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Greenbrier Historical Society's Homes Among the Hills Tour upcoming



The 1834 Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia Law Library and Study building

"Homes Among the Hills" is an apt title for the 2023 Home Tour sponsored by the Greenbrier Historical Society on June 10, 2023 with the opening reception on Jun. 9. After all, the Native Americans called this area "home" long before white settlers arrived. The white settlers, and the enslaved Black people they brought with them, created their own versions of home including structures and culture. All of this has blended together to create "home" as we know it today in the Muddy Creek Valley of Greenbrier County.

Al Emch, Vice President of the Greenbrier Historical Society, has called these events "a magical mystery history tour" and he is also apt in his description.

The weekend will open with a reception at the 1834 Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia Law Library and Study building and the Enslaved Quarters /Rhoda's House beside it located at 200 Courtney Drive, Lewisburg. The reception begins at 7:30 p.m. on June 9 and includes the opportunity to explore both buildings as well as view amazing art and indulge in some food and drink.

Roanoke artist Chuck Carroll is known for his depictions of the First People who called this area "home." Following classes in sculpture at the Corcoran Gallery in Washington D.C. while a teenager, a degree from UVA and traditional jobs, he somehow became a sculptural potter. The difficulty of making a living in that career, plus a lot of air travel in his new one, created the opportunity for him to express himself through drawing. His interest in Native American myths and lifestyles led to his choice of Native Americans as subject matter. His drawings of Native Americans who might have roamed the Muddy Creek Valley will be displayed in the Law Library along with those of Native Americans from further afield.

Henry St. George Tucker was the first President of the Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia to hold court in Lewisburg after the Virginia State Assembly decree that a 90-day session of that court would be held here to better serve the people in the area across the mountains. Judge Tucker plans to make an appearance and talk about his experiences in what was his "home" for about 90 days every year during his tenure from 1831 to 1841.

The 1836 Enslaved Quarters/Rhoda's House was moved to its present location from the Johnson Reynolds property lately occupied by the Greenbrier County Board of Education. While many enslaved workers of the time cannot be identified or named, it is known that Rhoda was a cook for the Reynolds family and likely used this building as her "home."

Saturday, June 10 will contain the more traditional home tour activities. This year they are child and family friendly. Taking place in the Muddy Creek Valley between its tributaries Kitchen Creek and Mill Creek from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., this tour will include "homes" from a Native American Habitat at the Arbuckle Fort Preserve to the newly restored Blue Sulphur Springs Pavilion where the rich and famous once strolled. Included are a stone house built circa 1795 in the most beautiful setting imaginable and a log, frame, and new construction home dating from circa 1860. Agriculture was the dominant economic activity in this area and a display of antique tractors and equipment, hosted at this site by the Tahoe Antique Tractor See "Home Tour" - Page 2

BOE honors Academic Achievers

By Adam Pack

The Greenbrier County Board of Education met with standing room only on Tuesday, May 9, as they prepared to once again honor a large contingent of academic achievers from Greenbrier County who excelled in competitions ranging across multiple disciplines.

Before discussing students, however, Associate Superintendent Doug Clemons rose to honor the often unsung heroes of our school system: School Service Employees. From cooks to custodians and secretaries to bus drivers, in Clemons' words, "Simply put, our schools could not exist without these dedicated members of our staff."

Clemons and the board were pleased to announce that Service Employee of the Year for the 2023 School Year was so tightly contested that it only made sense to name both of the finalists. The two Co-Service Employees of the Year are Jennifer Morgan of Ronceverte Elementary and Lori Boswell of Alderson Elementary. The board honored them with unique plaques depicting Morgan and Boswell interacting with students at their schools.

Moving on to academics, the board started their long list of accolades with the winners of the recent Battle of the Books. Students read six novels and answered specific questions about the books in a quiz bowl at Carnegie Hall. In the Elementary category, Lewisburg Elementary came out victorious. Team members were; Jackson Isenberg, Brack McClung, Archer Ward, Dashiell Ward, Arabella Webb, Jayce Bush (Alternate), Paisley Baldwin, Kennedy Carter, Dalia Huggi, Milyn Neumann & Abby Padgett, and were Coached by April Vincent. The Middle School title went to Eastern Greenbrier Middle school. Winners from the EGMS "Book Warriors" were; Gustavo Junceda, Gia Collins, Izzabella Winnings, Cora Whited, and Ava Taylor, led by Coaches Becky Campbell, Abigail Cline, Jenn McCallister, Brindi Nida & Eleanora Sams.

