commissions on 7-1-3u agreements, which allow the agency, conservation districts and counties to partner on watershed projects.

Lyons also has managed watershed projects through completion by obtaining funding, budgeting, contracting and construction oversight. She has worked extensively with county, state and federal agencies and representatives on dam rehabilitation and repair projects and flood-related work.

To assist the state’s 14 conservation districts, Lyons prepared and submitted permit applications for construction projects to agencies like the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the state Department of Environmental Protection and the

state Division of Natural Resources.

Before joining the agency, Lyons served as an environmental resources specialist with the state Department of Environmental Protection’s Construction Stormwater Team. She holds an associate degree in general education and a bachelor’s degree in sociology from West Virginia State University.

As executive director of the WVCA, Lyons will oversee the agency’s entire operations and work closely with elected supervisors in the state’s 14 conservation districts and the State Conservation Committee (SCC). She will report directly to the SCC.

*“This is an exciting time for conservation in West Virginia,” she said. “Numerous small watershed dam rehabilitation and repair projects are slated for the coming years, stream restoration projects are in process, and cooperators are getting agricultural best management practices on the ground in unique ways to conserve soil and water across the state.*

*“I look forward to working closely with our staff, the conservation districts, the State Conservation Committee, our local, state and federal lawmakers and partners, and West Virginia’s citizens to grow conservation in the Mountain State,” she said.*

Lyons is the first woman to serve as the WVCA’s permanent executive director.

WVCA Director of Conservation Services Jennifer Skaggs has served as the agency’s interim executive director since November, when former WVCA Executive Director Brian Farkas stepped down to take a position with the federal government.

**SCRAMBLERS**

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 page!

Set **AGREW**

Nearly **MALTSO**

Rebuff **BUNS**

Revised **TRANCE**

**TODAY'S WORD**

**HOCUS-FOCUS**

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Neckline is lower. 2. Rag is missing. 3. Arm and mop are moved. 4. Cabinet is moved. 5. Number 5. Skateboard is missing.

**Weekly SUDOKU**

by Linda Thistle

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**Super Crossword**

**THEATER FOOD**

**ACROSS**

1 Sponsored part of a magazine

7 Probability

11 To be, in Toulouse

15 “Elizabeth” star Blanchett

19 Ripped into

20 Buccaneer’s topper

22 Major Norse god

23 1940 drama based on a Steinbeck novel

25 Tri- tripled

26 Possible reply to “Are you?”

27 Become indistinct

28 Architect I.M. —

29 Five doubled

30 Endemic to

31 Bed for Baby

33 Pas’ partners

35 2006 Jack Black comedy

38 1999 Jason Biggs comedy

43 Psi preceder

44 1950s Ford

45 Hoped-for altar reply

46 Live wire

48 Airborne toy

50 Andrew Carnegie’s corp.

54 1970 Godfrey Cambridge comedy

59 Discoloration since 1998

60 Computer Cellular stuff

62 Pipe mouth

64 Fly apart

65 Jazz singer Jones

67 Health resort

69 Unprocessed

70 1984 horror film based on a Stephen King story

76 Start-up loan org.

78 Cheyenne’s state: Abbr.

79 French painter Dufy

80 Grace under pressure

83 Attempts something

86 Big ball of energy

89 Bawled

90 Observers

91 1987 film about a Vietnam War battle

94 Fruity wine drink

96 Alan who played Pierce

97 Muscles worked by doing squats

99 Give a massage to

100 Kinda

103 Falsehood

105 1988 coming-of-age film co-starring Julia Roberts

110 1947 romantic comedy co-starring Claudette Colbert

113 1099 fig.

114 “Va-va- —!”

115 Dual radio designation

116 Siouan tribe member

117 Gymnastics floor covering

120 “I wonder ...”

123 Manhattan sch.

124 New Haven school

125 2008 Seth Rogen comedy

129 “Son of —!”

