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It's Time! The Chocolate Festival is finally here

The much-anticipated 15th annual Lewisburg Chocolate Festival is held this weekend on Saturday, Apr. 8 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Event organizers announced earlier this week that tasting tickets have sold out online, and that only a limited amount will be available at Will Call (City National Bank, downtown Lewisburg branch) for purchase on the day of the event.

Organizers also are reminding attendees that a shuttle service will be provided by MTA from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. and will run from the bottom of the Wal-Mart parking lot to the Lewisburg United Methodist Church parking lot every 20-30 minutes.



Splash Pad work continues at Island Park



Future home of Ronceverte's Splash Pad

By Adam Pack

The City of Ronceverte was pleased to announce at their Apr. 3 City Council meeting that things are moving along swimmingly with the Ronceverte Splash Pad. According to City Administrator Pam Mentz, the city has already finished the installation of electricity, lighting,

fencing, and handicap accessible sidewalks to date.

The city has been advised that Apr. 18 is the tentative date for the installation of the sprayers and the vault, and they are in the process of having signs made with rules and restrictions for visitors.

Ronceverte City Council hears requests related to upcoming Food Truck Festival

By Adam Pack

The Ronceverte City Council met for their regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, Apr. 3, at 7 p.m. in the new City Hall building on Edgar Avenue. Dan Withrow and Alex Degraff addressed the council with plans, itineraries, and logistical considerations for the upcoming food truck festival in May. The festival, which Withrow and company foresee bringing in several food trucks, will take place on Edgar Avenue on May 11, 12, and 13, and will require the partial closing of the street on May 11 between 5 and 9 p.m. for a band to perform a show, and on Friday the 12th from 12 p.m. all the way into Saturday the 13th at 10 p.m.

After delivering this request Withrow briefed the council on the plans he and his associates have for the festival. "We plan on having trucks out here just in front of the City Hall, with a stage up the street. We also have plans for a children's area with a bounce house and other games." Withrow has been doing a great deal of background work, discussing the festival with business owners in Ronceverte, and reported that, "all of the business owners here on Edgar are good with it." The council had already approved the closure of Edgar Avenue for the above times on the 12th and the 13th and had before them the approval of the times listed for the 11th. The council approved the closure of Edgar Avenue from the intersection of Edgar Avenue and Frankford Road to the Day Report Center unanimously.

In other news, council also heard Withrow's request for an outdoor seating arrangement for the Sportsman Tavern. Withrow described the outdoor seating as, "A wooden deck, measuring 12' x 20', sanded very finely and stained, ornamented with flower baskets, and wire for the balusters. It's going to be a very visually appealing structure. It will be attached to the street, so it won't be able to be moved or move around, but can be taken up within half an hour or so, and will probably remain there from, weather dependent, any-

where between March and May to anywhere between September to October. The deck will stop short of the street, depth-wise, and won't impede traffic. It should seat around 20 people." The council approved Withrow's request and work will begin immediately.

The city also reported that though there was no current business on dilapidated buildings, officials are working diligently to learn more about the legal avenues available to them to deal with both commercial and residential buildings which pose what

City Administrator Pam Mentz described as, "an imminent danger to public health and safety."

The city also read a proposed change to the ordinance related to the increase in fees collected via citations. Current Ordinance 2012-02 would be changed by Ordinance 2023-02. As previously reported, the Ronceverte Police Department requested 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

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Ed Robinson proclaimed Distinguished West Virginian by Governor

E.L. Robinson Engineering Co. founder Ed Robinson was presented with the Distinguished West Virginian Award on Saturday, Apr. 1 at a ceremony at the Embassy Suites in Charleston. The award was presented by Transportation Secretary Jimmy Wriston, P.E., on behalf of Gov. Jim Justice.

"I'm honored to name Ed a Distinguished West Virginian," Gov. Justice said. "Not only does he embody the true spirit of a Mountaineer with his entrepreneurial success, he's also spent his career giving back to our state through his engineering work on countless major infrastructure projects that will serve our state for decades to come."

The Distinguished West Virginian Award, which honors a citizen's service to West Virginia, is the highest award that can be presented to a citizen by the Governor.



Ed Robinson

lead other engineers, and to do exemplary work for the people of West Virginia." Robinson founded E.L. Robinson Engineering in 1978. "This is a West Virginia firm that has grown through the decades," Wriston said. Robinson also served several years on the Professional Engineers (P.E.) licensing board in the state. "He's been a mentor to young engineers, and he's been a role model," Wriston said. "This is a tribute to a career spent serving."

Lewisburg City Council discusses levy, parks projects

By Sarah Richardson

At the latest Lewisburg City Council meeting, Mayor Beverly White announced that she is running unopposed for another term in this year's municipal election. Also running unopposed are two city council members, John Little and Sarah Elkins. "We are excited to be able to serve the City once again, please come out and vote," said Mayor White. "We are excited about what's ahead for Lewisburg."

City Manager Misty Hill presented Council with an order calling for a levy election as the last levy nears its expiration date. The five-year levy provides funding for the city's police department, fire department, city streets, streetlights, parks, and other city property. The approximate total value of the levy over five years is \$2,750,165. Voters will be able to vote "for" or "against" continuing the levy during the June 13 municipal election. City Treasurer Susan Honaker noted to council that it requires a 55 percent "for" vote to pass.

Hill also reported that work is continuing to the new Public Works building site on Stonehouse Road next to the Municipal Water Plant as the weather improves and the mud becomes less of a hindrance.

Council member Sarah Elkins announced that the Parks Commission held their first meeting of the year, and that all-new field lights have been ordered for Hollowell and Dorie Miller parks. These lights should be installed by the end of May, after which night games can be held. These new lights come at no cost to the city as they are replacing deficient lights that were ordered some time ago.

Elkins said that Parks Commission members heard presentations from area sports team leaders, most of whom are reporting strong numbers with youth sports participation in the area. The girls softball league reports an anticipated 450-500 players this season. "They're doing something right," said Elkins. "I think that's a testament to the program."

Elkins also reported that there is an ongoing discussion on raising the \$10 special event field fee. They are researching a "more realistic fee structure." There is also a fence that will be installed to separate the ballfield from the playground at Dorie Miller, and discussions to erect a flyball net between the ballfield and Pickleball court at Hollowell Park.

In other news, council member John Little raised concerns over a dilapidated structure located at the Walnut Lane and Green Street intersection. "This is not an issue over whether the house looks good or not," Little said, "I believe the house is a safety hazard." He said that efforts made so far to "bringing the property back into some sort of fair condition are not in good faith, as I understand it."

Little asked the city to engage with their attorney to see what can be done. "It's clearly a danger, and I would like us to address that in some meaningful way."

The general fund budget for the city's 2024 fiscal year was discussed, with additional department capital requests including \$25,000 for community development, \$23,500 for City Hall, \$29,770 for the police department, \$400,000 for the purchase of a fire truck, \$9,000 for a mill grinder for the streets department, and \$12,000

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Andrew DeGraff wins Interim Bantamweight Championship

By Stephen Baldwin, RealWV

Andrew DeGraff, a 17-year old jiu jitsu phenom from Lewisburg ranked 20th in the world, won the Interim Bantamweight Championship last weekend in New York. He defeated Jon Jimenez by submission, setting up a rematch with renowned grappler Mateo Maldonado (who holds the interim title as well).

DeGraff took command of the fight with Jimenez early, applying a submission maneuver. But he was unable to lock it in, and the match continued. He applied the same submission maneuver a second time, locked it in, and Jimenez refused to submit.

"He didn't want to tap and lose the match," DeGraff says. "So I had to damage his leg pretty badly. The only thing you can do is give someone enough time to tap and if they don't then that's on them."

DeGraff completed the submission maneuver when his opponent refused to submit, likely tearing ligaments in his opponent's leg.

"It was kinda sad, but it is what it is," Degraff notes. "It's a problem in the world of jiu jitsu. People's pride and not wanting to submit when they should."

DeGraff says as a competitor you have to decide going into a competition how far you are willing to go if a situation like that presents itself. He says some competitors don't even give their opponents adequate time to tap out before inflicting damage, but he makes a point to

give his opponents every opportunity to tap out. "If they won't, that's their decision that they have to live with."

It's a split-second decision in the heat of combat grapplers must make. And the more known DeGraff becomes across the nation, the more opponents he will see who try to test his limits.

"You never wanna hurt someone," he says. "This is the worst injury I've inflicted in my career so far. I talked to him today, and he's doing pretty well."

Rematch with Maldonado

Right now, Degraff and Maldonado are both interim champions. They are on a collision course, perhaps as soon as this summer.

In late 2022, DeGraff and Maldonado fought for the first time. The tight match went into overtime.

"I was winning the overtime, and then the ref called it early," DeGraff remembers. "It was just one of those weird calls that went wrong." Maldonado was awarded the match, but the two have unfinished business.

"I feel confident," DeGraff says. "I'm always improving. If you look at my matches against people I've fought previously, I tend to do better the second time. Don't get me wrong, he's very good and very experienced, but I feel confident."

The battle for the 135-pound bantamweight championship will probably be announced in the near future and may happen as soon as this summer.



Andrew DeGraff (left) with his Championship Belt

Nova Jiu Jitsu (Ronceverte)

Andrew wasn't the only local competitor in New York for the RISE Invitational. Lucas Raymond, Leslie Campbell, and Alex DeGraff (older sister of Andrew) competed as well. Lucas and Leslie made good showings but were unable to secure a victory. Alex made it to the second round and came in fourth place overall in her division.

"It's cool that Nova is starting to make a name for itself competition wise," Andrew says. "There are more people from here starting to win and put West Virginia on the world stage."

Andrew plans to hang his championship belt at the Nova studio as a symbol of their team effort.

Nova Jiu Jitsu offers classes for adults, women, and children. For more information, check them out on Facebook.

\$9.7M in Transportation Alternatives and Recreational Trails Program grants awarded

Gov. Jim Justice has announced the award of 38 Transportation Alternatives and Recreational Trails Program grant projects for Federal Fiscal Year 2022, worth \$9,734,552 in total, for projects in 22 counties.

"We've learned that investing in our cities, towns, and beautiful parks is one of the best ways to attract tourists and improve the daily lives of our resi-

dents," Gov. Justice said. "This program provides millions of dollars to make some of the best places in West Virginia more accessible, which will also enhance visitation throughout the state. The positive economic ripple effects will be off the charts, and I couldn't be prouder to approve these well-deserved initiatives."

The West Virginia Transportation Alternatives and

Recreational Trails Program are administered by the West Virginia Department of Transportation (WVDOT) and funded by the Federal Highway Administration. These grants help towns and cities build and improve sidewalks, lighting, walking paths, rail trails and more.

Area transportation alternatives projects include:

- Greenbrier River Trail Foundation: \$764,941.25.

Construction: Greenbrier River Trail Bridges Redecking

- City of White Sulphur Springs: \$875,000. Design and Construction: White Sulphur Springs West End Streetscape

- Town of Alderson: \$50,000. Design: Alderson Memorial Bridge Repairs

For additional information about Transportation Alternatives and Recreational Trails Program and grant application process, please visit transportation.wv.gov or dohgrants.wv.gov

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for city parks. The total in expenditures comes to \$9.1 million, and \$4.6 million in estimated revenue. It has been submitted to the state for approval.