Academic Fair Director Jason Johansson, who organized the 2023 State & Science Engineering Fair, presented several Greenbrier County Students who achieved a podium finish at this year's state competition. Johansson noted that the Science and Engineering Fair affords students the opportunity to "ask questions about

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Winners of the Golden Horseshoe presented with certificates by the Board. Winning students will also be recognized at the WVDE Golden Horseshoe ceremony on Jun. 13 at the West Virginia Culture Center in Charleston, WV.



Superintendent of Greenbrier County Schools Jeff Bryant (far left) and Associate Superintendent Doug Clemons (far right) honors two members of the County's school service staff who were named Co-School Service Employees of the Year: Jennifer Morgan (Center left, Secretary/Ronceverte Elementary) and Lorie Boswell (Center right), Classroom Aide/Alderson Elementary).

Greenbrier County Commission recognizes local Ruritans



In no particular order are Ruritans Debbie Bowman, Gary Wallace, Joe Bogucki, Sam Tuckwiller, Ellen Driggers, Gene Campbell, and Kim Johnson who were present at the May 9 meeting of the Greenbrier County Commission to witness the proclamation of May as "Ruritan Awareness Month," and hope to remind the public of the important work that Ruritans do in communities across Greenbrier County every day.

By Adam Pack

The Greenbrier County Commission met for their regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, May 9, and was pleased to begin the meeting by hearing a request from a group of Ruritans from around the county

Ruritans representing Maxwelton, Frankford, Richlands, Williamsburg, and Smoot were all present as Debbie Bowman of the Maxwelton Ruritans rose to formally request that May be proclaimed Ruritan Awareness Month in Greenbrier County. Bowman explained that Ruritan Awareness Month is an important measure that local Ruritan clubs formulated to help get members in and to clear up some confusion.

"We want May proclaimed Ruritan Awareness month first because we are not the Rotary Club, which some people think we are, and second because all of our clubs could use members, use more hands to continue working, because we are still out in our communities, working, serving, and helping out." The Commission approved the request, with Commissioner Tammy Tincher echoing the sentiments of the entire commission by saying that, "we love our Ruritan clubs and all that they do to enrich and serve our communities." The commission unanimously approved the request and officially proclaimed May as Ruritan Awareness Month in Greenbrier County. Furthermore, Smoot Ruritans would like to let it be known that this year marks the 75th anniversary of

their chapter.

In regard to the County's ongoing preparations for additions and renovations to the County Health Department building, the County received communication from their architects that all the documentation submitted alongside Adam Whanger Contracting's bid of \$2,710,360 is in order and acceptable. That being said, the commission approved the awarding of the project to Adam Whanger Contracting LLC unanimously.

The county also dealt with water extension work in the west end. The commission considered and accepted a subrecipient agreement with itself and Greenbrier PSD #2 in regard to Phase II Water Extension WV Infrastructure & Jobs Development Council's Project (Project Number 2022W-2132). The agreement comes as the result of the County's pledge to contribute \$2,005,000 to the project from ARPA funds awarded to the county. In compliance with the ARPA, the county must enter into this type of subrecipient agreement. The entire project totals \$20,300,000. The commission approved the subrecipient agreement PSD #2.

The commission also heard from their legal counsel about an entire slate of agenda items related to the beginning of work on the GigReady Broadband Project. The county accepted agreements for professional services through Thompson & Litton, a Letter of Understanding

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Academic Achievers

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Winning participants of the 2023 edition of the Greenbrier County Battle of the Books.

their world, and ... engage in real world problem solving regarding those questions; it encourages creativity, critical thinking, mathematics, statistics, spelling, public speaking, computer science, and so much more. Those students and their placements were; 1st Place State Winners were Arabella Webb, Hailey Williams, and Jackson Isenberg; 2nd Place State Winners Sophia Schoolcraft and Annaleigh Merritt; and 3rd Place State Winner Harrison Gwinn. Johansson also noted, of county and regional winners, that, "in order to win your county you had to also win your school, so all those students from state winners on down did an incredible job."