130 Expert at increasing profits

131 Fisher who played Leia

132 Schoolbook

133 Not fooled by

134 Descartes of philosophy

135 New York college near Hyde Park

**DOWN**

1 Upstate New York prison

2 Be injurious

3 Early baby

4 “Life of Pi” director Lee

5 Attire

6 List abbr.

7 Divisor, e.g.

8 Trash-talk

9 Fall

10 Not injurious

11 Eternally, in verse

12 Roofing straw

13 Fed’s interest increase, e.g.

14 Botany or history lead-in

15 Self-assured

16 Cute, in slang

17 Stannite, say

18 Glossy finish

21 Bed size

24 Cougar

32 Part of BBC

34 Invasive PC programs

36 Squirrel nosh

37 Divulge

39 — -Kit (face reconstructor)

40 Former miler Sebastian

41 How soda is often sold

42 Devour

47 Dr.’s field

49 — artery (aorta offshoot)

50 Kind of port for a PC

51 Poker great Ungar

52 Mocking irony

53 “Lucky” pilot

55 Eclectic fusion

56 “Grand” liqueur brand

57 Alias lead-in

58 Novel

61 Gloom-filled

66 Opposite of vertical: Abbr.

68 Animal skins

71 2004-09 Showtime drama, with “The”

72 “— Towers” (telly sitcom)

73 Like sandals

74 Reveal one’s inner self

75 Mnemonic for rainbow colors

76 “Be quiet!”

77 Lamb’s cry

81 — Lanka

82 That, to Alejandra

84 Reduction

85 Soviet prison camp

87 Impelled

88 Puck-pushers’ org.

92 Addressee of a New Testament Epistle

93 Element name ending

95 Ellipse part

98 Declaration upon delivery of an item

100 Occupy, as a hotel

101 Electric resistance

102 Acid — (cause of heartburn)

104 Part of the plan

106 “By the power vested — ...”

107 Ones planning city partitions

108 Common lawn grass

109 One making others laugh

111 Decide to play for pay

112 Mosque chief

118 On — with

119 Toll hwy.

121 Roman 1,095

122 Org. rating films

126 Brian of rock

127 Actor Cariou

128 Train lines: Abbr.



# STEPPIN' OUT

## Carnegie Hall's Spring Art Exhibits Open Friday, April 7



Art by (from left to right) William Todd Gambill, Dana Wheelles, and John Coffey

Carnegie Hall's Spring Exhibits open Friday, April 7. Carnegie Hall features three rotating galleries that display the works of regional artists. The upcoming exhibits feature works by artists William Todd Gambill (Old Stone Room), Dana Wheelles (Lobby Gallery), and John Coffey (Museum Gallery). There will be opening receptions at 5 p.m. in conjunction with Lewisburg's First Fridays after 5. Old Stone Room, located on the ground floor of Carnegie Hall, will feature works by William Todd Gambill. Gambill is from South Charleston, WV, and studied Commercial Art and Design at

West Virginia State University. He uses acrylics, pen and inks, watercolors, pencil, ball point pens, markers, and Photoshop to create art. Dana Wheelles will exhibit her works in the Auditorium Lobby Gallery. Wheelles lives in the countryside outside of Charlottesville, VA, creating work in her Deerhawk Art Studio. She encounters new animal friends every day, and one by one, they found their way into her art. Mandalas are also a core feature of her work. The Museum Gallery (adjacent to the Hamilton Auditorium) will feature the works of John Coffey.

Coffey is a watercolorist specializing in landscapes and buildings, primarily in and around southern West Virginia but also other parts of the world. He grew up in Monroe and McDowell Counties, WV and currently lives in Mercer County, WV. The exhibits are free and open to the public, Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The exhibits will run through June 26. For more information, please visit [carnegiehall-wv.org](http://carnegiehall-wv.org), call 304-645-7917, or stop by the Hall at 611 Church Street, Lewisburg.

## First Fridays After Five Returns



Celebrate the return of First Fridays After Five and the Lewisburg Chocolate Festival at **Harmony Ridge!** Enjoy a complimentary WV DeFluri's Truffle with the purchase of a glass of wine! (Offering one truffle per person and of course, first come first serve.) And enter two different chocolatey drawings to win a total of 20 Chocolate Festival Tasting Tickets! 886 Washington Street West, 645-4333.