Council member Little noted that while, at a glance, the budget seems to have a wide divide between total expenses and total revenue, "I think we are very, very conservative on the expense side, and not very conservative on the income side, so it makes us look like the numbers are very askew." He explained that the budget was presented in the same way last year, but now that the fiscal year is wrapping up they are showing an estimated positive rather than a negative. "It is really good to see these projected actuals as opposed to the budget, and I think if anybody is concerned when they look at those numbers they should do a deeper dive on those numbers. I feel good about the work that we did."

Rising inflation, poverty, puts WV kids at higher risk of abuse

By Nadia Ramlagan for WVNS

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month, and experts say ongoing inflation, economic challenges and poverty can place stress on families and increase the risk of child abuse and neglect.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, rates of child abuse and neglect are five times higher for children in families with low socioeconomic status.

Kate Flack - CEO of the West Virginia Child Advocacy Network - explained that parents may turn to substance use or other unhealthy coping mechanisms, to deal with mounting financial pressures, which could put kids in unsafe situations.

"If parents are having to work multiple jobs to make ends meet, there's less eyes on kids," said Flack. "There's less supportive supervision. So kids are more at risk of being preyed upon."

Flack also pointed to the rise in internet-facilitated crime against children since the pandemic, and said kids who are allowed to use social media unsupervised are at higher risk for exploitation.

Suspected cases of child abuse in West Virginia can be reported to the state's Abuse and Neglect Hotline at 1-800-352-6513 - seven days a week, 24 hours a day.

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report. The citation fee increase is an inflation-based raise to help with police equipment funding. The latter request is based on the fact that it takes a considerable number of man hours 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 ordinance to raise citation fees was placed on first reading at the last meeting of the council, to be read the second time at this month's reading. Upon second reading the citation increase was passed by the council unanimously.

Anthony Brown, representing the Thrasher Group, stated to Council that Thrasher engineers are going to be doing walkthroughs in the town to finalize their work on the city's sewer upgrades, with designs to be submitted to the council soon. Brown also relayed to the council that he had con-

tacted the earmark agencies of Senators Manchin and Capito and Congresswoman Miller regarding a complete rebuild of the Ronceverte bridge, but had not heard back from them. However, he reported that "we typically hear back from congressional earmark agencies within 90 days or so."

The bridge rebuild would create a new bridge in place of the old, dilapidated bridge, and be capable of handling foot and vehicular traffic. Brown is confident that the bridge could be funded by congressional earmarks, especially when taking into account that, "putting it in the language of the proposal that the bridge could be essential for flooding evacuation will be a really good selling point."

The city also proclaimed April as Autism Awareness Month, and Apr. 14 as Arbor day in the City of Ronceverte. City Administrator Mentz also presented an updated

Floodplain Ordinance. According to state law, the Floodplain Ordinance must be updated due to the possibility of river course movement. "We have been doing some research lately, to see what's changed, whether or not any elevations have changed; nothing has changed from the last flood ordinance, but we are still mandated to adopt the new one," said Mentz. Mayor Deena Pack moved to consider the ordinance read by reading of the title only, and having read the title, the city considered the ordinance read for the first time. The ordinance will go to a second reading at next month's city council meeting.

The Ronceverte City Council will meet again on May 1, at 7 p.m. in the New City Hall Building on Edgar Avenue. The public is encouraged to attend, and to call ahead first at 304-657-5455, as times and or dates are subject to change.

PICK OF THE LITTER



BABY
Baby is an 8-year-old female hound mix and weighs 60 pounds



ELIZABETH
Elizabeth is a 1- 1/2-year-old female 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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Briefly

Artists on Display at General Lewis

At the General Lewis Inn this First Friday, Apr. 7, there will be two artists. Photo Artist Karen Cohen presents Wanderer, a collection of nature inspired photographs, and Susanna Robinson will have a display of her collage artwork. Susanna will be singing from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. This event is free and open to the public.

Make It Shine Day

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

Carnegie Hall Guild

will hold its monthly meeting Tuesday, Apr. 11, at 4:30 p.m. at Carnegie Hall in the Old Stone Room. The mission of the guild is to promote interest in Carnegie Hall and to provide financial and volunteer support. Officers for next year and possible fund raisers will be on the agenda. Kara Dense, Director of the CVB, will be our guest speaker. At 4:15 p.m. we will have an opportunity to socialize, see old friends and meet our visitors. The public is invited. Light refreshments will be served.

Democratic Executive Committee

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

American Heritage Music Hall, Inc.

located at 496 Island Park, Ronceverte, is open to the public, all welcome, handicap accessible. Listeners and tourists welcome. Admission \$7 Tuesday nights, \$10 Saturday - Audience provides food. Doors open at 7 p.m. Jam & Dance every Tuesday 7 to 10 p.m. **Dance Apr. 22** will feature Midland Trail 7 to 10:30 p.m. The Music Hall is available for weddings and parties. For more information call the Music Hall at 304-645-4667; Bill Evans at 304-392-6079; Grace Poe at 304-992-5852.

Earth Day

Fashion Forward Competition

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

Jack Goodman Scholarship

for Williamsburg Area Youth

The Jack Goodman Scholarship is available for youth in the greater Williamsburg area to help with expenses for further education. Information about the scholarship can be found at williamsburgwv.com or by emailing jolong53@gmail.com or texting 304-667-9288. Deadline is May 1.

Greenbrier County Magistrate Court Convictions

Kyle W. Hamrick, Ronceverte, no seatbelt, NCP, fine \$25
 Hayley Alexis Morgan, Lulu, FL, reckless driving, NCP, fine \$100
 Brady T. Hannah, Valley Head, WV, no seatbelt, GP, fine \$25
 Benjamin Wayne Darnell, Danville, VA, 1) driving suspended/revoked, GP, fine \$100; 2) defective equipment, fine \$10
 William Dwayne Bowling, Lewisburg, driving while license suspended/revoked, NCP, fine \$100
 Destiny Diane Oxedine, Charmco, no seatbelt, GP, fine \$25
 Christy Lynn Walker, Rainelle, possession of a controlled substance, NCP, fine \$100, jail 90 days - suspended pending 12 months unsupervised probation
 Paxton W. King, Maxwelton, no seatbelt, GP, fine \$25
 Barbara A. Hamilton, Lewisburg, driving under the influence of alcohol, GP, fine \$100
 Steven Virgil Damon, Ronceverte, open burning of solid waste, NCP, fine \$200
 Arica Leighanna Anderson, Ronceverte, failure to appear, NCP, fine \$100, jail 30 days - placed on 12 months unsupervised probation
 James Edward Gibson, Rupert, petit larceny, NCP, jail 45 days - suspended and placed on 12 months unsupervised probation
 Thurmond Daniel Loudermilk, Clintonville, 1) failure to appear, GP, jail 30 days - suspended and placed on 12 months unsupervised probation; 2) fleeing from officer, jail 30 days - suspended and placed on 12 months unsupervised probation
 Charlie Ray Baldwin, Ronceverte, reckless driving, NCP, fine \$100, jail 90 days - suspended and placed on 12 months unsupervised probation
 Anthony Scott Cook, East Bend, NC, driving impaired, NCP, fine \$100, jail 10 days - suspended and placed on 10 months unsupervised probation
 Brittany N. Hicks, Beckley, 1) speeding, NCP, fine \$20; 2) no proof of insurance, fine \$200
 Dustin C. Boggs, Renick, driving suspended/revoked, NCP, fine \$100
 Colin Wayne Sturgell, unknown, driving revoked for DUI, GP, fine \$100, jail 90 days
 Mary E. Weaver, White Sulphur Springs, 1) improper registration, GP, fine \$25; 2) possession of controlled substance, fine \$100
 Mary E. Weaver, White Sulphur Springs, 1) driving suspended/revoked, GP, fine \$100; 2) no insurance fine \$200
 Kimberly Lynn Whitman, Lewisburg, no child restraint, NCP

Public Meetings

Rainelle Town Council

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

Gbr. Co. Farmland Protection Board

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

Historic Landmarks Commission

will meet Monday, Apr. 10, at 5 p.m. at City Hall, 942 Washington Street, West. Also available via Teleconference. For information on how to participate on ZOOM, contact Lewisburg City Hall at 304-645-2080 by 4 p.m. on Monday, Apr. 10. On the agenda:

- Approval of Minutes - Mar. 13, 2023
- Comments from the Public
- Law Library Update presented by Jerry Janiga
- Court and Stratton LLC, 121 Stratton Aly STE 10 and 11 - new façade
- Court and Stratton LLC, 121 Stratton Aly - update on Unit 1
- Shuck Memorial Baptist Church, 841 Washington Street West - three (3) Senior Member parking signs, one (1) Pastor parking sign to measure 18"x24" wide

Suits

In Re: The Marriage of: Stephanie Lynn Collins and Charles Collins

Marriages

Charles Ford Jacobs, California, MD to Leigh Ann Mills, Yulee, FL
 Mark Stuart Gesner, Maxwelton to Mary Burnadine Jackson, Maxwelton

WVDOH cuts enough tree canopy this season to stretch to Myrtle Beach

West Virginia Division of Highways (WVDOH) maintenance crews cleared more than 430 miles of trees and branches away from the state's roadways between November 2022 and the end of March 2023, enough to stretch from Charleston to Myrtle Beach.

Canopy clearing plays a vital part in prolonging the life of the pavement on West Virginia's 36,000 miles of road. Along with keeping ditches cleared and proper drainage, keeping roads cleared of overhanging canopy is important both to the life of the road and to the safety of drivers.

"I can't tell you how proud I am of the crews," said Transportation Secretary Jimmy Wriston, P.E. "I gave them a challenge. They believed they could do it. I believed they could do it. They did it!"

Wriston said the miles of road cleared are enough to drive from Charleston to Myrtle Beach. The old record of 170 linear miles would have left you stranded north of Greensboro, North Carolina.

Wriston set a goal for the state's 10 highway districts to clear at least 400 miles of trees and branches along the state's roads, a process known as canopy clearing. By law, maintenance crews are only allowed to clear canopy between Nov. 15 and Mar. 31. The restriction is in place to protect endangered bat populations, which don't use trees during those months.

WVDOH work crews exceeded that goal, clearing more than 430 miles of trees and branches by the end of the season.

Canopy clearing is important in maintaining uncluttered sight lines for drivers and eliminating the hazards from falling trees and branches, but is vital in keeping roads dry.

"Water is a highway's worst enemy," said Joe Pack, P.E., WVDOH Chief Engineer of District Operations. "Anything we can do to keep water off our roadways or to help dry up that water will prolong the life of that road." Moisture left on pavement degrades asphalt fast, so maintenance crews cut away limbs and branches to allow sunlight to get to the roadways below.

Maintenance crews use bucket trucks, chainsaws, pole saws and chippers to clear away branches and limbs and grind them up. Bucket trucks have a reach of 40 feet, but maintenance crews have pole saws that are up to 175 feet long for reaching the highest branches.

Like cutting grass in the summer, milling and filling potholes or clearing ice and snow, canopy clearing is part of the WVDOH core maintenance program. Combined, core maintenance procedures prolong the life of pavement and keep roads safer.

With work continuing in all 55 counties across the state, the WV Division of Highways and the WV Department of Transportation remind the public of the importance of keeping everyone safe in work zones by keeping "Heads up; phones down!"

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Flack said that currently, 21 local Child Advocacy Centers across the state help coordinate the response to child-abuse allegations - by streamlining communication with prosecuting attorneys, law enforcement, child protective services and medical providers.

"In the last year, our child advocacy centers served 4,703 new children," said Flack. "And in West Virginia, the state population is around 40,000, so we are seeing a huge portion of the kids that live in West Virginia."

