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Ronceverte Food Truck Festival plans inaugural event this May

By Sarah Richardson

The City of Ronceverte will be the home of the newest festival in the region - The Ronceverte Food Truck Festival - starting this May. The festival aims to bring a variety of food, music, and games to the River City for an inaugural two-day event on Friday, May 12, and Saturday, May 13.

Spearheaders Alex DeGraff and Dan Withrow have been working with other volunteers involved with the events and entertainment committee, as well as City officials, to bring this idea to fruition. The events and entertainment committee is an informal group that does legwork for other happenings in Ronceverte including the Skyline Bluegrass Festival and the Red Nose River Run, a float on the Greenbrier River that raises funds to combat ALS.

"We specifically focus on events in Ronceverte and

helping the city's revitalization," DeGraff said. "Our vision is just wanting to have people spending time in Ronceverte, we want to give them something to do in a designated place for the whole family."

DeGraff rents a music studio together with her dad, Adam DeGraff, on Edgar Avenue. She said that they used to rent a space in Lewisburg, but they came to Ronceverte to tour a building that was for sale and met up with Dan Withrow. After several months of meetings, they publicly launched the plans for the festival on Facebook where it quickly amassed over 1,000 interested individuals for the event.

"We were totally overwhelmed by the support," said DeGraff. "It started just as an idea, and we didn't really know what all it was going to become."

There won't just be food trucks at the festival, there See "Food Truck Festival" — Page 2

Lady Cavaliers leave it all on the court in State Championship Tournament



The Greenbrier West Lady Cavaliers (Matthew Young photo)

By Matthew Young, RealWV

The number-four seed Greenbrier West Lady Cavaliers were bested by the number-five seed Webster County Lady Highlanders on Tuesday, in a game that was much more competitive than the final score indicates. Although the Highlanders took the first-round contest 55 to 34, the Lady Cavaliers trailed by only seven-points to start the fourth-quarter, and led 20 to 18 at the half.

The Lady Cavaliers offense was led by their starting five: Maddie Fields with 14 points and six rebounds, followed closely by Preslee Treadway with 12 points and six rebounds. Ava Barclay added six-points and six rebounds, and Abigail Thomas scored two-points with five rebounds. Center Meaghan Poticher grabbed five rebounds.

Playing 19-minutes was Brilee Redden, with three rebounds, two steals, and one assist. The Lady Cavaliers were rounded out by Hannah Sweet, Haylee Ward, Kenna Fields, Brooklyn Adkins, and Samantha Holliday. Sophomores Lacey Walker and Keylee Clere did not play in the game.

Mark Agee is the Lady Cavaliers head coach. Jesse Tolley and Davina Agee serve as assistant coaches.

Lewisburg named Best Small Town Food Scene, also featured in Southern Living

Last Friday, it was announced that Lewisburg had been named the Best Small Town Food Scene for 2023 by USA Today as part of their 10 Best: Reader's Choice Awards. Lewisburg competed against other small towns like Abingdon, VA (second place), Fredericksburg, TX (fifth place), and Bar Harbor, ME (tenth place), to nab the title.

The final 10 nominees were submitted by a panel of experts, with readers voting a maximum of one time per day for their favorite small town.

The day after this announcement, Southern Living magazine published a piece on Lewisburg titled "The Best Things to Do in Lewisburg, West Virginia." The article states, "This cozy, quirky town is full of exciting surprises," and went on to detail Lewisburg's variety of local shopping and eateries, as well as the festivals and events held in town.

To read the piece, visit www.southernliving.com/lewisburg-wv-7099123



Greenbrier West's Preslee Treadway, No. 22, puts up a shot as Webster County's Allie Key, No. 11, and Sydney Baird, No. 23, defend. (WVPress Photo/Courtesy of Mister Bee Potato Chips)

Ronceverte City Council hears expert opinion on dilapidated buildings, discusses option for new city motto

By Adam Pack

The Ronceverte City Council met for their regularly scheduled meeting

on Monday, Mar. 6, at 7 p.m. at the new City Hall building on Edgar Avenue. Ray Still, a certified building inspector, was on hand to discuss the work he's currently done and his outlook on the state of Ronceverte's number of dilapidated buildings.

Still briefed the city on what it is he does, and emphasized that his "one and only concern" comes down to safety. "The whole reason for all of what I do with inspecting buildings is to determine whether or not they are sound or unsound, or more importantly, whether or not they pose a public safety issue," Still said.

Still determined that there are buildings in town which do pose a public safety hazard and urged the City to begin the

process of finding grant funding to deal with condemned structures. "I really want to explore all legal options for a property that's dangerous, but if I have to mark a building as unsafe then the city is financially and legally obligated to take some action."

The top two solutions for cities struggling to grow, according to Stills, involve getting rid of condemned buildings and working on zoning.

"Zoning: every city that has trouble with growth and trouble with degradation of structures has little to no zoning, and has not passed the International Property Maintenance Code. Ronceverte wants to move up, but the zoning desperately needs to be redone and the city has not yet adopted the IPMC." The city agreed to begin meeting with Stills later this week and hopes to alleviate these issues

and make Ronceverte more attractive for development and growth.

The city then discussed two updates to funding sources for the police department. The Ronceverte Police Department is requesting an increase in citation fees from \$15 to \$25, and a request to increase the fee for a police report from \$20 to \$30 per report. The former increase, regarding citations fees, is an inflation based raise to help with police equipment funding. The Police Equipment and Training fund, an ESCROW account used only for the purchase of vehicles, firearms, ammunition, uniforms, radios, other equipment and training, is the final destination for funds acquired through the payment of fully adjudicated fees. The latter request is based on the

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Shortest Saint Patrick's Day Parade returns

The annual Shortest Saint Patrick's Day Parade will be returning to Lewisburg this Friday, Mar. 17 to celebrate the St. Patrick's Day holiday. The parade route stretches from Amy's Market at Montwell Commons to Hill and Holler, also at Montwell Commons. The parade lineup begins at 6 p.m. at Amy's Market.

Following the parade will be a St. Patrick's Day celebration at Hill and Holler from 3 to 9 p.m. with live traditional Celtic music from Patrick O'Flaherty.

This year the Grand Marshals for the parade will be Paul and Mary Lindquist. Paul and Mary have made Lewisburg their permanent home since returning in 2004 to continue the restoration of Mary's childhood home, Montwell. They donated five acres of their property towards the development of what is known today as Montwell Commons. They are both active members of the Greenbrier Historical Society.

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Paul and Mary Lindquist will be this year's parade marshals.

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fact that it takes a considerable number of manhours to generate reports. Police reports are generated as part of vehicular accidents as well as all criminal investigations and or arrests, and on responses by officers to citizen reported crimes. The cost would be incurred by individuals and or insurance companies. Insurance companies require them after car accidents to determine payment, and individuals will occasionally request them after reporting a crime. Funds accrued from report fees go to the department's general funds and help to pay payroll as well other expenses. The increases were both approved by the council.

Next, Jorge Rodriguez-Stanley addressed the council to propose a set of potential new mottos for the town of Ronceverte. The new motto, part of the city's ongoing rebrand, would hopefully "push us into our next chapter" according to Rodriguez-Stanley. The new mottos proposed before the council were: "The only Ronceverte," "Go with the Flow," and "Along the River." The council briefly discussed the three mottos, as well the potential of opening the decision up to the public in some fashion. Without reaching a final decision, and agreeing to discuss it further, the council thanked Rodriguez-Stanley for all his recent work on helping market the town.