At **Bella the Corner Gourmet**, Spring is showing up on the tasting table! Bella Cooks up some Spring Inspired Dishes for April's First Friday! Also, tasting **Oxford Landing Wines** paired with delicious cheeses. 1017 Washington St E., 304.520.2414; p.s. Never Fear - The Chocolate will Show Up on Saturday!

A **New Chapter** hosts a book signing featuring Linda Zimmer, author of "Playing with Memory". Zimmer drew on her professional background as a Creative Arts Specialist to develop a "playful protocol" utilizing the arts to help her mother cope with dementia. Come out and meet the author! 922 Washington St West, 681-318-3501.

**Wolf Creek** will be offering a **Specialty Beverage** and yummy **chocolate snacks!** 967 Washington St, 304-645-5270.

**Little Black Box** will have a delicious variety of chocolate treats and **free bra fittings!** Spend \$150 or more and receive a **free gift.** 818 Jefferson St S, 304-645-6646.

**Aggie's** will be open late serving delicious **Raspberry Hibiscus cocktails!** 979 Washington St W, 304-645-4063

**MerryWeather's** celebrates their 2 year anniversary with a Spring Sale! All denim is 20% off, and discover the new \$5 and \$10 racks! Plus you can check out their new inventory from Local makers. Also open during the Chocolate Festival! 850 Court Street, 681-318-3300.

New Spring Arrivals at **The Shoe Box!** First 10 purchasing customers receive a **FREE reusable shopping bag!** 847 N Court Street (681) 318-3377.

Stop by **Edith's Store** to kick off Earth Day month and sign up for **Greenbrier river watershed's rain barrel workshop** that will be held Saturday, April 22, to receive

a free rain barrel. Limited numbers are available, so get in soon! 1035 E Washington St, (304) 645-7998.

**The Hub and Green Hills Explorer Club** presents "**Art and Chocolate**" from 5 to 6 p.m. for live music, chocolate samples, and interact with special chocolate-themed art installments. The **café will be open until 8 p.m.!** 232 Lee St Building C, (304) 647-4994.

Visit the **Americana Thrift Shop** to Be a Bunny and Get a Bunny! Take an **Easter picture**, get an **Easter chocolate treat**, and check out amazing bargains. The American Thrift Shop is owned and operated by the Presbyterian Women of Old Stone Church, and ALL proceeds benefit our community. And don't forget to stop by during the Chocolate Festival for Ancho Chili Chocolate Almond candies and more thrift store finds! 401 Court Street S.

**Sheena Pendley Design** encourages you to stop by and take a peek through the windows and see our **Candyland Setup** at the studio!! Candyland is 2x the size it was last year, be sure to check out both storefronts! \*Open by appointment only. Reach out to schedule a private **Candyland photo session!** Or come back and see us for complimentary Candyland Photos on Saturday during the Chocolate Festival. 846 N Court St (304) 646-9452

**The Greenbrier Valley Visitors Center** welcomes spring with two incredible Art in the Valley shows, which will remain in the center throughout the month of April. Featured in the Gallery space will be "**Earth Day Fashion Forward: An Exhibit of Sustainable Fashion Choices**". This exhibit showcases sustainable avenues of styling and dressing ourselves that are both new and old: From the Appalachian legacy of thrift and reuse to the commercialization of sustainable fibers that are the vanguard of contemporary fashion. This is a companion exhibit to a sustainable fashion competition on Earth Day, April 22, at the Greenbrier County Public Library.

**Lee Street Studio's Schoolhouse Gallery** works will grace the Art Alcove with "Made By Hands", an intimate display of handcrafted artisanal goods showcasing the wide variety of artwork from the artists of Lee St. Studios. The artists use the natural wonder of the lush surroundings as the main inspiration for the pieces in the show. Enjoy a display of wood turned bowls, silversmith jewelry, hand woven textiles and a myriad of original landscapes by artists Susan Ernst, Shea Newton,

Jeanne & Bruce Brenneman, Sean O'Connell, Sara McDonald, Margy Greene, and Thomas Ruggiero.