She said Child Advocacy Centers, or CACs, help kids feel safe and work to address their trauma with wrap-around services.

"The places that the kids go to in CACs are child friendly," said Flack. "They're like a pediatrician's office, with murals on the walls and paintings and stickers and stuffed animals. And so it's a very friendly place for kids to just feel at ease, and to feel believed."

At least 1 in 7 children experienced child abuse or neglect in the past year in the U.S. alone - and according to Save the Children, one billion children worldwide experience physical, sexual or emotional violence or neglect each year.

- Jill McIntyre, 975 Washington Street - paint front door SW6903 Cheerful Yellow, hang 25"x46" sign to existing bracket
 - Anne A. Gardner, 197 Maple Street - 10x12 outbuilding, white with black trim to match house. 36x80 fiberglass left-handed front door to be painted white, aluminum storm door with retractable screen to be installed at same time
 - Z2 LLC, 779 Court Street South - 48"x18" sign hung with existing bracket
 - Wooton, Davis, Hussell & Johnson, 916 Jefferson St. North - erect 48" x 42" wood sign between two posts
 - Ford Law Firm, 246 Randolph Street - remove existing roofing and replace with Owens Corning Tru Def Onyx Black Arch shingles
 - Comments from the commissioners
 - Comments from the Planning and Zoning Officer
- The next meeting of The Lewisburg Historic Landmarks Commission will be on May 8, with a deadline at noon on Apr. 21.

Greenbrier County BOE

will meet in regular session Tuesday, Apr. 11 at 6 p.m. in the EGMS Auditorium, 403 Knight Dr., Ronceverte. On the agenda:

- Time Out for Applause
 - Team Recognitions
 - Poetry Out Loud State Competition winner
 - 2023 County Spelling Bee winners
 - Young Writers Grade Level winners
 - Young Writers winners submitted to State
 - County Math Field Day winners
 - Math Field Day winners advancing to States
 - HOSA State Leadership winners
 - Teacher of the Year Candidates
 - Announcement of County Teacher of the Year

For the Record

Deeds

Zachary Adkins to Next Generation Construction Inc., 4,735 Sq. Ft., Lot No. 15, Town of Rainelle, Rainelle Corporation District
 Carmen Rich to Justin Rich, Lots Nos. 23 & 24, Lillybrier, Meadow Bluff District, Western Magisterial Dist.
 Gladys M. Hefner to James M. Hefner, Jr., Jeffrey D. Hefner, Randall W. Hefner, and Douglas E. Hefner, Lots Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, The Hill Addition, Town of Renick, Falling Springs District
 Steve T. Fury and Rebecca Fury to Angela Elaine Wylie, Lot No. 13, Snedegar Acres Subdivision, Lewisburg District
 Mildred H. Lewis and Robert A. Hopkins Jr. to David Thomas Semler, Lot No. 42, First Hedrick Addition, Town of Alderson District
 Jeffrey Keith Mullins to Lisa S. Brock and Craig S. Miller Jr., Lot No. 28, The Snead Golf Course Lots Phase Two Neighborhoods, The Greenbrier Sporting Club, White Sulphur District
 Sherry Ehredt to Sherry Ehredt and Ashley Rose Spicer, Lots No. 1 & Portion of Lot No. 2, McGraw Addition, Falling Springs District
 Thomas H. Long to Kenneth Holtzman and Teresa Holtzman, Lots Nos. 34, 35, 36, 37, and 61, Virjewleenda Heights Subdivision, Fort Spring District
 Charles W. Harmon to Joseph L. Lowe and Alyssa M. Lowe, Lots Nos. 57, 58, and 59, Maple Grove Village, Meadow Bluff District
 James M. Vanmetre, IV to Karen Vanmetre Arbuckle, Lot No. 2, Section 2, Graham Addition, City of Lewisburg Dist.
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OPINION

Nature's Way

By Karen Cohen

Diversity

Some of us like diversity. For others it seems like a curse word. I come from a place where diversity reigned supreme and I loved it. Different cultures, foods, ideas; it's all blended and for me, diversity enhances the human experience.

We are losing diversity in our garden choices by submitting to huge seed companies who push their products in big box stores. They focus on just a few specialties. They spend their bucks on research, alter and even improve their seeds. That's all fine but in the meantime, the seeds that perhaps your Aunt Helen grew in her backyard garden, or Grampa John grew in his back 40 acres are almost extinct. Only we have the power to bring back diversity in every sense of the word

Why do we need diversity in the garden? By diversifying our crops, even in our small home gardens, we protect our outcomes. When certain beetles, for example, invade a farm, they can quickly destroy that crop. Commercial seed companies typically grow monocrops. That means one crop. Huge fields of corn like the ones grown in Iowa, the US's biggest producer of corn, are susceptible to crop failure if certain things go wrong. That's why they invest all their big bucks into making certain that the crops don't fail. They alter their seeds to become more drought resistant, more disease resistant, more apt to grow under varying conditions. They patent their corn seeds because they have developed formulas to make their seeds grow the way they intend them to grow. Maybe the seed will require certain chemicals to help them grow and the genes of the seeds may be changed to adhere to what the producer wants and sells with them. Patented seeds owned by its "inventors" cannot be sold or traded by anyone including the farmers who grow it. That's a law.

By diversifying our garden crops, which means having many different varieties of vegetables, we may lose one to a certain disease or insect infestation but we don't lose our entire garden. As we grow our seeds, the plants adapt to our specific soil conditions and weather conditions. Swapping seeds with your neighbors can aid gardeners in growing specific crops ideal to their home gardens.

When you plan to save seeds, it is very important to label the moisture proof storage packet with the year and variety. Some seeds can last hundreds of years under the ground, some expire within a year. Onion, parsley, and spinach seeds, for example, are viable for up to one year. Always check the back of your commercially produced seeds for the expiration date. I wouldn't advise saving seeds from these veggies because they may not grow back the following year from saved seeds. Asparagus, carrots, and turnips can last up to three years if properly stored.

An easy way to test the viability of a seed is to dampen a paper towel, drop in a row of one type of seed, fold it over, label it, and let it sit for a few days in an obvious place so you don't forget it. Moisten it daily if it dries out and then wait. A seed will germinate by sending out a small green "tail" or shoot. That means it can grow! I



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often sprout my seeds this way, especially big seeds like squash or peas, to be sure they germinate. If they don't, I toss them into the compost pile.

To keep your seeds safe from "outside forces" like pollinators or even just the wind, you can place a seed baggie over the flowers that you want to collect and protect. I cut up nylon pantyhose and fasten sections around flowers with elastic bands. The flower will eventually dry up and the seeds will drop. For vegetable seeds, such as pumpkins, I allow a healthy one to remain on the vine for as long as possible until it falls off on its own. Then I allow a few more months of sitting, untouched on the ground so its "ripens inside" before the frost hits. Scoop out the seeds, wash them carefully, dry on paper towels and then select the plump ones to save in paper envelopes when they are completely dry.

Word of warning: if pollination has occurred without any supervision or protective covering, we call that promiscuous pollination. Many of us don't really care who or what parents came together to produce a certain veggie or flower; surprises are considered fun!

Last year, West Virginia University Extension Family Nutrition Program gave a challenge to resident gardeners called Grow This. They gave out free seeds to volunteer participants to grow at home. This program has been around now for six years. Every year, new to gardening folks appear to take up the challenge. It's exciting and

Commentary

AG Morrissey offers tips to avoid scam calls

West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrissey offered advice to consumers following multiple recent reports of scammers using robocalls to target West Virginians.

Scammers often use legitimate phone numbers to make incessant robocalls that swindle consumers out of their hard-earned money.

"Consumers need to keep their guard up and stay alert if they receive a suspicious call," Attorney General Morrissey said. "Remember, don't panic, and don't give away any personal information. Our office remains committed to making progress in combating unlawful robocalls, and we will continue to fight these illegal and obnoxious scam calls."

If consumers receive a scam call, they should:

- Hang up. Ending the conversation is the quickest way to stop a scam.
- Verify the call. If the caller claims to represent a particular government agency, hang up and call the main number for the legitimate agency to see if that agency was trying to reach you.
- Don't trust your caller ID. Scammers have been known to falsify or "spoof" calls to make them appear to come from a legitimate source.
- Don't give in to the scammer. Scammers are hoping consumers will panic and surrender the information or money they are asking for out of fear.
- Report the scam.

Consumers are urged to never share personally identifiable, financial and otherwise sensitive information without verifying the legitimacy of the recipient. The same goes for never agreeing to send cash, wire money or provide numbers associated with a credit/debit card or bank account.

Anyone with questions or who believes they may have been a victim of a scam should contact the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division at 800-368-8808 or visit the office online at www.ago.wv.gov

the slots for volunteer growers fill up quickly every year. Over 2,500 gardeners applied just this past year! Roma tomatoes, cukes and brussel sprouts are being grown this year. Anyone can follow the progress of this project on Facebook, Grow This page. If you sign up for their newsletters, you will be informed of next year's challenge along with classes in canning and more!

According to Google search, diversity follows three C's: curious, courageous, and committed. Are you any of these or all?

(Karen Cohen is an organic home gardener and is hosting our community's first annual seed/plant exchange (FREE) on Apr. 23 at 11 a.m. at the General Lewis Inn in Lewisburg. If you would like to participate, please email natureswaykaren@gmail.com to get on the list.)

For a PDF on saving seeds, check this out: www.southernexposure.com/growing-guides/saving-seeds-home-use.pdf

Commentary

USDA asks Americans to protect plants by looking for invasive pests in April

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) is declaring April 2023 Invasive Plant Pest and Disease Awareness Month (IPPDAM). This national outreach month is dedicated to highlighting the impact of invasive plant pests and diseases on plants nationwide and informing Americans how they can help reduce their spread. IPPDAM aims to raise public awareness about the threat and how U.S. residents can help protect U.S. resources from hungry pests.

"Each year, invasive insects and plant diseases cause an estimated \$40 billion in damages to plants that sustain us," said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. "Invasive species threaten our food security, agricultural livelihoods, and way of life. Luckily, there's a lot we can do to protect our resources. This spring, familiarize yourself with the invasive pest quarantines in your area and do your part to avoid inadvertently moving invasive insects and plant diseases to new areas."

"Many invasive plant pests and diseases are natural hitchhikers and can be hard to see. It's all too easy to unintentionally move them to new areas, said Under Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs Jenny Moffitt. "Invasive Plant Pest and Disease Awareness Month is a reminder to all of us to limit the spread of plant pests and diseases."

Nonnative plant pests can hitchhike in untreated firewood, attach themselves to cars, boats, and other outdoor surfaces - or take a ride in the mail. They can travel to new areas on agricultural material such as soil, seeds, homegrown produce, and plants.

Invasive pests have few or no natural predators in their new environments, so their populations quickly outpace native species and spread. These nonnative plant pests and diseases disrupt our ecosystems and reduce biological diversity. Climate change can magnify the impact of invasive species by increasing the level of plant pest infestations and disease infection, allowing pests to produce more generations each year, and increasing their suitable habitat. We need the public's help to protect our ecosystems, food supply, livelihoods, and way of life from the devastating impact invasive pests have on domestic plant health each year. Together we can make a difference.

To protect domestic plant health:

- Learn about possible quarantines in your area, as well as the signs of invasive pest infestation on wild

plants and agriculture.

- Invasive plant pest egg masses on outdoor surfaces are easily mistaken for a smear of mud, so it's important to clean your car and outdoor gear before traveling with them to new places.