Johansson also presented winners and participants in the 2023 Social Studies Fair. Dozens of students were successful in a test of their skills in geography, history, and cultural studies. Those students and their placements are:

1st Place County and 1st Place Regional Winners: Carter Huffman - Ronceverte Elem., Tayton Martin, Smoot Elem., Benjamin McDaniel, WGMS, DeWayne Warner, WGMS, Anderson Walker, WGMS, Vitale DeRouen, Alderson Elem., Annaleigh Merritt, Frankford Elem., Caroline Perilli Hancock, EGMS, Kendra Culyer, GEHS, Lillian Shannon, GEHS, Rozalynn Humphreys, GEHS, Grace Boettner, GEHS.

1st Place County and 2nd Place Regional Winners: Lakyn Loudermilk, Smoot Elem., Josiah Griffith, Lewisburg Elem., JJ Griffith, Lewisburg Elem., Anna Pack, Frankford Elem., Delaney Dameron, Rainelle Elem., Braelynn Critchley, Rainelle Elem., Camdyn Hanshaw, Frankford Elem., Asher Jones, Frankford Elem., Cash Ridpath, EGMS, Wyatt Samples, WGMS, Karsten Burns, WGMS, Elijah McDaniel, WGMS, Jayden Blair, WGMS, Brayden Brown, GEHS, Slayton Utterback, GEHS

1st Place County and 3rd Place Regional Winners: Barrett Ott, Rainelle Elem., Yasmin Borders, EGMS, Hydee Wykle, EGMS, Nadia Borders, EGMS, Mazie Shaver, WGMS, Arabella Crookshanks, GEHS

1st Place County and Honorable Mention Regional Winners: Annika Smith, WGMS, Avery Burke, WGMS, Morgan Simms, WGMS

1st Place County Winners: Julia Troyer, GEHS, Casey Bair, GEHS

1st Place County, 1st Place Regional and 1st Place State: Isaac Tincher, EGMS, Emma Vincent, EGMS, Mallory Frye, EGMS

1st Place County, 1st Place Regional and 2nd Place State: Lily Tincher, Frankford Elem., Michah DeRouen, EGMS, Jenna Hunter, WGMS, Diana Porter, WGMS

1st Place County, 1st Place Regional and 3rd Place State: Asa Brown, Lewisburg Elem., Ethan Carter, Lewisburg Elem., Emily Conaway, Ronceverte Elem.

1st Place County, 1st Place Regional and HM State: Arden Woods, Frankford Elementary, Macie Hileman, Frankford Elementary, Conrad Laird, Lewisburg Elementary, Lucas Hughes, Lewisburg Elementary, Liam Cunningham, Lewisburg Elementary, Madison Burdette, WGMS, Ellie Burns, EGMS, Nathaniel Vincent, GEHS, Mya Monroy, GEHS, Isabella Gabbert, GEHS, Jacelyn Lilly, GEHS

Lastly, Greenbrier County Schools Director of Technology Dr. Vicky Cline, and former Golden Horseshoe winner, presented Greenbrier County Golden Horseshoe winners for 2023. Cline said of the students who won that, "as a former winner myself, I know from experience how hard it is and how much work students have to do to achieve a Golden Horseshoe, so we are so proud of them and how well they represent Green-

brier County with their knowledge of our state's history." Golden Horseshoe winners will also be honored at the West Virginia Department of Education's Golden Horseshoe ceremony on June 13 at the West Virginia Culture Center in Charleston, WV.

The Greenbrier County Board of Education will meet again on Jun. 13 at the Kyle & Ann Fort Arts and Science Center. As this is the first summer meeting of the board this calendar year, the meeting will be moved to 1 p.m. The public is encouraged to attend. Interested parties should call 304-647-6470 to confirm meeting time, date, and location prior, as they are subject to change.

Ruritans

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between the county and Region 4 Planning & Development Council designating the council as the project administrator in regard to the disbursement funds and ARPA reporting requirements, the establishment of a separate bank account for the project, and the adoption of an addendum to the county's procurement policy in compliance with ARPA funds use regulations.

The Greenbrier County Commission will meet again on Tuesday, May, 23, at 10 a.m. in the Greenbrier County Commission offices, in the basement of the courthouse. The public is encouraged to attend. Interested parties should call 304-647-6689 ahead, as times and dates are subject to change.