The city then moved to filling committee vacancies left by the retirement of former council member Kathy King. King was a member of the Mural Committee, and the council voted unanimously to appoint newly elected councilman Mark Trent to fill her seat. After the appointment of Trent to the committee, the council briefly discussed the status of the committee's upcoming projects. They were previously planning to place a typographic spelling of Ronceverte on the concrete retaining wall next to the amphitheater, but have decided to place that mural design on the side of the new city hall building, and to place a far more simplified mural on the retaining wall. The new mural position would be better, as any mural in such close proximity to the river would need to be touched up frequently, councilwoman and Mural Committee member Tanya Hazelwood explained.

The city went over old business, as well, beginning with an update from Anthony Brown of the Thrasher

WVDOH awards contracts for Greenbrier County parks projects

The West Virginia Division of Highways (WVDOH) announced recently that Tempo Construction LLC was awarded contracts to work on two parks projects in Greenbrier County. The contracts are from a bid letting conducted on Tuesday, Feb. 14.

Tempo Construction LLC was awarded a contract for \$591,075.31 to build a hiking and biking trail and a pedestrian bridge across Howards Creek in White Sulphur Springs. The city of White Sulphur Springs was awarded a Transportation Alternatives grant through the WVDOH to fund the project.

Tempo Construction LLC was also awarded a contract for \$143,250.50 to build an approximately 20-car gravel parking lot for the Greenbrier River Trail. The Greenbrier River Trail Association was awarded a Recreational Trails Program grant through the WVDOH to fund the project.

Several factors are considered before awarding a bid, including whether a bid falls above or below the WVDOH Engineer's Estimate and by what percentage. In cases where a bid is above the Engineer's Estimate, WVDOH must consider the project need, repercussions of not awarding the project, additional funding sources, and whether sufficient reasons exist for the differences in estimates. Most projects are reviewed, analyzed, and awarded within a week of the bid letting, but the process can take longer.

When the Division of Highways has a project that is determined to be best constructed by a contractor, it is processed through the bid letting system. A letting is a scheduled opportunity for contractors to review and bid on several construction projects at one time. Lettings are held either once or twice per month and conducted through the Bid Express System online at www.bidx.com and handled through the Contract Administration Division. Contractors need to subscribe to Bid Express before bids can be accepted on any project.

As the date and time approach the deadline of the letting, contractors are expected to place their bids, with complete documentation as necessary. Shortly after the letting, the respective bids are reviewed. All bids are evaluated thoroughly for competitiveness and deemed acceptable through guidelines as approved by policy, reviewed, and approved by the FHWA. Award of the contracts is made based on the recommendation by our Awards Committee based on the results of that evaluation and approval by the Commissioner. Projects are typically awarded to the lowest bidder with all proper documentation in place.

St. Patrick's Day Parade

Mary is a Lewisburg native and a graduate of the Greenbrier College for Women. As a mathematics educator, her career has covered everything from classroom teaching to serving on the International Mathematics and Science Committee on Student Assessment and Performance in the 1990s. Paul is a historic preservationist who currently serves on the Historic Landmarks Commission in Lewisburg and also the Preservation Alliance of West Virginia.



Patrick O'Flaherty (front right) is pictured here leading the 2019 Shortest St. Patrick's Day Parade down Washington Street, which was the route in years past.

Group on the upcoming manhole cover replacement project. Brown informed the council that Thrasher would like to map the city to get better and more accurate markings before replacing manholes in the town. Brown explained that this project has taken quite a while due to the fact that Dunn began the project, but in the process Thrasher acquired Dunn and is now ready to finish the project.

The city also approved the request for approval of evidentiary materials from the Community Development Block Grant for work on the fourth phase of the city's water line upgrade, as well a letter of understanding with Region 4 Planning and Development office. The letter of understanding simply acknowledges that Region 4 will administer the city's water upgrade on upcoming work.

Bob Hazelwood was also on hand to inform the city council about a potential windfall. There are still roughly \$64,000 held in contributions made by Ronceverte from American Rescue Plan funds for projects over the last 18 months. These funds, held in accounts with Region 4 Planning and Development, who administered the projects, can be returned to the city upon submission of invoices and an application of reimbursement. One item in particular, a new meter on the pump station, was brought up, but the council is looking forward to utilizing those funds in the future. Mayor Deena Pack afforded Hazelwood a great deal of praise, saying that she and the council were "so grateful for you and the work you do to help find us funds, or figure out how to find more materials; you've been such a big help to the city."

Senate Health and Human Resources Committee looks at tracking OTC medicines and 'benefit cliffs' impact on the direct care workforce

By Autumn Shelton
WV Press Association

The Senate Health and Human Resources Committee moved along four bills on Tuesday, including one to continue tracking over-the-counter cold and flu medicine purchases, and advanced a committee resolution to determine the impact that "benefit cliffs" have on the direct care workforce.

The first bill advanced, HB 3077, originally introduced by lead sponsor Del. Heather Tully, R-Nicholas, would repeal a section of state code which sets an expiration date on use of the multi-state real time tracking system.

As explained during the meeting, this system is an electronic logging system used by pharmacies and members of law enforcement to track purchases of over-the-counter cold and flu medication used to make methamphetamine. The system is provided at no-cost to the state by the National Association of Drug Diversion Investigators, and will expire on June 30, 2023, if the bill is not adopted.

Following the committee's passage, the bill will now go before the full Senate for further consideration.

Next, the committee advanced HB 3306, first introduced by Del. Amy Summers, R-Taylor.

This bill, along with a strike-and-insert amendment, would change the organizational structure of the WV DHHR's Office of Drug Control Policy.

It would create a sober living facility and recovery residence task force consisting of the executive director of the state's Prosecuting Attorneys In-

stitute, the secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, the West Virginia Attorney General, the West Virginia Alliance for Recovery Residences, the state health officer, the commissioner for the Bureau of Behavioral Health and the state inspector general.

The task force would be responsible for reviewing laws as they relate to sober living homes and recovery residences and would be required to make yearly recommendations on these facilities to the Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Resources Accountability.

The bill also states that the director of the Office of Drug Control Policy may be appointed by the governor, instead of the DHHR secretary, with Senate consent, and it provides that the director will report to the governor and work in cooperation with the officers of the Bureau for Public Health and the

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will also be live music throughout each day as well as a variety of games for kids and adults alike. The plans currently include corn hole, bouncy houses and inflatables, ax throwing, something called "human foosball," and other activities. Local artisanal vendors will also be set up selling wares.

Dan Withrow reports that there will be around five food trucks for the first festival, but that they have the possibly of expanding.

"I think it's going to be something different for our area," said Withrow, "we really do want to make this a kid and family friendly event for all."

The festival will be held on Edgar Avenue, with one block of the street being closed from the new City Hall building to the Day Report Center.

However, the Food Truck Festival won't just happen once this year. DeGraff reports that they are aiming to hold this event once a month throughout the rest of the summer, with tentative dates scheduled for June 16 and 17, July 14 and 15, and Aug. 4 and 5.

"We were inspired by other monthly events in the area, like First Fridays in Lewisburg," said DeGraff.