- If you find signs of new invasive plant pests and diseases in your area, report them to your local Extension office, state department of agriculture or your USDA State Plant Health Director's office.

- Don't move untreated firewood - even if it looks pest-free on the outside. To avoid unintentionally spreading tree-killing beetles that hide in firewood, buy or source wood locally, or use certified, heat-treated firewood.

- Source your plants and seeds responsibly. When ordering online, ensure the plant is coming from a domestic source or follow import regulations. If you don't know where an agricultural product is coming from, don't buy it online. U.S. regulations apply to the importer of record - meaning the person purchasing and importing the product from overseas - not the online merchant. Learn how to safely and legally order plants and seeds online.

- Don't mail homegrown plants, fruits and vegetables to avoid inadvertently mailing a plant pest with them.

- When in doubt, contact your local USDA State Plant Health Director's office to find out what you need to do before buying seeds or plants online from an international vendor or before mailing homegrown agricultural goods.

- To comply with U.S. laws and avoid introducing new invasive species into the U.S., declare all agricultural items, including seeds, soil, and handicrafts to U.S. Customs and Border Protection for inspection when returning from overseas travel.

To share plant health protection messaging in April, join the conversation on Facebook and Twitter and follow #IPPDAM on social media. To learn more about invasive plant pests and diseases in your area and how to stop them, visit HungryPests.com.

USDA touches the lives of all Americans each day in so many positive ways. In the Biden-Harris Administration, USDA is transforming America's food system with a greater focus on more resilient local and regional food production, fairer markets for all producers, ensuring access to safe, healthy and nutritious food in all communities, building new markets and streams of income



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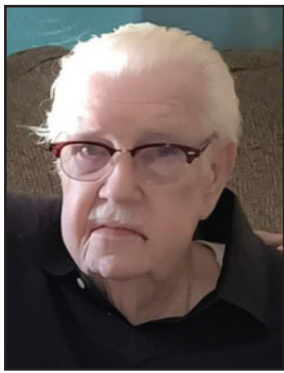
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OBITUARIES

Charles Edward Judy



Spring Creek, she was the daughter of Gladys Mae Brown Hefner and the late James Marion Hefner.

T.C. was employed by S.J. Neathawk Lumber and had worked in retail sales most of her life.

In addition to her father, she was preceded in death by her father-in-law, John R. Johnston, and sister-in-law, Kathy Hefner.

Including her mother, survivors include her husband, Don Johnston; son, Devin Johnston (Melissa) of Linn; grandchild, Dalton Frye; four brothers, James Marion Hefner, Jr., Jeffrey Hefner (Elizabeth), Randall Hefner (Christy) and Doug Hefner (Jennifer) all of North Carolina; mother-in-law, Dreama Johnston; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral service was held on Thursday, Apr. 6 at the Morgan Funeral Home Chapel, Lewisburg. Visitation was on Wednesday evening, Apr. 5 at the funeral home. Burial followed the service in the Morningside Cemetery, Renick, WV.

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

Margaret Lavon Godby Miller



Ronceverte-Margaret Lavon Godby Miller passed away Monday, Apr. 3, 2023, at the home of her daughter in Fairfax, VA.

Born Apr. 17, 1930 in Widen, WV, she was the daughter of the late Frank Ray and Minnie Thelma Shaffer Godby.

Mrs. Miller was a member of Greystone Baptist Church and was a homemaker.

In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Melvin Miller;

sons, Donald Ray and Ronald Lynn Miller; and brother, Ray Godby.

Survivors include her children, Susan Bagford (Michael Vasopoli) of Fairfax, VA, Eddie Miller (Sherri) of Lewisburg, and Kenny Miller of Frankfort; siblings, Johnny Godby, Dana Godby (Doris), Frank Godby (Mary) all of Lewisburg, David Godby (Jane) of Fairfax, VA, Glenna Adams (Richard) of Lewisburg, and Ruth Thompson (Gary) of Fairlea; grandchildren, Christi Bagford, C.J. Miller (Jennifer), Kathy Carillo (Luis), Jack Gordon Miller and Reese Henry Miller; great granddaughter, Maggie Miller; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral service will be at 12 noon, Saturday, Apr. 8, at the Morgan Funeral Home Chapel, Lewisburg, with Pastor Youel Altizer officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service. Burial will follow the service in Greenbrier Memorial Gardens.

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Maynard Coogan Johnson



Ronceverte-Maynard Coogan Johnson, 90, passed away Wednesday, March 29, 2023, following a brief illness at Greenbrier Valley Hospital in Fairlea, WV.

He was born Sept. 2, 1932 in Norfolk, VA, the son of Henry G. Johnson and Vivian Crozier Johnson.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by brothers, Robert and Mike Johnson. Maynard was a lifelong resident of Ronceverte.

He worked 40 years for Coca Cola Bottling Company and made lots of friends and acquaintances while delivering Coke

products along many different routes in the area. During his long career, Maynard was a hard worker who climbed the ranks from window and truck washer to manager of plant operations. In recent years, Maynard truly enjoyed frequent visits from his family members, completing jigsaw and word search puzzles and watching Nascar, westerns and sports. College basketball was what he enjoyed the most.

Survivors include Deborah Ross (Dennis Dugan) of Raleigh, NC, Donna Seams (Earl) of Sumnerfield, NC, and Stephen Johnson (Carol) of Ronceverte; three granddaughters, Carly Smith of Oak Ridge, NC, Courtney Horan of Stokesdale, NC and Megan Bottego of Asheville, NC; and three grandsons, Travis Ross of New York City, Josh Johnson of Harrisburg, NC and Justin Johnson of Ronceverte; along with 15 great-grandchildren.

Maynard was greatly loved, admired, and respected by his children, grands and great-grands. They looked forward to their visits with him and enjoyed his humor and sharp wit.

A private family memorial is being planned for Apr. 22, 2023.

Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Ronceverte is in charge of arrangements. Please send online condolences by visiting www.WallaceandWallaceFH.com

Lou Cinda Goodall Kitchen Tucker



Lou Cinda "Cindy" Goodall Kitchen Tucker passed away Saturday, Mar. 18, 2023 at Peyton Hospice House in Lewisburg after a long illness. By her side were her devoted husband of 19 years and loving caregiver, Bobby Tucker, and her family.

Cindy was preceded in death by her parents John M. "Jackie" and Mary "Sally" Goodall and her first husband, Martin "Marty" Kitchen.

In addition to her husband and her faithful dog companion, Sally, she is survived by her sisters, Jane Hughes of Ronceverte, and Pam Hamrick and husband Tig of Ronceverte; grandchildren, Christopher, Taylihai, Josh, Ashlyn, and Trinity; several nieces and nephews; several great-nieces and nephews; and one great-great niece.

Cindy was born on Nov. 14, 1957 in Ronceverte. She graduated from Greenbrier East High School in 1976 and West Virginia State College in 1980. She earned her Master's degree in Rehabilitation Counseling from

The George Washington University in Washington, DC, in 2004.

She loved to watch and attend sporting events of all kinds, especially Pittsburgh Steeler football and Boston Red Sox baseball. She loved music and enjoyed gardening, working outside, spending time with her family and friends, and traveling.

She was an active member of Edgewood Presbyterian Church. Throughout her life she served on several boards and councils and was also involved in many social service and community organizations including 4-H.

At her request, Cindy will be cremated. A Celebration of Life has been scheduled for Saturday, Apr. 15, at 2 p.m. at Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Lewisburg.

Floral arrangements will be appreciated. If desired, donations can also be made to the Peyton Hospice House, 1265 Maplewood Avenue, Lewisburg, WV 24901 or to Edgewood Presbyterian Church, 162 Harper Road, Lewisburg, WV 24901.

Family will receive friends from 1 p.m. until time of services on Apr. 15, at the funeral home.

Please send online condolences by visiting www.WallaceandWallaceFH.com



Community Clothes Closet reopens in White Sulphur

The Good Neighbors Community Clothes Closet in White Sulphur Springs is reopening on Saturday, Apr. 15, and is offering an abundant inventory of clothing for men, women, and children. All clothing is free, clean, and gently used and displayed in an organized setting. The clothing closet is open on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, and the first Monday of each month from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The free clothing bank is an outreach ministry operated by volunteers and sponsored by the Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 136 Hanna Lane (one block from the Main Street/Dry Creek Road intersection in WSS). The GNCCC

is in the basement level of the church and entrance is by outside steps only. Patrons are requested not to bring their own shopping bags as take-home bags are provided. Items are not returnable.

No clothing donations are being accepted at this time due to limited storage space. EUMC respectfully requests that absolutely no donations of any kind be dropped off and left unattended at any entrance to the church building or entrance to the WSS Community Center as there is no guarantee that bags or boxes will be received by the clothing closet. For further information, contact EUMC at 304-536-1291 and leave a message, or call 304-536-3419.

AmeriCorps announces Volunteer Generation Fund Grant competition to strengthen nonprofit and service organizations

AmeriCorps, the federal agency for national service and volunteerism, released a notice of funding opportunity for fiscal year 2023 Volunteer Generation Fund. The Volunteer Generation Fund, open to State Service Commissions, local nonprofit, community, faith-based, tribal, state, and local governments and schools, focuses on investments for volunteer management practices.

The Volunteer Generation Fund is a competitive grant opportunity to strengthen nonprofit and other social service organizations' ability to recruit, retain and manage mission-critical volunteers. AmeriCorps will make more than \$8 million available for organizations with programs that meet community needs, expand volunteering, strengthen the capacity to recruit and retain skill-based volunteers and develop strategies to use volunteers effectively to solve problems.

"At a time when people of all ages are looking for ways to give back, the Volunteer Generation Fund helps service organizations support these Americans who are answering the call to serve," said Michael D. Smith. "The Volunteer General Fund supports the ever-important issue of volunteer recruitment and management to meet the needs of communities

across the nation."

AmeriCorps' priorities for this funding opportunity are programs that engage volunteers to support high-impact tutoring, mentoring and other school-based or out-of-school programs for student academic, mental and overall well-being; work plans that advance justice and equality in historically underserved communities; programs that develop innovative approaches in engaging volunteers from historically underrepresented groups; and activities that counter the corrosive effects of hate-fueled violence on our democracy and public safety.

Last year, AmeriCorps invested more than \$6.6 million in Volunteer Generation Fund grants, a majority of which went to supporting the National Partnership for Student Success, a public-private partnership between the Biden-Harris Administration, including AmeriCorps and the Department of Education, the Johns Hopkins Everyone Graduates Center and a diverse coalition of education and service organizations committed to providing academic and mental health support that students need to succeed.

The application deadline is Tuesday, May 16 at 5 p.m. ET. AmeriCorps expects to notify successful applicants in July 2023.

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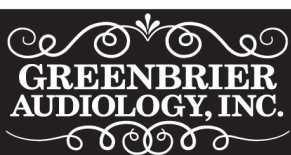
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Dear Recycle Lady,

Dear Recycle Lady,

Yesterday we were at a restaurant to get take-out food and drinks and our drinks were put in a pressed cardboard carrier. Can pressed cardboard be put in with the corrugated cardboard?

Not a Cook

Dear Not a Cook,

Yes, pressed cardboard drink holders can be put in with regular cardboard. Egg cartons (not plastic ones), card stock and paper towels tubes are a similar type of cardboard. Making new cardboard from recycled cardboard creates 35% less water pollution and 74% less air pollution than paper pulp made from virgin materials, according to www.onegreenplanet.org. Other new products made from recycled cardboard create half the pollution that would be created in making the same products out of virgin materials. Cardboard can be recycled up to 5 times, and then it can be put in your compost bin. Some of the many items made from recycled cardboard are new cardboard, chipboard, cereal boxes, paper towels and tissues.