**Toe-tapping music will be provided throughout the evening by G.R.O.U.P. (Greenbrier River Optimistic Ukulele Players).** Members of Savannah Garden Club will be on hand selling their lovely notecards featuring downtown Lewisburg's hanging begonia baskets. The Alderson Quilt Guild will display their annual raffle quilt and will be selling tickets for this newest creation. Don't miss this fun evening of art and music! 905 Washington St W. 304-645-1000

**Stardust Café** is super excited for our **Prime Rib night** personally prepared by Chef Dan Perry, every First Friday. Stardust is working with **Mountain Steer** to bring some of the best Greenbrier Valley has to offer. 1023 Washington St E, 304 647 3663.

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**The Asylum** offers great food, specialty drinks, and night life entertainment with the **Thomas Taylor Band.** 339 E Randolph. 681-318-3515.

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WVU Symphony Orchestra

## WVU Symphony Orchestra to perform at Carnegie Hall

Carnegie Hall is pleased to present the West Virginia University Symphony Orchestra in concert on Wednesday, Apr. 19, at 7:30 p.m. Concert tickets are on sale now and are only \$15 for adults and \$7 for students. This evening concert, conducted by Dr. Mitchell Arnold, will feature Symphony No. 5 in C Minor by Ludwig van Beethoven.

In addition, the WVU Symphony Orchestra will be performing during the daytime Link Up student concerts on Thursday, Apr. 20. Joining the WVU orchestra for the Thursday concerts will be over 500 fifth-grade Greenbrier County students and a special guest vocalist from Greenbrier East High School under the direction of Ms. Carrie

Neese.

Link Up, a program of Weill Music Institute of Carnegie Hall in New York City, pairs orchestras across the country with students in grades three through five to explore orchestral repertoire through a hands-on music curriculum. Students from Greenbrier County will participate in the Link Up concert where they will sing along and play recorders with the orchestra.

Carnegie Hall would like to thank the Carnegie Hall Guild, Classics for Kids Foundation, Daywood Foundation, Greenbrier County Commission, Greenbrier County Schools, Hollowell Dawkins Foundation, and Uncle Larry's Fund for their support of Link Up.

## Free showings of Weathering the Elements at Lewis Theatre

Have you ever wanted to know how hurricanes form? Why and how volcanos erupt? How the water cycle affects us? Trillium Performing Arts has come up with a fun way to answer these questions with an interactive show called Weathering the Elements.

This production was developed by Trillium five years ago as a way for students to learn about the water cycle and how the four main elements, Earth, water, air, and fire, interact with each other. Through movement, music, theatre, and video, the audience is introduced to the science behind how all of these elements work together.

This show is free for all. School groups of any kind and size are encouraged to attend as well as



families. If you have a group of six or more, please contact the Trillium office at 304-645-3003 so your seats can be reserved.

This production will be held at the Lewis Theatre on Court Street in downtown Lewisburg on Apr. 15 at 7:30 p.m., and Apr. 16 at 2 p.m.

Join us for this theatrical science spectacular for all ages!



# STEPPIN’ OUT

## Creative Youth Art Exhibit winners announced

Carnegie Hall’s 29th Annual Creative Youth Art Exhibit awards ceremony took place on Mar. 6 as friends and family filled the Hamilton Auditorium to celebrate the accomplishments of Greenbrier Valley’s young artists. A reception with light refreshments provided by The Greenbrier followed the ceremony.

Creative Youth is a juried art show each spring that features the talent and imagination of Greenbrier County students in grade 4-12. Children from public, private, and home schools submit their work for this juried art exhibit.

This year’s participating schools and teachers: Alderson Elementary and Ronceverte Elementary - Tonya Mills; Crichton Elementary and Rainelle Elementary - David Poticher; Eastern Greenbrier Middle - Rachele Henderson and Mary Stankunas; Frankford Elementary and White Sulphur Springs Elementary - Stephanie Holley; Greenbrier Academy for Girls - Anne Hunter; Greenbrier Community School - Jennifer Orr; Greenbrier East High - Mark Cline and Stephanie Tilley; Greenbrier West High - Marla Bell; Lewisburg Elementary - Jody Wilber; Rupert Elementary and Smoot Elementary - Lynn Davis; and Western Greenbrier Middle - Emily Sullivan.