Vendors and musicians wishing to participate are encouraged to contact Alex DeGraff over Facebook. Both professional and amateur music acts are welcome at the festival.

To stay up-to-date on times and other information, follow the "Ronceverte Food Truck Festival" event page on Facebook, or the "Ronceverte Peeps" page.

Bureau of Behavioral Health.

HB 3306 would also create a fund to pay for hospital services, and it would lessen the time to submit certain data, like fatal drug overdoses, to a centralized database from 72-hours to 24-hours after a provider responds to an incident.

This bill, as amended, will now go before the full Senate.

Next, the committee advanced HB 2016, also lead-sponsored by Del. Summers, which provides that a child placement agency or residential treatment facility may disclose confidential information to other agencies or facilities "when making referrals or providing services on behalf of the child."

As explained by counsel, a strike-and-insert amendment "moves part of the bill to separate code sections for consistency and clarity." It also includes a "provision that

relates to providing copies of vital records to child placement agencies" and a provision that "refers to court hearing notices provided to those agencies."

"The strike and insert also removes the reference to requiring access to hospital records in addition to making technical changes," counsel stated.

There being no discussion, the bill will now go before the full Senate for possible approval.

The last bill advanced by the committee, HB 3191, requires state health facilities, including state mental health facilities, to be licensed as hospitals.

During the meeting, Sen. Patricia Rucker, R-Jefferson, asked for clarification, especially concerning state mental health facility licensure.

Counsel responded that should the bill pass, Mildred Mitchell-Bateman Hospital in Huntington

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PICK OF THE LITTER



BABY

Baby is an eight-year-old female hound mix and weighs 60 pounds.



JASPER

Jasper is a nine-year-old male domestic shorthair

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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OPINION

Nature's Way

By Karen Cohen

To Veg or Not to Veg

I'm talking about your garden. When is it best to get those veggie seeds and plants into the ground? Is it too early? Do you want to veg inside a bit more? Usually this time of year we are seeing snow, not 74 degrees as it was last week. Now I notice the robins every morning tweeting away to one another. The daffodils are in bloom. The forsythia are next to pop. Looks like spring has sprung, but a little voice keeps telling me, not so fast sister.

The farmers' almanac predicted a "soggy, shivery spring ahead." Well they got the soggy part right. We've had so much rain. But looking into the future weeks, temps at night will drop, as they usually do this time of year. And then there's Phil's predictions. You know, our chubby groundhog weather forecaster, Phil. On February 2 he predicted six more weeks of winter. Six weeks would take us to mid March. That's the "normal" time I put pea seeds into the ground. But this year, I put them in mid February. So far no sign of a pea shoot coming out of the ground. Mid March, I will replant my peas and if the whole lot of them survive and grow, well, I'll be rich in peas. Thankfully, freezing is simple and quick for peas.

My cabbages and bok choy are going in the ground this weekend. They should make it through even if the temps get a bit frosty at night. Daytime temperatures zoom up to the 50's midday and I am staying optimistic. Getting a jump on growing season is always just a fantasy of mine but this time, it may be for real. Time will tell.

I love making cabbage rolls, so easy, so juicy, and so good for you. My simple recipe uses tempeh but you can use the traditional ground beef. Harvesting cabbages is way off, I know, but save this recipe for that one large cabbage head you pluck out of your garden and tenderly carry it back to the house for cooking.

Cabbage Rolls

- 1 Onion, minced
 - 1 Carrot, minced
 - 1 tbsp cooking sherry
 - 2 tbsp red wine
 - 1 tsp liquid aminos or tamari
 - 1 cup cooked rice
 - 2 tbsp dill, fresh or dried
 - 1 green cabbage
- For the sauce:*
- 28 oz crushed tomatoes
 - ¼ tsp cayenne pepper
 - 1-2 cloves minced garlic
 - Ground pepper and salt to taste

Sauté your onion and carrots in the sherry and wine liquid till they are tender. Then add your crumbled tempeh or ground beef. Stir well and add everything else except the sauce ingredients. Tear off the cabbage leaves one by one and steam each one quickly over a pot of boiling water, remove and lay each one on a paper towel as you layer them and allow them to cool a bit.

Here's the fun part: take one large leaf, spread it out and then add a dollop of your cooked tempeh or cooked meat mixture in the middle and roll it up like a cigar. Place them alongside one another in a baking dish. Meanwhile, prepare the sauce ingredients over a low heat for 10 minutes. Once your cabbage leaves are



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stuffed and lined up, pour your sauce mixture over the cabbages and then bake for about 45 minutes in a 350 degree oven. If you like more sauce, serve it on the side. So good!

Even though red tomato sauce tastes so good with cabbage, as plants they are not compatible. Cabbage does not like to grow near tomatoes, beans, peppers or strawberries. That is true for all the brassica family, such as broccoli, kale and cauliflower. Cabbages do like to be planted about 20 inches apart so they can grow big and require about six to eight hours of sunlight.

We use compost tea or fish emulsion applied every two weeks for fertilizing and make sure they get about 1 inch of water weekly. Depending on the variety, cabbage can take 4-6 months to grow to maturity. Always apply water at the base of your plant, never water the entire cabbage. That can cause mildew and rot.

I use my saved eggshells as a slug deterrent by crushing them into a fine powder and then encircling each cabbage plant with a dressing of the crushed shells. Slugs do not like to walk over scratching surfaces. Be sure to examine the undersides of your cabbage leaves often. That's where you may find insect eggs or worms. I drop those into a bucket of soapy water as I go along.

I may take one more week to veg and finish that book I am reading, and then I veg OUT in my garden!

(Karen Cohen is an organic veggie grower, nature lover, seed saver, and avid explorer. If you are interested in exchanging seeds, please email natureswaykaren@gmail.com for dates and details. Happy gardening!)

Gov. Justice signs architectural and engineering contract for new veterans nursing facility in Beckley

Gov. Jim Justice ceremonially signed a contract that launches the design and engineering work on West Virginia's second veterans nursing home, a Southern West Virginia facility that state veterans have been seeking for longer than a decade.

The 120-bed facility will be built on a 12-acre plot of land adjacent to the Jackie Withrow Hospital, off Eisenhower Drive in east Beckley. The first state veterans nursing home, in Clarksburg, was opened 15 years ago and primarily serves veterans in North Central West Virginia.

"I've said more times than I can count that we owe everything we have to our veterans," Gov. Justice said. "We've got to take care of those who gave so much for us. This new nursing facility is going to mean the world to our veterans and their families who have needed this facility in Southern West Virginia for a long time."

The governor has been an outspoken advocate for the new nursing facility. The facility will be constructed through a combination of federal VA and State money. Gov. Justice, with the Legislature's full support, has earmarked funds in the State's bud-

get to serve as a match for federal grant dollars.

A partnership of SFCS Architects and Thrasher Engineering will oversee the architectural and engineering work for the Beckley facility. Roanoke, VA-based SFCS has designed more than a dozen high-profile, veterans-specific facilities across the United States. Thrasher Engineering, a West Virginia company, is one of the Mid-Atlantic region's largest and most versatile full-service architecture and engineering firms.

The Beckley nursing facility will be state-of-the-art. It will be designed around the Veterans Health Administration's Small House Model, which features clusters of 'neighborhood' housing areas with private rooms and community spaces that adjoin shared, fully accessible kitchens. The facility will also include a central common area that will house recreational and health care services.