Dear Recycle Lady,

I have some old pots and pans that I no longer use. Are they recyclable?

Owner of New Pans

Dear Owner of New Pans,

Great question. Yes, pots and pans will recycle at the Recycling Center. Not only will they recycle, the Recycling Center will pay you per pound for any aluminum or stainless-steel ones. If your pots and pans are still usable, consider donating them to one of the second-hand shops in Caldwell, Ronceverte, or Lewisburg. Goodwill in Fairlea and the ReStore, opposite the Rosewood Cemetery in Lewisburg, also accept usable items. All income from items donated to the ReStore goes to Habitat for Humanity to build low-income housing.

Dear Recycle Lady,

What are Swedish Dishcloths?

Something New to Me

Dear Something New to Me,

Swedish dishcloths are a great addition to your cleaning supplies. They are made of cellulose and cotton, thus are a sustainable cleaning choice. They are inexpensive, super absorbent, and environmentally friendly. They can be reused, then thrown in with a load of laundry or dishes. Just don't put them in the dryer as they will shrink. Swedish dishcloths were created in 1949 and have become a highly effective alternative to paper towels and can be used for a countless number of cleaning jobs. One Swed-

ish dishcloth will replace 17 rolls of paper towels - good for your wallet and good for the planet!

Kudos to the Greenbrier County Democratic Women for sponsoring the Earth Day Fashion Forward Style Show to be held at the Greenbrier County Public Library at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Apr. 22. Get your creative juices flowing and create an article of clothing, or an accessory, made using recyclable material, maybe cardboard, newspaper or plastic. Perhaps you have an old piece of clothing that was made from something unusual or has been reused or repurposed in a unique way. There are fashion categories for both children and adults. For complete information on categories, being a sponsor, a participant, or to purchase tickets, go to www.edfashionforward.com.

Readers: If you know of any other Earth Day activities, please email me (recyclelady@greenbrier-swa.com) with details and I will spread the word.

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

In the late 1800s, women couldn't vote and couldn't own property after marriage, but they could play baseball. The first women's baseball teams started at Vassar and other women's colleges in 1863. The players wore long skirts, high necks and long sleeves. At the high school level, girls at Connecticut's Miss Porter's School could play as long as the fields were outside public view.

In the 1890s, women's professional teams called Bloomer Girls were organized. They were so named for their uniforms that consisted of loose fitting pants that gathered at the knees and had been designed by Amelia Bloomer to enable women to better ride bicycles. Most of the teams had men pitchers and sometimes male catchers - called "toppers." They wore curly wigs and dresses. The Bloomer Girls criss-crossed the country playing men's teams that they beat more often than not. Although the teams were not integrated, there were African American Bloomer Girls who would, on occasion, play the white teams. The Boston Bloomer Girls (shown in this undated photo) traveled to their games in a private Pullman railroad car. One of the New York players recorded that she earned between \$5 and \$20 a game.

While the games were very popular and sometimes broke attendance records at ballfields, the women were not always so well received. When the Boston Bloomer Girls played the local men's team in Clarksburg, WV, in 1901, local constables arrived in the ninth inning, loaded the women in a patrol wagon, and took them to jail for playing a game on the Sabbath. The opposing players were served with writs to appear in court. The press pointed out that saloons and gambling joints openly defied Sunday laws and were not molested. After the manager agreed to pay a fine of \$5 for each player, the team was released.

By the 1930s, interest in the Bloomer Girls waned, but it wasn't the end of women's baseball. In an effort to keep baseball alive during World War II when men were unavailable, the All-American Girls Professional League was organized in the Midwest with teams like the Rockford Peaches, Racine Belles and Kenosha Comets. Over 600 women played on 10 teams from 1943 to 1954.

Photo from the Massachusetts Historical Society.

Sources: Massachusetts Historical Society, National Baseball Hall of Fame, Prairie Public Broadcasting, The Clarksburg Telegram, The West Virginia News.



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CLUB & CHURCH

Ronceverte Woman's Club holds meeting

On Mar. 27 the GFWC Ronceverte Woman's Club (RWC) met for their annual dinner meeting and welcomed some very special guests. The meeting was held at the Ronceverte Baptist Church fellowship hall and was catered by Jeanne Holley and Cindy Eplin Vaught featuring Italian cuisine.

The club was honored to have in attendance the General Federation of Woman's Clubs West Virginia (GFWC WV) State President, Cathy Jo Bryant. After the dinner, President Bryant spoke to the club about her special project H.E.R.O.E.S. (Honor-Educate-Respect-Opportunities-Empower-Serve). This project is all about our commitment to Veterans. It includes supporting Veteran Administration Medical Centers and other VA facilities by collecting and donating needed items and participating in National Wreaths Across America Day in December. Also in



GFWC WV Southern District President Vicki Cline (left), RWC president Sally Parker, and GFWC WV State President Cathy Jo Bryant

attendance was the GFWC WV Southern District President Vicki Cline who also spoke to the club about the upcoming Southern District Spring Workshop.

The club also recognized some members for their accomplishments. Two club members had achieved perfect attendance in the last year, Sherri Lilly and Sally Parker. Sally Parker and Deb McIntire attended the GFWC WV State Convention at the Greenbrier in March where Ruth Sturgill and Susan Morgan garnered blue ribbons for their digital photographs. Ruth Sturgill also was awarded a blue ribbon for a basket she entered. During the convention awards ceremonies, the RWC received first place

awards (Pearl Buck and Club Woman magazine ad) and one second place award (Fundraising).

During the monthly business meeting, the RWC discussed their plans for the President's Special Project H.E.R.O.E.S., Ronceverte's Make It Shine Day on Apr. 15, and participation in the Ronceverte Food Truck Festival in May.

The Ronceverte Woman's Club welcomes new members who want to be informed about civic issues and involved in community improvement as well as enjoying the fellowship of a great group of women. If interested, please come to our next meeting which will be on Monday, Apr. 24 at 7 p.m. at the Ronceverte Baptist Church on Main Street.

For more information, call 304-647-4890.



Sherri Lilly and Sally Parker, RWC perfect attendance



Caterers Jeanne Holley and Cindy Vaught.

GVBOR hosts continuing education class

The Greenbrier Valley Board of Realtors will sponsor a 7 hour continuing education class on Tuesday, Apr. 18. The class will be held at the WVSOM Student Center. Registration begins at 8 a.m., and the event will run from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. International speaker Theresa Barnabei will be the guest instructor. She is a National Association of REALTORS presenter.

For more information or a registration form please call 304-645-1811 or email realtors@gvbor.com

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Notice is hereby given that the Greenbrier County Planning Commission will conduct Public Hearings on Wednesday, May 10, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. in the County Commission Room (basement hearing room) and on Wednesday, May 24, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Main Floor Courtroom of the Greenbrier County Courthouse.

The subject of the Public Hearings are Amendments to the Greenbrier County Comprehensive Plan that may be recommended to the Greenbrier County Commission by the Greenbrier County Planning Commission.

The current Greenbrier County Comprehensive Plan was adopted by the Greenbrier County Commission in 2014, and the purpose of the Amendments is for compliance with chapter 8A of the West Virginia Code. In particular, an implementation matrix is proposed to be adopted, in order to identify policies and objectives as well as implementation strategies. The amendments include: Addition of previously omitted county maps, to address the projected demand for additional housing units, the identification of cost and funding sources for implementation, telecommunication facilities, renewal and redevelopment of western portions of the county, address dilapidated structures, and Greenbrier Valley Airport assets.

The Greenbrier County Comprehensive Plan will undergo more extensive review and update in 2024 by the Planning Commission.

The current comprehensive plan and amendments may be accessed here: <https://greenbriercountynet.com/comp-plan/>. The text of the amendments will also be made available in the Planning Commission office located in the Courthouse. Anyone interested in commenting on the proposed amendments may attend the public hearings or send written comments to: Greenbrier County Planning Commission, 912 Court Street N, Lewisburg, West Virginia 24901.

LEGAL

FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2023 - JUNE 30, 2024 LEVY ESTIMATE - BUDGET DOCUMENT

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
MUNICIPALITY OF FALLING SPRINGS (RENICK), 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		38,535
Property Taxes - Current Expense		22,508
Tax Penalties, Interest & Publication Fees		30
Gas & Oil Severance Tax		250
Excise Tax on Utilities		1,875
Business & Occupation Tax		150
Wine & Liquor Tax		115
IRP Fees (Interstate Registration Plan)		2,064
Parks & Recreation		250
State Government Grants		700
Other Grants		2,500
Gaming Income		15,897
Video Lottery (LVL)		258
Miscellaneous Revenues		233
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE (GENERAL FUND)	\$	85,365

COAL SEVERANCE TAX FUND		
Assigned Fund Balance		\$ 804
Coal Severance Tax		200
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE (COAL SEVERANCE FUND)	\$	1,004

ESTIMATED CURRENT EXPENDITURES			
Mayor's Office	1,350	-	
City Council	2,250	-	
Recorder's Office	2,250	-	
City Attorney	10,000	-	
Regional Development Authority	1,150	-	
City Hall	23,265	-	
Fire Department	500	-	
Dog Warden / Humane Society	500	-	
Ambulance Authority	500	-	
Streets and Highways	8,000	-	
Snow Removal	7,800	-	
Parks & Recreation	9,800	-	
Fair Associations / Festivals	6,000	-	
Civic Promotions	500	504	
Beautification Programs	500	500	
Capital Projects - Street and Transportation	12,000	-	
TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES	\$	85,365	\$ 1,004

MUNICIPALITY OF FALLING SPRINGS (RENICK), WEST VIRGINIA Regular Current Expense Levy FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2023 - JUNE 30, 2024

CLASS I	Certificate of Valuation		
	Assessed Value for Tax Purposes	Levy Rate/\$100	Taxes Levied
Personal Property	\$ 0	12.50	\$ 0
Public Utility	0		0
Total Class I	\$ 0		\$ 0
CLASS II			
Real Estate	\$ 2,557,770	25.00	\$ 6,394
Personal Property	6,828		17
Total Class II	\$ 2,564,598		\$ 6,411
CLASS IV			
Real Estate	\$ 855,010	50.00	\$ 4,275
Personal Property	781,595		3,908
Public Utility	2,014,948		10,075
Total Class IV	\$ 3,651,553		\$ 18,258

Total Value & Projected Revenue	\$ 6,216,151	\$ 24,669
Less Delinquencies, Exonerations & Uncollectable Taxes	5.00%	1,233
Less Tax Discounts (use Total Projected Revenue to calculate)	2.00%	469
Less Allowance for Tax Increment Financing (if Applicable)		0
Total Projected Property Tax Collection		\$ 22,967
Less Assessor Valuation Fund	2.00%	459
(Subtracted from regular current expense taxes levied only)		
Net Amount to be Raised by Levy of Property Taxes		\$ 22,508

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
COUNTY OF Greenbrier
MUNICIPALITY OF FALLING SPRINGS (RENICK)
I, Melinda Workman, 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 27th day of March, 2023.

Melinda L. Workman
(Signature)
Town Recorder
(Official Title of Recording Officer)

LEGAL

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 entered by the Deed of Trust reserve the right to purchase the property at such sale.