During the awards ceremony, Carnegie Hall’s Education Director, Harmony Flora, President/CEO, Cathy Rennard, Board of Director’s Treasurer, Ron McGruder, Greenbrier County Director of Elementary Education, Anne Smith, Carnegie Hall’s Box Office Manager, David Dillon, and 4th grade public school instructor, April Vincent, announced the winners of the various art categories and divisions. Local artists Trey Bryan, Amie Durrman, and Marietta Lyle served as judges.

The Best In Show Award went to Tova Cherniak, a Greenbrier Academy for Girls 9th - grader, with her painting “Our World Divided.” The Carnegie Hall’s Choice Award was given to Crichton Elementary 4th-grader, Haley Kincaid, for her mixed-media “A Joyful Sound.”

The Elementary School Division (Grade 4-5) ribbon winners: Drawing - Journey Patterson (winner), Myllie Waid (runner up), Cleo McLaughlin (third place); Mixed Media - Rylan Boothe (winner)Haley Kincaid (runner up), Haley Kennedy (third



“Our World Divided” by Tova Cherniak (left) and “A Joyful Sound” by Haley Kincaid

place), Arianna Norris (honorable mention); Painting - Tayton Martin (winner), Jordan Vestal (runner up), Sienna Hamons (third place),Rachel Walakup (honorable mention); Printmaking - Hayden Hendrix (winner), Justice Keener (runner up), Jack Syner (third place), Kelani McDowell (honorable mention).

The Middle School Division (Grade 6-8) ribbon winners: Drawing – Ainsly Wykle(winner), Sonja Regalado (runner up), and Emma Vincent (third place); Mixed Media - Jenna Hunter (winner), Aurora Gunnoe (runner up), and Irelyn Said (third place). Painting - Emily Ford (winner), Hudson Miller (runner up), and Ella Berry (third place). Photography - Sydney Norman (winner), and Kinsey Brammer (runner up); Printmaking - Sarah Cornelius (winner), Noah Ramos/Logan Andrews (runner up), Aaron Rodes (third place), Gia White (honorable mention).

The High School Division (Grade 9-12) ribbon winners: Drawing - Harley Massie (winner), Olivia Sa (runner up), and Sabrina Acker (third place); Mixed Media - Conner Friend (winner), Riley Robertson (runner up), and Tessa Barnette (third place); Painting - Tova Cherniak (winner), Oceana Carter (runner up), and Sydney Robinson (third place); Printmaking - Elizabeth Clay (winner), and Samantha Edwards (runner up); Digital Art - Connor Tinchler (winner).

For more information call Carnegie Hall Box Office at 304-645-7917, visit [www.carnegiehallwv.org](http://www.carnegiehallwv.org), or stop by at 611 Church Street, Lewisburg. Carnegie Hall WV is a nonprofit organization supported by individual contributions, grants, and fund-raising efforts such as TOOT and The Carnegie Hall Gala.

## Susanna Robinson presents Witch-ful Dreaming, Still...



Susanna Robinson presents art and music in “Witch-ful Dreaming, Still...” Photo by Karen Cohen.

Writer, artist, and vocalist Susanna Robinson will be presenting her exhibit “Witch-ful Dreaming, Still...” at the General Lewis Inn from March 11 through May 29 with a reception on First Friday, April 7, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Inn. Music for the reception will be provided by Susanna along with Hoffman and Penn, and a cash bar will be available. The reception is free to attend and open to the public.

This special collage exhibit features Art Nouveau-inspired portraits and otherworldly realms. Susanna tells us that her motivation is her propensity to dream in wild, vividly imaginative scenarios. Wide-eyed, sad-eyed, wistful, smug, no-nonsense, fragile, strong females are portrayed, many with enchanted animals. Decorative, musical instruments salvaged and repurposed from the trash and junk rooms of friends and musical cohorts embellish her collages,

framed by vintage friends.

Robinson has been a creative force in the Lewisburg arts scene for more than 30 years with her art, music, and more. Her creative touch is all around Lewisburg, including the rendering of dragon-wing begonias (and a small dragon watching from the side) on the town piano next to Lewisburg City Hall. She was also selected to be one of the artists to participate in the 2022 Lewisburg Fire Hydrant Art Paint Project.