The facility will offer 20 beds for veterans diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease or Dementia.

"Under Governor Justice's support and leadership, this tremendous project is going to happen. The Beckley veterans nursing facility will give the families of Southern

West Virginia veterans the ability to seek top-quality care for their senior loved ones, and the care will be closer to home," West Virginia Department of Veterans Assistance Cabinet Secretary Edward Diaz said.

"My staff and I have worked tirelessly on making this facility a reality.

We understand that this architectural and engineering agreement is only one step toward construction of the new nursing facility, but it is a huge, critically important step."

Potential names for the facility are still being considered from among several highly decorated West Virginia Veterans.

DHHR's Bureau of Medical Services to help members with healthcare coverage

With COVID-19 Continuous Coverage for Medicaid and the West Virginia Children's Health Insurance Program (WVCHIP) benefits ending in April 2023 due to the ending of the federal COVID-19 Public Health Emergency, the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR), Bureau for Medical Services is expanding efforts to reach members who have not responded to review or renew their enrollment.

Since the start of COVID-19, Medicaid and WVCHIP enrollment has increased by 30 percent, growing by 151,509 members from 504,760 in March 2020 to 656,269 in December 2022. DHHR's Bureau for Medical Services projects a 10 to 15 percent decline in overall Medicaid and WVCHIP enrollment when the public health emergency expires on Mar. 31, and continuous enrollment unwinding occurs.

Medicaid and WVCHIP members should check their mail for a renewal letter, complete the renewal form, and contact DHHR to ensure contact information (mailing address, phone number, and email address) is up-to-date. Updates can be made by email to dhhrcbfcchangectr@wv.gov, online at wvpath.wv.gov, or by calling the DHHR Customer Service Center at 1-877-716-1212.

Those who are not eligible for Medicaid or WVCHIP or who have already ended coverage are encouraged to contact the WV Navigator program at 304-356-5834 or acanavigator.com/wv/home for assistance in enrolling in a federal Marketplace health insurance plan.

Commentary

Over \$17M announced for Wildlife Conservation, Outdoor Access in WV

U.S. Senator Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV), Ranking Member of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee and a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, has announced \$17,424,327 from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to support the habitat and conservation of fish and wildlife in West Virginia, and increase access to outdoor opportunities for people across the state.

"West Virginia is truly 'wild and wonderful,' and it is important that we take steps now to maintain that trademark for generations to come. It is also important that our outdoorsmen and outdoorswomen maintain access to our public lands, and that their proud culture and traditions are carried on. I'm pleased to announce this funding today, and will continue to advocate for the resources we need to preserve the aspects of our state that make it so special," Ranking Member Capito said.

Commentary

PSC files complaint at FERC against PJM Interconnection

The Public Service Commission (PSC) of West Virginia filed a complaint at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) against PJM Interconnection for failing to comply with its Tariffs and denying the PSC access to observe Member Liaison Committee meetings with PJM's Board of Managers. PJM is a regional transmission organization for the regional grid, which includes 13 states and the District of Columbia. It administers the wholesale electric markets and conducts regional transmission planning.

"PJM's refusal to allow the PSC access to discussions with the PJM Board that can be observed by electricity producers, transmission companies and other market participants is wrong," said PSC Chairman Charlotte Lane. These discussions allow market participants that stand to gain from PJM Board decisions to advocate for particular market designs and rules that may not be in the best interest of West Virginia. "This compromises the PSC's ability to understand the full range of underlying factors and special interests driving PJM decisions so that it can be fully armed to protect the West Virginia electric customers in grid decisions, as well as in decisions we make in regulating West Virginia electric utilities," said Lane.

While a state regulatory Commission is not a market participant, the PSC became an ex officio, nonvoting member of PJM for the purpose of attending these meetings. The PJM complaint explains why it believes that the PJM rules, as well as FERC rulings on transparency, specifically require that even ex officio, nonvoting members of PJM must be allowed to observe the Member Liaison Committee meetings with the PJM Board. The PSC contends that by denying the PSC access to these meetings with the PJM Board and other members, PJM is violating its FERC-approved Tariff, which contains the rules PJM is obliged by FERC to follow.

PJM-related costs, which affect power supply and transmission costs, comprise about two-thirds of a West Virginian's electric bill. PJM's action in denying the PSC access to the information discussed in these closed door meetings compromises the PSC's ability to act in the interests of West Virginia.

"We are disappointed that PJM has required the PSC to take this extraordinary step in filing a complaint to access information needed to protect West Virginia electric customers," Lane said.



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Old Timer

Dear Old Timer,

Plastic bottles were first used in 1947, but they were too expensive for much commercial use. When lightweight, high-density polyethylene (PET) was introduced in the 1950s, soft drink companies began using more plastic bottles. By the 1970s, plastic bottles were used extensively due to low production costs, lightweight shipping, and resistance to breakage. Beer companies, and some water and milk companies, are still using glass bottles. According to www.weforum.org, Americans use, and throw away, 2.5 million plastic bottles every hour; bottles that will take some 450 years to disintegrate. In 2020, only 27.2% of these plastic bottles were recycled. Hopefully, we will do better than this in 2023. A historical tidbit: glass bottles were first used in Mesopotamia around 1500 B.C.E. and the Roman Empire produced glass bottles in year 1 C.E. The first glass-melting furnace was built in the early 1600s in Jamestown, VA, and the first automatic glass bottle-making machine was invented in 1904.

Dear Recycle Lady,

What is the difference in

reducing and reusing?

Confused

Dear Confused,

Good Question. There are several definitions of reuse. Perhaps, the simplest definition of reuse is to find another use for a product other than the use for which it was made. Examples of reuse would be using worn out clothing for rags, instead of using paper towels, or buying gently used clothing or furniture at consignment shops, such as Goodwill, The Americana Shop, or the Habitat ReStore. Buying reusable items over disposable ones is another form of reuse. Reducing means using less or cutting back. Making changes in your lifestyle, such as taking shorter showers or replacing older appliances with Energy Star appliances, are examples of reducing. Water usage could be reduced by as much as 4 gallons each time you brush your teeth simply by turning off the water while brushing. Taking your own silverware and cup to work instead of using disposable ones both reuses items and reduces the amount of trash. Check out this website for more ideas. www.epa.gov/recycle/reducing-and-reusing-basics#benefits.

Dear Recycle Lady,

The other day, someone told me that I could take my recyclable items to the landfill. Is this correct?

Frankford Reader

Dear Frankford Reader,

Yes, this is correct. The landfill essentially takes all recyclables that are accepted at the Recycle Center in Ronceverte, except electronics. Look for the trailer on the left side of the road that has compartments with names of each kind of recyclable item printed on it. The staff will be happy to show you where to put your items if you have difficulty. Thanks for bringing your recyclables with you when you bring your trash. The more recycling we do, the better it is for our environment. Converting raw materials into useful items requires energy. As recycling becomes more popular, manufacturers are able to use recycled materials and consume less energy. According to The Aluminum Association, using recycled aluminum for new aluminum products has helped to bring a 40 percent reduction in its carbon footprint over a 19-year period.

Kudos to the Lewisburg Lions Club for recycling 1,000 pairs of prescription glasses as reading glasses to be distributed to those who need them.