PICK OF THE LITTER



MARTY
Marty is a one-year-old male terrier mix and weighs 31 pounds.



DR. PEPPER
Dr. Pepper is a two-year-old male domestic shorthair

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

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

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

Call 304-645-4775 for more information.

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

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Home Tour

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Club, will add to the historic scene.

Because of the nature of this home tour, the access is via country roads with lots of twists and turns. Most are paved and all are in fine condition, but many are one lane and there is some gravel. Please drive slowly and carefully and watch out for other motorists. Guests will also be visiting working farms with some uneven ground, so comfortable shoes are advised.



The Enslaved Quarters / Rhoda's House

Tickets are virtual and available on-line at greenbrierhistorical.org and at the North House Museum at 814 Washington Street West, Lewisburg. A combination ticket for the Opening Reception on June 9 and the Home Tour on June 10 is \$100. An individual ticket for the Opening Reception is \$75; the Home Tour ticket is \$30 in advance and \$40 day-of for adults and \$10 any time for those 18 years old or younger.

If you have purchased your ticket on-line, just check in at the welcome table located at each of the Home Tour locations to get your wrist band, driving tour book with map, and special day-of event insert. All locations are accessible off I-64 and then Route 12 at Spring Valley Road and Blaker's Mill Road between Alta and Alderson. Just look for the large bright electronic signs at those roads saying "Home Tour" with an arrow pointing the way. The sites are also easy to find using google maps on your phone with the addresses on the GHS website. Just choose one and get started!

Margaret Hambrick, chair of the Home Tour Committee, said, "We are so excited to help our visitors understand the Native American presence in our area, appreciate the contributions of enslaved workers, be inspired by gorgeous homes, and enjoy wagon loads of history. Please join us for this most unusual home tour experience."

*Dear Mother
God made a wonderful mother,
A mother who never grows old;
He made her smile of the sunshine,
And He molded her heart of pure gold;
In her eyes He placed bright shining stars,
In her cheeks fair roses you see;
God made a wonderful mother,
And He gave that dear mother to me.*

- AUTHOR UNKNOWN

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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 May 27 will feature the Eade's Mountain Boys** from 7 to 10:30. 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.

U.S. Flag Retirement set May 16

The James Monroe High School/Monroe County Technical Center (JMHS/MCTC) Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC) Battalion will conduct a flag retirement for worn, tattered, or faded U.S. flags on May 16 at 5:30 p.m. at the Monroe County Board of Education offices in Union. American Legion Posts 100 and 145 will be present and provide support to this effort. Anyone desiring to have a flag retired in a respectful and honorable way may bring them to the JROTC room at James Monroe High School or the drop box in the county courthouse between now and May 15. Please contact the JROTC Office at 304-753-6906 or Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) Scott E. Womack at womackse@k12.wv.us and Facebook Messenger for details.

Elder Abuse Awareness Walk set

The Family Refuge Center will host an Elder Abuse Awareness Walk at the CAMC Greenbrier Valley Hospital Track on Jun. 15 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Come dressed in purple; this event helps to raise awareness surrounding abuse later in life. For more information call 304-645-6324 or email kenskey@familyrefuge-center.org

The Lewisburg/Fairlea Food Locker

will distribute food on Saturday, May 20 from 8 to 10 a.m. at the Old Stone Church in Lewisburg. Regular distribution is always the third Saturday of the month. The Food Locker serves residents from Lewisburg, Fairlea, Caldwell and surrounding areas. There are nine food pantries in Greenbrier County serving residents in their area. Food or financial contributions to any of the food pantries are always welcomed as the pantries assist those in need in Greenbrier County. For more information you may call 304-645-7842.

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.

Lewisburg City Council

will meet Tuesday, May 16, at 7 p.m. at City Hall, 942 Washington St. W, in the Paul R. Cooley Council Chambers. Also available on ZOOM. For information on how to participate, call 304-645-2080 by 4:30 Tuesday.