Costumes, jewelry, and artwork, all designed by Susanna with her signature look, have been featured far and wide, including a hand-beaded Christmas ornament commissioned to hang on the White House tree and several ornaments for the West Virginia Governor’s Christmas Tree.

Dancers and choreographers have worn custom made pieces by Susanna in various live performances. She also is known for her custom one-of-a-kind fantasy wearable art. Her ornate handmade witch hats can be found parading on beguiling noggins all around town during events and episodes of revelry and debauchery. The art collages she fashions (literally cutting and pasting the old-fashioned way), reflect a true Art Nouveau influence. Enter magical realms of the timeless 1920’s-era of gypsies, fairies, and charmed enchantment, all found in her artwork.

“Art is life, life is art, you cannot separate them...it’s the way you breathe and the way you live.”

Contact Susanna Robinson Artist at [onechartreusehat@hotmail.com](mailto:onechartreusehat@hotmail.com).



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## Delights of Alice In Wonderland come to Lewisburg Chocolate Fest

Alyssa Mayo, Executive Pastry Chef, The Greenbrier Sporting Club

Harmony Ridge is excited to again welcome back The Greenbrier Sporting Club to the Lewisburg Chocolate Festival! This year Head Pastry Chef Alyssa Mayo and her culinary team welcome you to the chocolate wonders of Alice in Wonderland.

Taste not one, but two amazing chocolate treats that mimic the little desserts and drinks Alice enjoys to make herself bigger or smaller in her magical won-

derland: “Drink Me” - White Chocolate Black Raspberry Milk Shooter, and “Eat Me” - Cookies & Cream Petit Four.

The 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Lewisburg Chocolate Festival takes place Saturday, Apr. 8, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tasting tickets for the Chocolate Festival can be purchased at [www.lewisburgchocolatefestival.com](http://www.lewisburgchocolatefestival.com). Don’t wait to get your tasting tickets! Tickets sell out every year.

## Yung Gravy, Wilson Fairchild, and Buckin’B Bull Ride announced for State Fair

State Fair Officials are excited to announce the addition of Yung Gravy with special guest DJ Tiiiiiiiiip, Wilson Fairchild, and the Buckin’B Bull Ride to the 2023 State Fair of West Virginia Concert Lineup.

Yung Gravy will take the stage Thursday, Aug. 10, at 8 p.m., while Wilson Fairchild will perform a free show on Tuesday, Aug. 15, at 7:30 p.m. The Buckin’ B Bull Ride will take place on Saturday, Aug. 12, at 7 p.m. Tickets for Yung Gravy and the Buckin’B Bull Ride will go on sale Friday, Mar. 31, at 10 a.m.

“We are thrilled with the additions of Yung Gravy, Wilson Fairchild, and the Buckin’ B Bull Ride to complete the 2023 Lineup,” State Fair CEO Kelly Collins stated. “We feel these announced acts round out an amazing lineup, and we cannot wait for the 98th Annual State Fair of WV!”

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

The 98th Annual State Fair of West Virginia is slated for August 10-19, 2023.

*Yung Gravy*

Go ahead and call him “The People’s Champ...”

The people quite literally demanded his rise by galvanizing his jump from underground stalwart into a mainstream force.

23-year-old MC, Minnesota disruptor, and MILF connoisseur Yung Gravy quietly emerged as a gold-certified phenomenon by way of hilarious ad-libs and airtight

rhymes. Within a year, his 2018 Snow Cougar EP yielded a pair of gold-selling bangers -- “Mr. Clean” and “1 Thot 2 Thot Red Thot Blue Thot” -- jumping from early SoundCloud success to the hottest playlists on Spotify such as New Music Friday and Pop Rising, to name a few. In its wake, he sold out three tours in North America, two tours in Europe, and his run of Australia and New Zealand. This hot streak continued as his world tour, Experience The Sensation, Part 2,” also sold out.