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

A Look Back



By William "Skip" Deegans

When our parents and grandparents went to a dance at the Ronceverte Armory on March 9, 1948, most likely they didn't have an inkling they would hear a young woman who would become one of Americans greatest vocalists: Rosemary Clooney. Playing in the armory was Tony Pastor and his 18-piece band, including two outstanding musicians, Henry Riggs on Drums and Stubby Pastor playing the trumpet. Providing vocals were the Clooney Sisters - Rosemary and Betty.

Tony Pastor is credited with discovering Rosemary Clooney. In 1945, the Clooney Sisters (who had grown up in poor circumstances in Maysville, Kentucky) appeared at an open audition on Cincinnati's radio station WLW. They won a spot on the station, and Pastor heard them on a trip through Ohio. That same year they joined Pastor's band. In 1949, the band and the Clooney Sisters recorded "A, You're Adorable" that became a hit.

The sisters split up. After a brief run as a singer, Betty became a television personality. In 1951, Rosemary recorded "Come On A My House" for Columbia Records. It was her first big hit with many more to follow. In addition to a successful recording career, she performed in movies and on television. Her most memorable movie is probably White Christmas with Bing Crosby, Danny Kaye, and Vera-Ellen. A heavy smoker, Rosemary died from lung cancer in 2002. Her nephew is the Academy Award winning actor George Clooney.

Photo: Circa 1954 from Wikimedia.

Sources: The Cincinnati Enquirer, The Daily Telegraph, Songwriters Hall of Fame.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Greenbrier County Board of Education is seeking written proposals from qualified individuals or agencies for energy performance contracting service.

Proposals will be received at the Greenbrier County Board of Education, Attn: Jeffrey Bryant, Superintendent, 653 Church Street, Lewisburg, WV 24901 until 3 p.m. May 12, 2023. Proposals may be mailed via U.S. Postal Service delivered via courier. It shall be the submitting party's responsibility to ensure that proposals arrive in the Board's office prior to the scheduled opening. Late submissions will not be accepted and will remain unopened.

A committee of at least five members will be formed by the Board to review the submissions. The committee will then conduct interviews with three of the firms/individuals. The intent of the RFP is to select individuals or agencies with the highest level of specialized skill, knowledge, resources, and experience to serve as the Board's energy performance contracting service. The Board reserves the right to determine the best Proposal for the District's needs. A full version of the RFP can be obtained by contacting David McClure, CSBO.

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Public Notice is hereby given that the Greenbrier County Board of Zoning Appeals will conduct a Public Hearing on Tuesday, April 4, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Main Floor Courtroom of the Greenbrier County Courthouse.

PUBLIC HEARING 1: The Board will consider the request and application of Little General Store, Inc. for a **Variance** from the Greenbrier County Zoning Ordinance. The appellant requests a rear setback variance from 30' to 24' to allow for an addition to the existing building at 14967 Seneca Trail N., Lewisburg. The subject property is zoned Commercial, located in the Fort Spring District, described in Deed Book 432 on Page 153 and shown on Tax Map 13G as Parcel 105 and Tax Map 13L as part of Parcel 35&38.

This legal advertisement has been compiled from information submitted by the Appellant. Accuracy of submitted information is the responsibility of the Appellant. The Board of Zoning Appeals is not responsible for errors and omissions in this legal advertisement as a result of erroneous or inaccurate information submitted by the Appellant. The petition is available for public review at the Board of Zoning Appeals office in the Courthouse. Anyone wishing to comment on this appeal is urged to attend the meeting or send written comments to the Board of Zoning Appeals, 912 Court Street N, Lewisburg, West Virginia 24901.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF GREENBRIER COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME FROM Lois Elizabeth Magruder TO: Elizabeth Magruder

Case No. 23-D-44

**LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
CHANGE OF NAME PROCEEDING**

Family Court of Greenbrier County, West Virginia

Notice is hereby given that on the 10th day of May, 2023, at 3:00 o'clock p.m. on said day, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, Lois Elizabeth Magruder will apply by Petition to the Family Court of Greenbrier County, West Virginia, for the entry of an order by said court changing her name from Lois Elizabeth Magruder to Elizabeth Magruder, at which time and place any interested party may appear and be heard, if they so desire.

You are hereby notified that this matter may be rescheduled without further notice of publication.

A copy of said can be obtained from the undersigned Clerk's office at: 912 Court Street N, Lewisburg, West Virginia.

Entered by the Clerk of said Court this 8th day of March 2023.

Jamie Baker
Greenbrier County Circuit Clerk
By: Debra McClure
Deputy Circuit Clerk

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(2021-S-00000004 - Greenbrier County - CAMPSITE LLC)

To: AMANDA TREVIO WHITE, DONALD RYAN LINTON, DONNA F. LINTON, LEAH QUICK, ADMINISTRATRIX STEPHEN LINTON, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have any interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT WHITE SULPHUR CORP MAP 11 PARCEL 0202 0000

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(2021-S-00000030 - Greenbrier County - MYRON VAUGHAN)

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DISTRICT ANTHONY CREEK MAP 28P PARCEL 0014 0002

You will take notice that MYRON VAUGHAN, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2021-S-00000030, 0.06 AC RESIDUE OF PCL 14 3RD AVE SEE SURVEY WITH, located in ANTHONY CREEK, which was returned delinquent in the name of BROWN PATRICIA ESTATE, and for which the tax lien(s) thereon was sold by the sheriff of Greenbrier County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on the 17th day of November, 2021, has requested that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made to him or her on or after April 24, 2023, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount you will have to pay on the last day, April 23, 2023, will be as follows:

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Vaughan, Bartenslager new members of American Angus Association

Trac Harrison Vaughan and Isaiah Bartenslager of Lewisburg, West Virginia, are new junior members of the American Angus Association, reports Mark McCully, CEO of the national organization with headquarters in Saint Joseph, MO.

Junior members of the Association are eligible to register cattle in the American Angus Association, participate in programs conducted by the National Junior Angus Association and take part in Association-sponsored shows and other national and regional events.

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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 March 28, 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):

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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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Obituary

Brenda May Barnes-Clark cont.

people and experience different cultures. During her travels and life adventures as a career soldier's wife she worked as a waitress, Homes Magazine regional advertising and distribution manager, newspaper advertising executive, car saleswoman, nanny, elder caregiver, boat club time share salesperson, debt counselor, assistant mortgage broker, life and health insurance salesperson, circus bill-poster, private cook and house manager for several large estates, motorhome factory-to-dealership delivery driver, textbook broker, tour guide, shuttle bus and

limo driver, Red Cross volunteer, and a teacher's assistant in a school for troubled children in Sarasota, FL.

In 2000 Brenda and her husband moved from Big Pine Key, FL to Alderson where Brenda rekindled her love of writing stories for children. In 2015 they moved to Lewisburg where Brenda began writing in earnest winning prizes at the annual West Virginia Writer's Conference and a fourth place in a Writer's Digest Magazine contest.

Giving person that she was, Brenda donated her body to the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine Human Gift

Registry in Lewisburg.

Brenda's family wants to thank the special nurses and care givers of Hospice Care of Lewisburg who provided Brenda and her family with great kind and compassionate care and guidance.

Brenda's family will host a memorial service for her at Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home, 884 Jefferson Street North, Lewisburg, WV 24901 on Sunday, Mar. 19 at 2 p.m.