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LEGAL

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF GREENBRIER COUNTY,
WEST VIRGINIA
IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME FROM Abigail Marie Fowler
TO Jamie Merrick Fowler
LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
CHANGE OF NAME

Order of Publication
Circuit Court of Greenbrier County,
West Virginia

Notice is hereby given that on the 11th day of May, 2023, at 3:00 o'clock p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, Petitioner, Abigail Marie Fowler will apply by Petition to the Circuit Court of Greenbrier County, West Virginia, for the entry of an order by said Court changing Petitioner's name from Abigail Marie Fowler to Jamie Merrick Fowler, at which time and place any interested party may appear and be heard, if they so desire. Further, said hearing may be rescheduled without further notice or publication.

A copy of said Petition can be obtained from the undersigned Clerk at his office.

Entered by the Clerk of said Court this 31st day of March, 2023.

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SCHOOL

JMHS students elected Youth Leadership Association Model UN Leadership

James Monroe High School (JMHS) Juniors Emma Ballard and Bryceson Whitt were elected to the top two positions in the Youth Leadership Association (YLA) Model United Nations (MUN) at its annual conference on Mar. 10. This session included over 100 delegates from across the state of West Virginia.

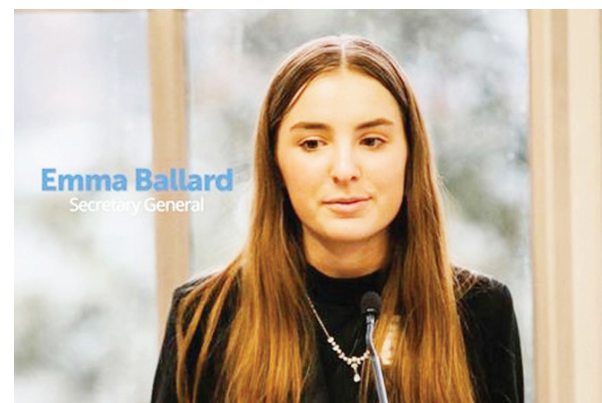
Ballard will serve as YLA MUN Secretary General, and as such will be responsible for organizing and running the conference next year. Whitt will serve as President of the General Assembly, and as such will run the actual floor sessions and plenary debate

and voting sessions. They will be assisted by six committee chairs, each focusing on a different global problem with up to fifteen delegates representing different countries and their points of view. The students gain valuable academic experience in research, critical thinking, logic, written and verbal communication, and empathy by participating in it.

The Youth Leadership Association is an extracurricular activity that "...seeks to help youth develop leadership and citizenship skills for a lifelong commitment to service through character building programs for all



Bryceson Whitt, 2023-2024 YLA Model UN General Assembly President (Photo courtesy Ohio-WV YLA)



Emma Ballard, 2023-2014 YLA Model UN Secretary General (Photo courtesy Ohio-WV YLA)

that strengthen spirit, mind, and body" according to its web site. The YLA program at JMHS develops leadership with three components: service learning, the WV Youth Government, and the

Model United Nations Debate Team.

Conferences of this type are not free, and the Maverick's participation would not have been possible without the generosity of local do-

nors to assist with the trip. Each student was responsible for cost sharing a portion of the trip and donations in any amount to help offset the financial burden on them and their parents or guard-

ians are always welcome. If you wish to contribute please contact the Maverick Debate Coach, Dr. Scott Womack, at 304-753-5182, on Facebook Messenger, or via email at swomack@k12.wv.us.

JMHS Mavericks excel at State Academic Showdown



The 2023 Maverick Academic Showdown Team #1 reacts to winning round 1. Team members: Elizabeth Adkins (left), Madisen McMillion (Captain), Bryceson Whitt, and Cole Thomas.

The James Monroe High School (JMHS) Academic Showdown Team #1 took fourth place at the 2024 State Tournament at the West Virginia Culture Center in Charleston on Mar. 31. Senior Madisen McMillion (Captain), and Juniors Elizabeth Adkins, Cole Thomas, and Bryceson Whitt excelled in the Maverick's first ever foray into this intense competition. The team qualified for

the state tournament by winning the regional Academic Showdown hosted by Concord University on Mar. 10.

In addition, Madisen McMillion was named a member of the All-Star team. She was also the driving force behind the team's creation this year, along with coaches Mrs. Ashley Mann and Mrs. Stormy Thorne.

The Academic Showdown competition is a gameshow format con-

sisting of two rounds in double elimination tournament play. Round one is alternating questions for each team with the possibility to "steal" the other team's points if they get a wrong answer. Round two is an individual response using buzzers similar to Jeopardy. Topics include a wide array of detailed questions about history, geography, literature, mathematics, biology, chemistry, physics, visual arts, and current events.

Preparation for a competition at this level requires much focus, preparation, and some travel. If you wish to contribute time, expertise, or funds to this endeavor please contact Dr. Scott Womack, at 304-753-5182, on Facebook Messenger, or via email at swomack@k12.wv.us.

Students shine during WVDOT Bridge Design and Build Contest

Students in West Virginia middle and high schools shined over the weekend in the 2023 West Virginia Bridge Design and Build Contest.

The event, sponsored by the West Virginia Department of Transportation (WVDOT) for over 20 years, was hosted at WVU Institute of Technology Campus in Beckley on Saturday. There were 149 teams, an individual or team of two students, from schools all over the state that submitted designs.

The competition focuses on engineering, using real world design principles in the software with which students design their bridges.

Garrett Ferguson, a senior at Frankfort High School in Mineral County, took home first place in the High School Division of the Software Competition.

"After checking in, we went up into the computer lab and did the software part of the contest," said Ferguson. "They gave us two different scenarios and we had to design a bridge that passed all the qualifications. On the software, it has a truck run across the bridge and if the truck makes it across it passes.

"We did that for two different scenarios - one was an arch bridge and one was a bridge with a pier."

Local award winners from the competition include:

Software Competition
Middle School Division
2nd - Emma Vincent, Team: TheDangerousDoggies from Eastern Greenbrier Middle School
3rd - Ellie Bums, Team: Lunacat from Eastern Greenbrier Middle School
Balsa Wood Competition
High School Division
2nd - Nathaniel Vincent, Team: Potato Games from Greenbrier East High School
Middle School Division
1st - Emma Vincent, Team: TheDangerousDoggies from Eastern Greenbrier Middle School

On Sunday, students were rewarded with a tour of the New River Gorge Bridge catwalk, courtesy of BridgeWalk. All students who entered the competition earned a free tour for themselves and their families.

"The walk was pretty cool," said Cole. "We got to learn about the bridge and see how it was made."

Partners this year include the West Virginia Department of Transportation (WVDOT), WV Department of Education, WV University Institute of Technology, and BridgeWalk.

QuickBooks classes scheduled through NRCTC

New River Community and Technical College is offering a one-day community education class on QuickBooks through Zoom video conferencing Monday, May 1, from 5 to 8 p.m. The college is also offering an Advanced QuickBooks class Monday, Jun. 5, from 5 to 8 p.m.

QuickBooks is accounting software that can be used to track business sales, income, expenses and overall growth. The class is beneficial to business owners and bookkeepers.

The Advanced QuickBooks class will cover bank feeds, memorizing transactions, advanced reporting features, tracking and paying sales tax, online vendor payments and additional advanced topics.

The cost for each class is \$100, and preregistration is required by Apr. 24 for the QuickBooks class and May 26 for the Advanced QuickBooks class. Participants will be emailed the link and access code information after registering and paying for the class.

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

New River CTC's Workforce Education Division provides community education classes and employable educational opportunities including non-credit courses, workforce development programs and customized training.



Bill to change state's name to 'Pepperoni' defeated by Snoopert Legislators

By Matthew Young, RealWV

Students from both Rupert and Smoot elementary schools, on Friday, while debating in the Senate Chamber, narrowly voted down a bill seeking to change the state's name from West Virginia, to Pepperoni.

The bill was defeated, in large part, as the result of former Senator Rich Lindsay's impassioned floor speech. During his remarks, Lindsay demonstrated that he does in fact possess the ability to accurately spell "Pepperoni."

While the pepperoni bill was defeated by a vote of eight yays to nine nays, the students did approve a plan to extend the school day's recess period to two full hours. Senate President Craig Blair also successfully lobbied the student-legislators to vote in favor of his bill which would increase the prescription-eyeglass renewal period.

There is no word yet from Gov. Jim Justice's office as to whether or not he will sign either bill into law should they make it to his desk. Although, while speaking with RealWV, Justice alluded to his possible support of the two-hour recess plan, saying, "We gotta, gotta, gotta listen to our kids."

The students, collectively known as the "Snoopert Legislators," were at the Capital to take part in a mock

Senate floor session. Along with Blair and Lindsay, former Senate Minority Leader Stephen Baldwin was on hand to help guide the student's legislative-experience.

The Smoot representatives of the Snoopert Legislators were 5th Grade Rep. Colton Bush, Sec./Treasurer Blake Hamrick, Vice-president Acie Kesterson, and President Mason Harold. Representing Rupert were 3rd. Grade Rep. Jordan Tolley, 4th Grade Reps. Ivy Cales and Melanie Butler, 5th Grade Rep. Rylan Boothe, Sec./Treasurer Ashlyn McClung, Vice-president Levi Tolley, and President Savanna McClung.

The Snoopert Legislators were supported by academic staff-members Krista Williams, Kayla Boothe, and Sasha Hamrick. Chaperones for the day were Amy Kesterson and Ashley Butler.

It remains uncertain if Gov. Justice will call the State Legislature into Special Session to decide the fate of the two-hour recess proposal. There has been no official statement from the House of Delegates, and House Speaker Roger Hanshaw was unavailable for comment.

RealWV will provide updates regarding the status of the bills debated by the Snoopert Legislators as additional information is made available.

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BUSINESS

Greenbrier Valley EDC seeks input for Strategic Plan

County level meetings will inform work of regional authority

As part of its strategic planning process, Greenbrier Valley Economic Development Corporation is holding stakeholder sessions in Pocahontas, Monroe and Greenbrier counties in April.

"As we look forward in defining the work of the Greenbrier Valley EDC in facilitating economic growth, it is imperative that we hear from the businesses and the communities we serve," says Ruthana Beezley, executive director.

Greenbrier Valley EDC is holding meetings in each county to gather input:

- Monroe County: Apr. 18, Monroe Motors Showroom, Main Street, Union
- Pocahontas County: Apr. 19, Marlinton Municipal Auditorium
- Greenbrier County: Apr. 20, WV State Fairgrounds,

Gus R. Douglass Annex

Existing businesses will meet from 10:30 a.m. to noon each day. Stakeholders - including community leaders, agencies, nonprofits, banks, realtors and other community members - will meet 1 to 2:30 p.m. each day. Individuals are asked to RSVP to info@gvedc.com

In January 2023, Greenbrier Valley EDC hired InSite Consulting to lead the strategic planning efforts of the regional economic development authority. The team has been traveling throughout the region visiting industrial/commercial properties, identifying growth potential, and meeting with utility service providers to recognize capacity opportunities.

The next step in this planning process is meeting with existing companies, community leaders and stakehold-

ers to allow InSite a true boots-on-the-ground view of what's happening across the region and gain critical input.

Headquartered in Greenville, SC, InSite Consulting is a leading provider of comprehensive site selection and economic development services to clients around the world. InSite was founded in 2004 by Tonya Crist and Rob Cornwell, who together have 50-plus years of combined experience in executing both site location studies and economic development and marketing services across the globe.