During 2019, his full-length debut Sensational [Republic Records], crashed the Top 5 of the Billboard Top R&B/Hip-Hop Albums Chart and put up 450 million-plus streams across bangers a la “Alley Oop” [feat. Lil Baby] and “Gravy Train,” which gave a 808 facelift to Maxine Nightingale’s “Right Back Where We Belong.”

Gravy just does Gravy though...

“I really felt like there was something missing,” he explains. “I wasn’t hearing what I wanted to hear, so I stepped up to the plate and actually started doing it myself.”

Rewinding to the beginning, he hit his stride in 2016. Inspired by everyone from OutKast, Nate Dogg, Curren\$y, and Action Bronson to Patrice Rushen and The Blackbyrds, Gravy took to SoundCloud to begin releasing music. The first song he uploaded, “Karen”, quickly garnished new fans and stirred a palpable buzz online. His first independent EP, Mr. Clean, went viral on the strength of “Continental Breakfast” on SoundCloud. Sandwiching a sample of The Chordettes’ “Mr. Sandman” between racy and raw rhymes, the title track “Mr. Clean”

popped off and paved the way towards literal gold as well as Thanksgiving’s Eve, Yung Gravy EP, and Baby Gravy EP. Soon, he reached #1 on Indify and had labels knocking at his door. Gravy kicked off 2018 with the sizzling single “1 Thot 2 Thot Red Thot Blue Thot.” Flipping the Dr. Seuss limerick upside down, the hook proves immediately infectious.

“I was at a house party in Georgia that got broken up by the cops,” he recalls. “We were accused of burglary, and I spent the night in jail. I got probation with community service. I was in the wrong place at the wrong time, so all of the felonies were expunged, but I still got charged with ‘Criminal Trespassing’ and ‘Underage Drinking.’ The day I got off probation, I was super hyped and inspired. This is my freedom song.”

A free man, he shows no signs of stopping or slowing down. He teamed up with frequent collaborator bbn\$ for a 2020 collaborative project introduced by the track “shinin on my ex,” which OnesToWatch predicted as “a surefire Tik Tok hit” and Lyrical Lemonade pegged as “another absolute slapper” and “a true classic.” Their chemistry really exploded on the single “iunno.” Over off-kilter horns and a subtle beat, they lock into a vibrant verbal volley before the hashtaggable hook.

It supports his main goal though -- as always.

“At the end of the day, this is all meant to make people feel good,” he leaves off. “This is party music, and everyone’s invited.”

*Wilson Fairchild*

The Reid cousins, who seem more like brothers, have sung together professionally

for over 15 years. They are energetic, enthusiastic, and above all, very, very talented. Along with their outstanding harmony, which is an inherent trademark from their fathers, Harold and Don Reid, members of the Statler Brothers, Wil and Langdon are prolific songwriters who have had over 30 songs published and recorded.

They can also play many different instruments, which makes an impressive portfolio and contributes to their unique style. But when Wil and Langdon plug up and strap on their electric guitars and turn on their natural entertaining abilities, you can expect to be fulfilled with a musical delight.

The duo played a lot of mu-

sic for a number of years under the name Grandstaff. Grandstaff CDs include Circles and Grandstaff: Live & Well. In 2010, the country music duo changed their name to Wilson Fairchild. Wilson is Wil’s middle name and Fairchild is Langdon’s middle name. The new fresh name has more of a duo sounding ring to it and fits their fresh new music as well.

You may remember a number-one rated television show for seven years on TNN, “The Statler Brothers Show.” On their debut appearance, they got to sing the first song they had written together called “What We Love To Do” which the Statler Brothers recorded. Since then, they have been hooking up with some other

big name writers and joining forces behind the almighty pen. In 2007, the Statlers were being inducted into the Gospel Music Hall of Fame. Wil and Langdon were asked to be a part of the ceremony by singing a song to them. They felt it was time to write their own “Statler” song in tribute to all their successes throughout their career. The two sat down and wrote “The Statler Brothers Song.”

Their latest success in the songwriting arena is a song called “Make God First.” They wrote it with friend and Grammy-award winning songwriter Gordon Kennedy, and Ricky Skaggs recorded it for his Mo-saic CD.

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