A Zoom connection will be set-up for distant family and friends who are unable to attend in person. Attendees will be encouraged to relate their personal remembrances of her. Lite refreshments will

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be served.

In lieu of flowers, Brenda left instructions to ask well-wishers to send a donation to the Mountaineer Food Bank serving Greenbrier and surrounding counties. Donations can be made online at www.MountaineerFoodBank.org, by postal mail to 484 Enterprise Drive, Gassaway WV 26624, or by telephone at 304-364-5518.

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22 Push forward
23 Footballer from a major Kansas city?
25 Dwell (in)
26 Corp. VIPs
27 Pimples
28 "The — of the Ancient Mariner"
30 Fashion designer Tahari
31 Actor Brynner
32 Strong urge
33 Footballer ejected from a nightclub?
36 She helped Theseus
39 Imparted fizz to
41 Critical
42 Not on a footballer's right?
44 For the most part
46 Aristocrat's home

- 47 Formerly
48 Liberal —
50 Mai — (rum drinks)
52 Salvador the surrealist
54 Hard hitter, biblically
60 Ship shelters
64 Footballer with a rod and reel?
67 PC-sent greeting
68 Hearing things
70 Fast shark
71 Bamboozles
72 Footballer working as a sound technician?
75 Matching pullover and cardigan
77 Old Chrysler
78 Think meditatively
79 "Uh, pardon me ..."
80 Like Goodwill goods
82 Apple variety
85 Humiliated
90 Expand, as a house
95 Footballer on a plane trip?
97 Thin pancake
98 Envious composer in "Amadeus"

- 101 Iterate
102 Visit a footballer?
104 Labor
106 Young fellow
107 Flush (with)
108 Sony Bravia or Sharp Aquos
109 Pool hall item
110 Piece of office furniture
112 Plaything for Fido or Fluffy
114 Declaration when a footballer arrives?
119 Angry speech
120 One casting a ballot
121 Urge on
122 Makes a sly verbal attack
123 Ecstasy
124 Feds, e.g.

DOWN

- 1 "See-saw, Margery —"
2 Fanciers of fine dining
3 Wrinkle-removing procedure
4 Iterate
5 Greek consonants
6 Vietnamese festival

- 7 Common infant illness
8 Girl played by Lily Tomlin
9 Bamboozles
10 Anger
11 Quick escape
12 Stuck going nowhere
13 When typical workdays start
14 Self-indulgent binge
15 Have existence
16 Experience a huge failure
17 Remove hair from, as one's legs
18 Like doctors' practices
19 In an aerodynamic way
24 Early Mexican
29 '80s Golden Arches burger
31 Bulldogs' school
32 Scared (of)
33 Kennel club classifications
34 Rowing need
35 TiVo device
37 — minimum
38 Connect-the-points puzzle
40 Abbr. limiting a list

- 43 Canon — Rebel
45 Exec. helper
48 Make — out of (rebut)
49 Skating place
51 "It's finally clear"
53 Woeful cry
55 Relatives of xylophones
56 Clickable screen image
57 Some ring wins, for short
58 Sommer of "A Shot in the Dark"
59 Take it easy
60 A helmet protects it
61 Take — from (do as suggested by)
62 Units of absorbed energy
63 Vigor, in music scores
64 "Oedipus complex" coiner
65 Egyptian goddess of fertility
66 Black-clad teen, maybe
69 High point
73 Blowout win
74 Enshrouded

- 76 Mink's cousin
79 "Mein Gott!"
81 "Such a pity!"
83 Erstwhile space station
84 Troublemaker
86 Rear, at sea
87 Marine animal's pelt
88 Title girl of old comics
89 Like green or purple hair
90 Doesn't reject
91 Embedded, as a nail
92 "Taking Woodstock" star — Martin
93 Source of flowing water
94 Tennis divider
95 Shark feature
96 Tot's wheels
99 Pollen bearer
100 Lowest parking garage tier, perhaps
103 "Absolutely!"
105 Earthy hue, to a Brit
109 Post-Q string
110 Fender flaw
111 Latin "Lo!"
113 Lyrical verse
115 Sales staffer
116 Outer: Prefix
117 Rio carmaker
118 Hi — image

SCRABLERS puzzle with words like CANGLE, TOURNIE, PARILS, NASTI and a 'TODAY'S WORD' box.

Weekly SUDOKU by Linda Thistle. Includes a 9x9 grid and instructions: 'Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.' Difficulty: Moderate to Challenging.

HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF. Two panels of a boy and girl in a yard. Instructions: 'Find at least six differences in details between panels.' Differences listed: 1. Jacket is different, 2. Pocketbook is missing, 3. Sign is missing, 4. Leg is moved, 5. Post is different, 6. Hat is moved.

A large crossword puzzle grid with numbered starting points for words.

SCHOOL

Butler places first at Math Field Day



Greenbrier West Middle School student Ben Butler, seventh grade, placed first in the Regional Math Field Day earlier this month. He will now advance to the State Math Field Day event.

Teach for America Appalachia approved by BOE

The West Virginia Board of Education (WVBE) approved the application for the approval of Teach for America Appalachia (TFAA) to provide a teacher certification program in West Virginia. The program is among the four approved under the West Virginia Department of Education's (WVDE) Option 3 Pathway.

TFAA will support candidates with coursework at no cost to successfully pursue a non-transferable provisional professional teaching certificate in the state. Partnering with counties, TFAA will also provide a variety of training, virtual and in-person practicum experiences and mentoring in order to fill areas of critical need.

The Option 3 Pathway allows individuals who possess a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher education and an overall 2.5 grade point average (GPA) (or qualifying GPA exemption of the West Virginia Testing Directory) to complete coursework pursuant to §18A-3-2a(a)(1)(C) for receiving a Professional Teaching Certificate. American Board, iTeach and Teach Now are also approved providers under this pathway, and additional information is available on the TeachWV website.

While TFAA is a national program, West Virginia's plan will be similar to the Kentucky model that has been in place since 2011. The Bluegrass State reports a success rate of approximately 85% with candidates fulfilling a two-year commitment to their placement counties. The goal is for teachers to remain in their initial schools beyond that commitment.

Teacher candidates will hold a bachelor's or master's degree and may begin to apply for the TFAA program on the national website, teachforamerica.org.

"Approval of the Teach for America Appalachia program allows us to open another option to address this critical need in our state," said WVBE Member Debra Sullivan. "Recruiting idealistic young people to our state for this purpose represents a huge investment. We hope they will acculturate into our communities and fall in love with teaching in West Virginia."

The WVBE also received updates on the Department's Ready, Read, Write, West Virginia literacy initiative. The WVDE continues to expand supports and resources including introductory instructional videos for educators on the five pillars of the Science of Reading plus writing. This approach focuses on phonics to effectively teach decoding skills to all students.

Additionally, through a partnership with the Early Learning Technical Assistance Center (EL-TAC) at Marshall University, specialists provide localized training and assistance to help teachers implement strategies outlined in the initiative.

The WVDE will also launch an advertising campaign to promote the importance of literacy through a program offered by the West Virginia Broadcaster's Association. The television and radio spots will air on stations across the state beginning in early March. To learn more about Ready, Read, Write, West Virginia visit the WVDE website.