The US Economic Development Administration funded the Greenbrier Valley EDC strategic planning efforts. For additional information, please call 304-497-4300, or email info@gvedc.com

Biden Administration announces availability of \$1B to help farmers

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development West Virginia State Director Ryan Thorn has announced that USDA is accepting applications starting on Apr. 1 for \$1 billion in grants to help agricultural producers and rural small businesses in West Virginia invest in renewable energy systems and make energy-efficiency improvements. USDA is making the \$1 billion in grants available under the Rural Energy for America Program (REAP), with funding from President

Biden's landmark Inflation Reduction Act.

"This additional funding from the Inflation Reduction Act will provide businesses with climate smart solutions to reduce their energy consumption and bolster their bottom line," said Thorn. "When we invest in our rural businesses and provide them with the support they need to grow and prosper, we are supporting the backbone of the American economy."

Recipients may use REAP funds to install renewable energy systems

or to make energy-efficiency improvements. Eligible applicants include rural small businesses and agricultural producers. USDA will hold competitions quarterly through Sept. 30, 2024. The funding will also include the creation of the first underutilized technology fund in the REAP program, with \$144.5 million available in dedicated funding.

USDA is particularly interested in REAP projects that will help rural communities recover economically through more and better market

opportunities and improved infrastructure, reduce climate pollution and increase resilience to the impacts of climate change, conserve and protect farmland, and invest in underserved communities. The program is part of the Biden Administration's Justice40 Initiative, which aims to ensure that 40 percent of the overall benefits of certain Federal investments flow to disadvantaged communities that are marginalized, underserved and overburdened by pollution.

To ensure that small

projects have a fair opportunity to compete for the funding, USDA will set aside at least 20 percent of the available funds until June 30 of each year for grant requests of \$20,000 or less, including the grant portion of a combined grant and guaranteed loan request.

The maximum federal share which may be requested is up to 50 percent of the total project cost for all energy-efficiency projects and zero-emissions renewable energy systems. An award of up to 50 percent

of the total project cost is also available for any project in a designated energy community and/or submitted by an eligible tribal entity. All other projects are eligible to apply for grants of up to 25 percent of the total project cost. The maximum grant is \$1 million for renewable energy systems and \$500,000 for energy-efficiency projects.

For additional information on application deadlines and submission details, see page 19239 of the Mar. 31 Federal Register.

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 puzzle.

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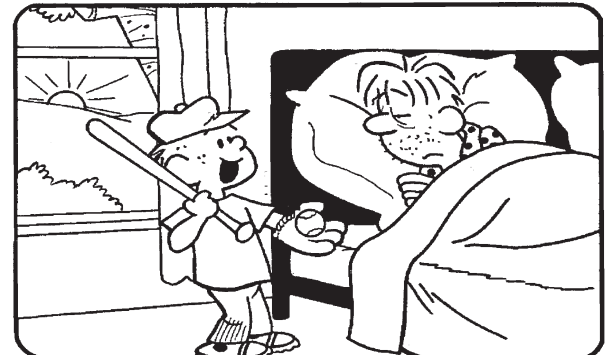
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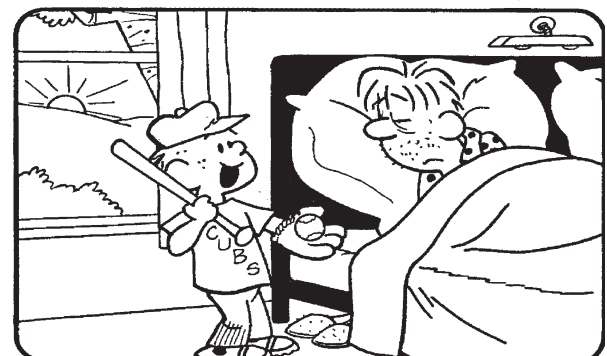
"We'll be a little late, Fred - some people just can't accept _____."

TODAY'S WORD

HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTIPOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Bat is shorter. 2. Logo is missing. 3. Curtain is shorter. 4. Slippers are missing. 5. Hand is missing. 6. Lamp is missing.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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Super Crossword

HAVING FLITTING THOUGHTS

- ACROSS**
- 1 One of Chrysler's K-cars
 - 11 Imaginary
 - 21 Lack of refinement
 - 22 Open to discussion
 - 23 * Golf format not based on the number of holes won
 - 24 * Part of an internal-combustion engine
 - 25 Take an ax to
 - 26 Ornate wardrobe
 - 28 Nice 'n Easy product
 - 29 Shin locale
 - 30 Stumblebum
 - 33 Austrian cake
 - 34 Up on the latest
 - 37 "Binary" singer
 - 39 S. Amer. country
 - 40 Much like
 - 41 Calculus pioneer
 - 42 Hot temper
 - 43 Scanned ID in a market
 - 44 Cartoon pic
 - 45 Twist, as in a hose
 - 47 Dark deli loaf
 - 48 City haze
 - 49 The Browns, on sports tickers
 - 50 Volunteer's response
 - 52 Star pitchers
 - 54 Getz of jazz
 - 55 List-curtailling abbr.
 - 56 Brief letter
 - 57 Roofing material
 - 59 Like an old apple's consistency
 - 60 Bit of a script
 - 61 Fear greatly
 - 63 Longtime operating system
 - 64 Spanish pot
 - 65 Blackthorn fruits
 - 66 Supplement
 - 67 Word that can precede the starts of the answers to the five starred clues
 - 69 Trousers
 - 70 Car navig. aid
 - 72 Owner of WordPerfect
 - 73 Cato's "I love"
 - 75 Brainteaser
 - 79 Sacred spots
 - 81 Soviet spacecraft series
 - 86 "Lord Jim" novelist
 - 87 * Buyer's final figure
 - 88 Membrane covering a lung
 - 89 Creole cooking pods
 - 90 Temporarily stylish thing
 - 91 Take to court
 - 93 Leash, e.g.
 - 94 Tony winner
 - 95 Roofing material
 - 99 Winter illness
 - 101 Director
 - 102 Roof part
 - 103 Mine car load
 - 104 Yoko of art
 - 105 Shark part
 - 106 Sped
 - 107 Genesis twin
 - 109 Small stream
 - 111 "Smooth Operator" singer
 - 113 * Vessel for crustacean fishing
 - 117 * Removes tenderly, as a lover's tears
 - 122 City in central Illinois
 - 123 Hawaii's nickname
 - 124 Super-corny
 - 125 Occupancy levies
- DOWN**
- 1 Talk smack to
 - 2 Like official public statements
 - 3 Freed from federal restrictions
 - 4 Give off light
 - 5 "Look, micel!"
 - 6 Ripen
 - 7 Lil Jon's genre
 - 8 Around H'wood, e.g.
 - 9 French card game
 - 10 Actress Jane
 - 11 One asked to attend a party
 - 12 Less remote
 - 13 Eye creepily
 - 14 Thanksgiving mo.
 - 15 Summer, to Jeanne
 - 16 Form a lap
 - 17 Tough
 - 18 Many a virtual bidding event
 - 19 Ork, Krypton or Melmac
 - 27 Paris airport
 - 29 "Righteously" singer
 - 30 Desk wood
 - 31 Pseudonym
 - 32 Groups for devotees
 - 34 Vast Asian mountain system
 - 35 Satirical device
 - 36 Tent securer
 - 38 Straight up, in a bar
 - 46 Reeves of "The Matrix"
 - 48 Fair booth
 - 51 Straight up, in a bar
 - 53 Sutured
 - 54 Like altruists
 - 55 Singer Fitzgerald
 - 58 Obtain by threatening
 - 59 Singer Rita
 - 62 Church teachings
 - 65 Film holders
 - 68 Rock's Clapton
 - 71 Launching platform
 - 74 Star athlete, for short
 - 75 Place to learn, in Lyon
 - 76 Smartphone company
 - 77 The opposite way
 - 78 Cemetery plot
 - 79 Animal trap
 - 80 Pack full
 - 82 Information group for analysis
 - 83 Big name in car cleaning products
 - 84 Speechify
 - 85 "Thwack!"
 - 90 Remote
 - 92 Moniker for a Yale student
 - 95 Coverer of a bald spot
 - 96 Unlike gods
 - 97 Brian of Roxy Music
 - 98 Pipe with a flexible tube
 - 100 Open, as a Ziploc bag
 - 108 Band blasters
 - 109 Renege (on)
 - 110 Drug bust unit
 - 112 Mgr.'s helper
 - 113 "Wait a —!"
 - 114 "In your face!"
 - 115 Actor Saget
 - 116 Singer Rita
 - 118 Topping sort
 - 119 That girl
 - 120 Supped
 - 121 "Definitely!"

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LEWISBURG CHOCOLATE FESTIVAL 2023

April 8th | 11am - 3pm

The ever-popular Lewisburg Chocolate Festival is a fundraiser for the United Way of the Greenbrier Valley, an organization that fights for education, health, and financial stability—the building blocks for a good quality of life.

History of United Way of the Greenbrier Valley

In 1986, the Greenbrier County Committee on Aging approached the United Way in Charleston for funding. Its budget was being affected by state and federal cutbacks, and they could not afford to reduce services to senior citizens. The Committee on Aging did not receive any financial support from Charleston, but they were advised to start a United Way in the Greenbrier Valley. The Committee on Aging was a member of the Greenbrier Valley Interagency Council, and so at their next meeting, the seed was planted. It wasn't long before those at the table agreed that the impending cutbacks would affect many of the local agencies, and that a coordinated fundraising effort, on behalf of all of them, was needed. And what better way than to start a local United Way. After phone consultations with United Way of America, the volunteers received 'hands-on' guidance from a West Virginia United Way staff member housed in Charleston. In those days, United Way staff traveling the state were called "Circuit Riders". Circuit Rider Jim Thibeault worked with the volunteers in the months ahead to establish our local United Way. Because the concept originated from the Interagency Council, to this day, United Way bylaws reserve a seat for the Interagency Council President on the board of directors. The United Way of the Greenbrier Valley started out with a flurry of activity. Several things were happening that gave us an opportunity to celebrate in style. First, United Way of America was making plans to commemorate

its 100th year anniversary. United Way of America was founded in Denver, Colorado in 1886. When it was learned that John Denver was going to be in concert at the West Virginia State Fair, he was quickly recruited as the anniversary spokesperson for United Way. The stage was set. West Virginia state officials, United Way of America, and local United Way volunteers planned a grand celebration – 100 years for United Way of America and the birth of United Way of the Greenbrier Valley. This is how we became known as "the first United Way in the second century".

With the celebration behind them, board members threw their energy into the first campaign. Jim Thibeault was still providing consultation, and he encouraged everyone to 'think big'. A goal of \$60,000 was set. Bold as it was, the volunteers quickly learned some lessons. First, the organization was in its infancy and the public really needed to be educated about its mission and purpose. Second, volunteers were doing all of the work with no staff support. And finally, they had no previous experience in conducting a campaign. As a result, only \$8,000 was raised that first year. But they were not deterred!

With a lot of hard work and dedication, slowly but surely, United Way began to grow. After operating for seven years with volunteers, the decision was made to hire an executive director. And what better than to hire one of the volunteers! Gene Meyers was brought on board in 1993. This was a critical move because it finally gave United Way the day-to-day attention it needed to begin growing the campaign. Gene took the helm and stayed with the organization for the next 6 years.

Here are a few more interesting United Way tidbits...

-The first annual United Way golf tournament was held in

1994 and raised \$3,405. -The Valley Leader Society was started in 1995 to recognize individual gifts of \$500 or more. Mrs. E. D. Knight chaired the first Valley Leader reception in her home.