Greenbrier East student to compete in Poetry Out Loud Competition

Forty-four students from across West Virginia will recite poems by Joy Harjo, Paul Laurence Dunbar, Emily Dickinson, Jimmy Santiago Baca, Tracy K. Smith, Rocket Cauleshu and many others during the 2023 Poetry Out Loud state finals competition set for March 10-11, 2023, at the Culture Center in Charleston. Greenbrier East High School student Lauren Rodgers will be representing GEHS at the competition.

The winner will represent West Virginia at the 2023 national Poetry Out Loud competition in Washington, DC, on May 8-10.

Friday's competition will be hosted by Maggie Holley, the education director at West Virginia Public Broadcasting. For the final round of com-

petition on Saturday, the master of ceremonies will be storyteller, author and recording artist Bil Lepp, whose humorous, family-friendly tall tales and stories have earned the appreciation of readers and listeners of all ages. Lepp is a five-time champion of the West Virginia Liars Contest and winner of the 2018 Vandalia Award.

The semifinal competition begins with Division I at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, Mar. 10, with Division II beginning at 2:30 p.m. Saturday's final competition begins at 1 p.m.

Hemlock & Hickory, a musical duo made up of Brendan Hearn and Dakota Karper on cello, violin, guitar, banjo and vocals, will perform during the finals. Saturday's program also features violinist Ala-

sha Al-Qudwah and West Virginia poet laureate Marc Harshman. All sessions are free and open to the public.

Harshman will serve as a judge for the competition, along with West Virginia poets Randi Ward and Joel Peckham; author and songwriter Colleen Anderson; novelist and educator Rajia Hassib; and Kay Goodwin, former secretary of the West Virginia Department of Education and the Arts.

The state champion receives \$200 and an all-expense-paid trip to the national finals. The champion's school or organization receives \$500 to purchase poetry books and materials. The runner-up receives \$100, while the school receives \$200 for poetry books and materi-

als.

Participating students and teachers receive original works created by West Virginia artists. The state champion and runner-up also will receive trophies handcrafted by West Virginia artist Matt Thomas.

Poetry Out Loud is sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts and the Poetry Foundation, in partnership with the WV Department of Arts, Culture and History. The program is designed to encourage high school-age students to learn about great poetry through memorization, performance and competition.

For more information, contact Jim Wolfe, arts in education coordinator, at 304-558-0240 or email him at james.d.wolfe@wv.gov

CLUB & CHURCH

Church Bulletin

Women's ministry to hold spring Bible study

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

WSS Tilapia Dinners continue for Lenten Season

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

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

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

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

The most recent major project was purchasing and distributing 96 new children's winter coats in the four county area, in

cooperation with the Family Resource Network of Pocahontas County; the Wellspring of Meadow River Country, Family Resource Network of Monroe County; Alderson Elementary School, Smoot Elementary School, White Sulphur Springs Elementary School, and gently used winter wear through Wellspring, Family Resource Network of Monroe County; Lewisburg/Fairlea Food Pantry; and the Donald Davis Memorial Toy Fund of Summers and western Greenbrier County.

For further information and directions to the dinners, telephone the office of the Catholic Churches of the Greenbrier Valley 304-536-1813 or Knights of Columbus 304-645-1373.

New Growth Group at Rhema Christian Center

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

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



A saint by any other name

St. Patrick's Day is a widely popular holiday. Though the holiday honors the life of the patron saint of Ireland and has become a way for people from all backgrounds to celebrate Irish culture, celebrants may be surprised to learn that St. Patrick was not really named "Patrick" and he also was not Irish. Historians are uncertain about the actual date of St. Patrick's birth, but many believe he was born in Roman Britain in the 5th century. Other accounts trace St. Patrick's birth to present-day Scotland or possibly even Wales. But no account suggests that St. Patrick was born in Ireland. But St. Patrick did set foot on Irish soil, and in fact spent years living in the land now known as the Emerald Isle after he was captured by a group of Irish pirates, taken to Ireland and ultimately enslaved. But St. Patrick was not only not Irish, he also was not named "Patrick." Historians believe Ireland's patron saint was born Maewyn Succat, but changed his name to "Patricius" upon becoming a priest after he escaped from slavery. Celebrants of St. Patrick's Day also may be surprised to learn that St. Patrick was never formally canonized, as he lived prior to the adoption of the current laws governing canonization in the Catholic Church. That said, St. Patrick is still venerated as a saint in various Christian churches, including the Catholic Church and the Eastern Orthodox Church.

STEPPIN' OUT

Smooth Ambler Second Stage Series continues with The Fabulous Baker Sisters

Carnegie Hall's Smooth Ambler Second Stage Series presents The Fabulous Baker Sisters on Thursday, Mar. 30, at 7:30 p.m. in the Old Stone Room. The pair will share stories, memories and monologues that reflect their distinctly silly view of the world. Guests are invited to come early for a Preshow Reception from 6:30 to 7:15 p.m. The Second Stage Series is sponsored by Smooth Ambler.

Although the sisters, Margaret Baker and Barbara Baker Elliott, have lived in the Greenbrier Valley for more than 30 years, they grew up in Smithfield, North Carolina, as UKs (Undertaker's Kids), which explains a lot. Bummed about having a master's in theater but working as a waitress, Margaret succumbed to a real job writing for kiddie television in North Carolina. She then chucked that aside, ran off and joined an alternative theater company. The Road Company, based in Johnson City, Tennessee, produced original plays based on improvisation while traveling in a van held together by duct tape. Upon drifting to Philadelphia to study Yankee ways Margaret stumbled upon a career in writing and performing one-woman comedy. After moving to Pocahontas County, she spent 18 years directing the Pocahontas County Drama Workshop.

Barbara started out as a writer in higher education, public television, and banking before she, too, moved to West Virginia, where her first job was as PR/Education Director at Carnegie Hall. Since then, she has worked almost everywhere in the Greenbrier Valley. She writes a regular humor column for The Greenbrier Valley Quarterly. In 2018 she compiled a decade's worth of columns into a book, The Accidental Mountaineer, published by Havenbrook Media with illustrations by Sally Cooper.

For the Carnegie Hall performance, Margaret will bring back some favorite characters from her one-woman shows, including a K-Mart employee touting some questionable must-have specials and a wronged woman who shares some artsy, crafty therapy tips. Her monologues will cover topics including a funeral business that has gone green, a disaster involving slime, an ode to poisonous gases for the young at heart, and help for those who are vulnerable to man spam scams.

Barbara will share some favorite essays from her book and column. They include an exposé of insanity in the beverage industry, a defense of pimento cheese purity, an adolescent quest for perfect hair, angst at being a baby boomer in a millennial world, and the risky business of competitive chili cooking.

Tickets are \$15 and may be purchased by visiting www.carnegiehallwv.org, calling 304-645-7917, or stopping by 611 Church Street, Lewisburg. The Preshow Reception is free. A cash bar and snacks will be available.



The Fabulous Baker Sisters with Barbara Baker Elliott on the left and Margaret Baker on the right.

Second Annual Spring Craft and Vendor Show fundraiser set

The American Heritage Music Hall will hold their second annual Spring Craft and Vendor Show fundraiser on Friday, Mar. 17, and Saturday, Mar. 18 at the Music Hall in Ronceverte. The event will run from 2 to 6 p.m. on Friday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday.

A great place to find spring and Easter décor, the show will feature a variety of local crafters and vendors, including: Helen Dosier (Asbury), Kay Shafer (Lewisburg), Millie Arbaugh (Asbury), Lynelle Braught and Dinah Rhodes of Dry Creek Farm (WSS), Kimberly Baker (Ronceverte), Hope Ridgeway (WSS), Karen Campbell (Ronceverte), Ronceverte River Festival, Tina Fox (Lewisburg), Jill Highlander (Alderson), Bonnie Mitchell with Glendoras Soap (Lewisburg), Me-

lissa Crane (Crawley), Sue Clemson (Hinton), Jackie Defibaugh (Ronceverte), Carol Ramsey (Ronceverte), Cassandra Ray (Maxwelton), Kelsey Peters (Ronceverte), Kay Diem (Caldwell), Donna Simms (Alderson), Kimberly Kincaid (Alderson), Vicky Kincaid (Hillsboro), Ruth Kincaid, Oasie Canterbury, Joan Hays (WSS), Vicky Neal (Crawley), Kadee Ratliff (Second Creek), Sheila Maloney (WSS), and Carrie Huffman (Lewisburg). There will be hourly door prize drawings and an Easter Basket raffle where all proceeds will benefit the Music Hall. Food concessions will also be available. The music hall is a nonprofit organization that needs support from the community.

The American Heritage Music Hall is open to the public every Tuesday

night for a jam session where local musicians get together and play music from 7 to 10 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m. A potluck meal is served, so just bring your favorite covered dish and come on down to the music hall and enjoy the evening for a \$7 cover charge.

The fourth Saturday of every month a live band is on stage to provide music for dancing, or just to sit back and enjoy. Saturday hours are from 7 to 10:30 p.m. with a \$10 cover charge for the evening. Bring your favorite covered dish and enjoy a potluck meal. Doors open at 6 p.m.

All ages are welcome to Music Hall events. The Hall is a non-smoking and non-alcoholic facility and is handicap accessible.

We hope to see you at the American Heritage Music Hall for the second

annual Spring Craft Vendor Show. Shop, eat, and enjoy the while supporting the Music Hall and the local crafters and vendors.

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<i>Trout to Table</i>	Saturday, March 25th, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. OR 3 p.m. – 5 p.m. Knapps Creek Trout Lodge, Marlinton
Learn to prepare and cook freshly caught trout! Limited slots available – please call to register for this free event.	
<i>Ramp up at High Rocks</i>	Saturday, April 1st, 3 p.m. – 5 p.m. at the High Rocks Lodge, Hillsboro
Join High Rocks and learn how to identify, sustainable harvest, and prepare this mountain delicacy!	
<i>Value Added Products: Ramp Salt and Ramp Pesto</i>	Saturday, April 8th, 3 p.m. – 5 p.m. at the High Rocks Lodge, Hillsboro
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<i>Seed to Skillet</i>	Thursday, April 13th, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. at Ruby Grow Farm, Hillsboro
Tour our Ruby Grow high tunnel and learn about growing your own food! Please call to register for this free event.	
<i>Morel Mushroom Workshop</i>	Friday, April 15th, 3 p.m. – 5 p.m. at the High Rocks Lodge, Hillsboro
Join us for an afternoon of food, fellowship, and fun as we go for a walk through the forest and share tips on identifying morel mushrooms.	
<i>PEPPERONI ROLLS: food of our people</i>	Friday, April 21st, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. at The Hub, Lewisburg
Learn how to make this delicious West Virginia specialty from scratch!	
<i>Appalachian Apple Baking</i>	Friday, April 28th, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. at the Hub, Lewisburg
Join us at the Hub in Lewisburg for an afternoon of baking with apples, Appalachian style!	
<i>CAMPFIRE COOKING</i>	Saturday, May 6th, 3 p.m. – 5 p.m. at the High Rocks Lodge, Hillsboro
Gather around the campfire! Share tips and tricks and set yourself up for success when planning a campfire meal! And of course, eat!	
<i>Innoculating Mushrooms</i>	Saturday, May 13th, 3 p.m. – 5 p.m. at the High Rocks Lodge, Hillsboro
"Plant" your own shiitakes and learn how to grow edible mushrooms on a log!	



High Rocks' mission is to educate, inspire, and empower young people in West Virginia.

Carnegie Hall Calendar of Events

Spring 2023 Classes & Workshops: Carnegie Hall offers learning opportunities starting in February and continuing through May. Classes and workshops include woodturning, hand crafting tea pots and mugs, sausage making, salt-rising bread making, soap making, making Appalachian Medicinals, guided ceramic projects for all ages, painting, drawing, printmaking, basket weaving, fiber arts, craft jewelry, and leather craft. To register or for more information visit carnegiehallwv.org.

Saturday, Mar. 18: Preshow Lounge - Join Carnegie Hall for a Carnegie Classics Preshow Reception in the Board Room on Saturday, Mar. 18, at 6:30 p.m. Free admission. Cash bar and snacks available.

Saturday, Mar. 18: Gershwin Meets Brahms! - The Carnegie Classics Series presents Gershwin Meets Brahms! featuring Barbara Nissman with The Montclair String Quartet on Saturday, Mar. 18, at 7:30 p.m. Join Carnegie Hall for more of Barbara's favorites as she showcases the music of Gershwin and Brahms. Individual performance tickets are \$20. Buy One Get One Free available for patrons 50 years of age and older. Students 18 years old and younger are admitted free but must reserve a ticket. Call for discounted/free tickets or more information.

Sunday, Mar. 19: Affrilachian: Selected Readings By Nikki Giovanni - Carnegie Hall and the Greenbrier Historical Society presents Affrilachian: Selected Readings by Nikki Giovanni on Sunday, Mar. 19, at 3 p.m. As part of the Carnegie Hall Appalachian Heritage Lecture Series, Nikki Giovanni will read selected Poetry and Prose. Tickets are \$20.

Thursday, Mar. 30: Second Stage Lounge - Join Carnegie Hall for the Smooth Ambler Second Stage Lounge The Fabulous Baker Sisters Return preshow reception in the Old Stone Room at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Mar. 30. Free admission. Cash bar available.

Thursday, Mar. 30: The Fabulous Baker Sisters Return - The Smooth Ambler Second Stage Series presents The Fabulous Baker Sisters Return on Thursday, March 30, at 7:30 p.m. Join Carnegie Hall in the Old Stone Rooms The Fabulous Baker Sisters Return for a night new and classic funny stories, memories, and monologues. Tickets are \$15.

Rotating Galleries:

Old Stone Room Gallery - 29th Annual Creative Youth Art Exhibit. Awards ceremony and reception Mar. 6, at 6 p.m.

Museum Gallery - Works by Trish Tuckwiller. Runs through Mar. 31.

Lobby Gallery - Works by Kathy Talley. Runs through Mar. 31.

Permanent Exhibit:

Arts from the Ashes: The History of Carnegie Hall - The exhibit features memorabilia, photographs, artifacts and more of Carnegie Hall since its construction in 1901. Located on the second floor. Free admission

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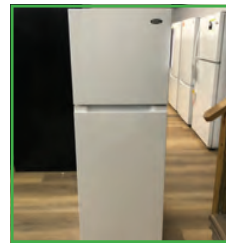
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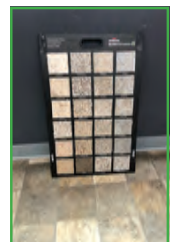
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