-In 1996, the United Way set up office for the first time in the Post Office building in Ronceverte.

-1997 was the beginning of a 8 year tradition of bell ringing with 50% benefiting the agencies and 50% to the United Way campaign. \$7,600 was raised in the first year, and in 2005, the final year of bell ringing, \$18,236 was raised.

United Way is grateful to all of the founding volunteers who have worked so hard to see the organization come to fruition.



APRIL 8 SATURDAY EVENTS

Live Music - Caden Glover
Location: **The Asylum Patio (#17 on the Map)**
Time: **12-3pm**
Price: **Free**
Sponsored by: **The American Beer Company, The Runyon Family**
*Weather Dependent

Live Music - Alabaster Boxer
Location: **Greenspace, Rain location: Greenbrier Valley Theatre**
Time: **11:30am-1:30pm**
Price: **Free**
Sponsored by: **The American Beer Company, The Runyon Family**
*Weather Dependent

Live Music - Charissa Joy
Location: **Washington Street Pub (#6 on the Map)**
Time: **11:30am-2:30pm**
Price: **Free**
Sponsored by: **The American Beer Company, The Runyon Family**
*Weather Dependent

El Gleno Grande (www.horseguy.com)
Location: **Intersection of Washington and Court Street**
Time: **11:45am and 1:45pm**
Price: **Free**
Sponsored by: **The American Beer Company, The Runyon Family**
*Weather Dependent

Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory Movie
Sponsored by **PostNet and Robert C. Byrd Clinic**
Location: **Greenbrier Valley Theatre (#7 on the Map)**
Time: **12pm**
Price: **Free**

Cotton Candy Lab - Live Demonstration
Location: **Greenbrier Valley Theatre (#7 on the Map)**
Time: **All Day, Every Half Hour**
Price: **Regular \$4, Large \$7**

Raspberry & Dark Chocolate Truffle - Chef Demonstration
Chef Desarae' Bittle
Location: **Greenbrier Valley Vis. Center (#34 on the Map)**
Time: **11:30am**
Price: **Free**

Pastry Demo - Chef Demonstration
Jean-Francois, Executive Pastry Chef at The Greenbrier
Location: **Greenbrier Valley Vis. Center (#34 on the Map)**
Time: **1pm**
Price: **Free**

Candyland Themed Photos
Location: **Sheena Pendley Photo Studio (#31 on the Map)**
Time: **All day, ends 3pm**
Price: **Free**

Greenbrier Humane Society Adoption Fair
Location: **Carnegie Lawn (Paw Print on Map)**
Time: **All day, ends 3pm**
Price: **Free**

Golden Egg Treasure Hunt, Sponsored by WVPBS
Location: **Pick up a Passport at A New Chapter (#40 on Map)**
Time: **All day, ends 3pm**
Price: **Free**

Easter Egg Hunt
Location: **Hill and Holler (Near #19 on Map)**
Time: **3pm**
Price: **Free**

Story Walk, Hosted by the Lewisburg Public Library
Location: **Starts at Humble Tomato**
Time: **All Day**
Price: **Free**

OTHER EVENTS
Chocolate Chase 5k/10k
Start/Finish Location: **Courthouse**
Start Time: **9am**

DINING IN LEWISBURG
Hill & Holler
Chocolate themed Farm to Table Breakfast 7-10am
Benefits the United Way of Greenbrier Valley
Special Chocolate-Themed Entrees & Desserts
Restaurants around town will be hosting special chocolate-themed entrees & desserts on their menus in honor of the Chocolate Festival

CHOCOLATE TASTING LOCATIONS

- ** = 2 Tickets, all others are 1 ticket each
- Thomas Rose Inn** - Dark Chocolate Peanut Butter Meltaways with Sea Salt, Milk Chocolate Coffee Caramel Truffle
 - Little Black Box** - Amaretto, Caramel Pecan, Dark Chocolate Caramel Sea Salt Fudge
 - Blackwell's Catering** - Chocolate bread pudding with chocolate Smooth Ambler bourbon drizzle, GF chocolate tarts**
Vegan Truffles**
 - Plants Etc** - Caramel truffles made by Blackwell's
 - Better Homes & Gardens Real Estate** - Double Dipped Chocolate Peanuts
 - Washington St Pub** - Big Timber Raspberry Chocolate Stout
 - The Tasting Room at 50 East** - Chocolate Bourbon Truffle
 - The Shoolhouse Hotel** - Chocolate Milkshake
 - Fathom Realty** - Chocolate Covered Pretzel Rods
 - Patina** - Sarris Chocolate Bar
 - The Wild Bean** - Espresso Brownies
 - The French Goat** - Chocolate Covered Cheese Cracker - Almond cracker, Perk Farm Swiss, Dark Chocolate, JQ Dickenson smoked sea salt**
 - The Livery Tavern** - Assorted Chocolate Bark - Chocolate with assorted nuts, fruits, and flavorings
 - Soleil Glamour Bar** - Chocolate Covered Oreos
 - Manic Espresso** - Chocolate Covered Espresso Beans
 - Warner Music School** - Chocolate Rocks
 - The Asylum** - Chocolate Martini Shots, Dutch Dark Chocolate Wine, Raspberry & Chocolate Wine
 - The Escape Hotel** - French Oreo & Double Chocolate Macarons**
 - Amy's Market** - Raspberry Cake Pop, Double Chocolate Cake Pop
 - Robert's Antiques** - Moscato Paired with Chocolate
 - Greenbrier Real Estate Service** - Milk and Dark Chocolate Houses
 - Edith's Health and Specialty Store** - Awake Caffeinated Chocolate Bites: Dark, Peanut Butter & Caramel
 - Grist Real Estate Associates** - Chocolate Covered Strawberries**
 - Stardust Cafe** - Hand made by Pastry Chef Gina Anderson, Dark Chocolate and Milk Chocolate Truffles**
 - Bella The Corner Gourmet** - Chocolate Covered Pretzels - Variety
 - Aggie's Vest** - Foil-wrapped milk and dark chocolate Easter Eggs with Coconut Cream, Peanut Butter, or Vanilla Buttercream filling
 - Sweet Cedar & Co.** - Rubber Duck Chocolate Lollipops
 - Wolf Creek** - Salted Caramels: Dark & Milk Chocolate
 - The Golden Rabbit** - Dark and Milk Chocolate Bark
 - Corn + Flour** - Avalanche Cookies, Salted Chocolate Caramels
 - Sheena Pendley Photo Studio** - Double Chocolate Mini Cupcakes
 - The Shoe Box** - Chocolate Covered Shoestrings
 - The Greenbrier** - Chocolate Covered Hazlenut, Chocolate Covered Dried Blueberry
 - Greenbrier Valley Visitors Center** - Greenbrier Valley logo Chocolates from Holl's Chocolates
 - Yarid's** - Holl's Chocolate Shoes
 - The Market (Food & Friends)** - Triple Chocolate Bread Pudding with Pecans
 - Harmony Ridge - Greenbrier Sporting Club** - "Drink Me" White Chocolate Black Raspberry Milk Shooter, "Eat Me" Cookies & Cream Petit Four
 - Serenity Now Outfitters** - Gourmet Apples
 - The Americana Thrift Store** - Sponsored by Presbyterian Women of Old Stone Presbyterian Church - Ancho Chile Chocolate Clusters with Toasted Almonds - 3 options (hot, medium, mild)
 - A New Chapter** - An assortment of truffles made with fine chocolate, fresh cream, nuts, fruit liqueurs, etc. from Bellafina Chocolates
 - Key Bot Chocolates** - Dark Mint Chocolate WV Mini-Maps, Year of the Rab-bot Vegan White Chocolate Wafers with Hazelnuts, Jam or Caramel
 - Briegarten** - Chocolate Covered Bacon

Shuttle Service Provided by MTA 7am - 4pm
Every 20-30 Min. To & From - Bottom of Walmart Parking Lot
To & From - Lewisburg United Methodist Church Parking Lot

The 2023 Lewisburg Chocolate Festival benefits the United Way of Greenbrier Valley and is a collaboration between: Lewisburg Downtown Business Association, Greenbrier Valley Convention and Visitors Bureau, City of Lewisburg, City National Bank, and Greenbrier Valley Theatre



STEPPIN' OUT

Carnegie Hall's Spring Exhibits open April 7



The Old Stone Room

Carnegie Hall's Spring Exhibits open Friday, April 7. Carnegie Hall features three rotating galleries which display the works of regional artists. The upcoming exhibits feature works by artists William Todd Gambill (Old Stone Room), Dana Wheelers (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. The Old Stone Room will feature music by The Back Porch String Band.

Carnegie Hall presents Piedmont Blüz Sunday, April 23



Piedmont Blüz

Carnegie Hall's Mainstage Performance Series continues with Piedmont Blüz on Sunday, Apr. 23, at 3 p.m. Guests are invited to come early for the free Mainstage Lounge Preshow Reception from 2 to 2:45 p.m. in the Board Room. A cash bar and snacks are available.

The Piedmont Blüz Acoustic Duo are ambassadors of Country Blues music and the Piedmont style of fingerpicking. Their mission is to help bring awareness to this unique aspect of African American culture, and to the contributions of early blues artists, through performing and teaching. The husband-and-wife duo are much loved wherever they go. They feel that "there are stories to tell, people to remember, and things that must be said" so, in addition to tickling your

ears with delightful music, they weave a bit of history into the presentation of each song.

Inducted into the NY Blues Hall of Fame in 2018, these tradition bearers have been featured in numerous festivals including the Newport Folk Festival, Chicago Blues Festival, Tel Aviv Blues Festival, Clearwater Revival, and Brooklyn Folk Festival to name a few. In addition to performing at a variety of domestic venues, Piedmont Blüz has traveled as far as Europe and the Middle East to share their music.

According to American Blues Scene's JD Nash "The most wonderful thing about Piedmont Blüz is they share the history of the music as well as playing the songs. They're able to do that in a way that doesn't take away

from the musical performance, but rather add an educational aspect that blues fans truly love."

Tickets start at \$18, and discounts are available for Carnegie Hall members, students, senior citizens, and military. To purchase tickets, call Carnegie Hall Box Office at 304-645-7917, visit www.carnegiehallwv.org, or stop by at 611 Church Street, Lewisburg, West Virginia. Carnegie Hall Box Office is open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

This engagement of Piedmont Blüz is made possible with support from Todd & Melissa Waggy, the National Endowment for the Arts, and the West Virginia Division of Culture and History, with approval from the West Virginia Commission on the Arts.

Rupert Library Art Show upcoming, entries welcome

The Rupert Public Library will hold their Art Show on Apr. 21 and 22. There will be a reception on Saturday, Apr. 22, from 5 to 7 p.m. The Hidden Mountain Treasures music group will perform for your entertainment while you view the art entries and enjoy food prepared by the Board of Trustees and staff.

All artists working in oil, acrylic, pastel, watercolor, mixed media, and drawing are invited to submit up to three items to be displayed and judged. You may enter all three of your items in one category if you wish. First, second, and third place

ribbons and best of show will be awarded. There will be monetary awards for the blue ribbon winner in each category, best of show winner, and the people's choice.

If you wish to show your artwork you can pick up an entry form at the library. All entries are to be framed with a wire hanger. Please no alligator or zigzag hangers. Bring your entry form and release of liability form. There will be a \$5 fee for each art entry.

The library staff and board of trustees invite you to enjoy the festivities.

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