On the agenda:

- Ordinance 318, Amend the Floodplain Ordinance, 2nd reading and public hearing
- Resolution 516, Water System Improvement Project pay request #11
- Resolution 517, General Fund Budget Revision #2, Fiscal Year 2023
- Communications from Mayor White
- Communications from City Manager
 - Assured Partners of WV - workers comp renewal
 - Go.gov
 - Recreational Trails Program Grant, Dept. of Highways, phase III Dorie Miller, "intent to apply"
 - Opioid litigation consideration/action Walgreen settlement agreement and lease
- Communications from Boards and Commissions
 - Planning Commission
 - Public Hearing for conditional use permit for Debbie Kilcollin, Randolph St. 3+ Airbn
 - Parks Commission Report
- Communication from City Council members
- Communication from Police Dept.
- Communication from Fire Dept.
- Communications from Council Committees
 - Finance Committee Report
 - Water System Improvement Project - change orders
 - Change Order #6-1 Contractor J.F. Allen Co. - distribution system upgrades
 - Change Order #8-1 Contractor Hayslett Construction - water treatment plant
 - Chapman Technical Group Task Order #38 Dogwood Heights covert replacement
 - Mountaineer Computer Systems contract renewal
 - Imre Pentek Accountant contract approval
 - Donation of retired police vehicle to City of Rainelle
 - Employee merit pay
 - Public Works Dept. Report
- Approval of Minutes - Apr. 18, 2023 regular meeting
- Visitors' Reports (5 min. limit per subject not on agenda)

Entries open for 98th Annual State Fair

Entries are officially open for the 98th Annual State Fair of West Virginia's livestock and home, arts, and garden competitions. All rules and regulations, as well as registration instructions are posted on the State Fair's website. The deadline to enter is July 14.

Competition highlights for 2023 include a revamped Sheep Shearing Competition, fan-favorite best pepperoni roll and chocolate lover's dessert delight cooking contests, and of course, the rest of the cooking, flower, ag produce, needlework, and fine arts competitions. True to the State Fair's mission, livestock competitions are also available for West Virginia's 4-H and FFA, and open show classes.

"Every year exhibitors gather to honor the State Fair's mission of promoting agricultural knowledge and advancement, and the arts. Exhibitors enter award winning produce, flowers, baked goods, livestock, and more. We're looking forward to seeing what everyone brings out this year!" said Agriculture Competitions Manager Alexis Porterfield-Mulcahy.

Please visit statefairfofwv.com more information or to register online.

Giant Flea Market set for May 19-21

The Annual Spring Giant Flea Market and Antique Sale is back at the State Fairgrounds in Lewisburg from May 19 through May 21. Back to a three-day event, the sale will be open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday.

"For the first time since 2019, our Giant Flea Market will be back to its full set up including vendors both indoors and outdoors," State Fair CEO Kelly Collins stated. "Whether you are looking for a unique shopping experience or just spring cleaning and need to get rid of stuff, this event has something for everyone."

Vendor booths remain at \$25 per day for outdoor or \$115 for the weekend indoors. All vendors must pre-register. Large items are the responsibility of the vendor and buyer.

All shoppers are asked to park in the free parking lot located on 219 South and walk through the tunnel entrance. Admission is free to shop.

For more information or to register as a vendor, please visit www.statefairfofwv.com/flea-market, or call 304-645-1090.

Suits

In Re: The Marriage of: Jonathan Montrel Dickerson and Megan Melissa Dickerson

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Cody Lee Wisner, Alderson to Ashley Michelle Holcomb, Caldwell
Charles Ray Vance, Caldwell to Doris Joan Stewart, Caldwell
Robert Paul Riesen, Wilmington, NC to Hayden Louise Jones, Wilmington, NC
Coty Adam Trainer, White Sulphur Springs to Rosaleigh Joyce Brewster, White Sulphur Springs
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Imagine a day without childcare

West Virginia's childcare providers are facing an uncertain future. With COVID-related changes to reimbursement rates, child care providers were able to stay open, but, with the extension slated to end and policy addressing the state's child care reimbursement rates failing to move during legislative session, many local child care providers are reaching out to their communities for support.

Community town halls have been held across the state during April and May, with Lewisburg on Thursday, May 11. The Lewisburg event, the seventh across the state, is being co-hosted by Monroe Day Care Center and Little Learners. These town halls have provided communities with a firsthand look at some of the obstacles childcare providers face and a chance to hear how important child care is for families and local businesses. There have also been options available for

community members to show their support. "Childcare is truly the backbone of families working and going to school. Many times, centers work on a shoestring budget, but the center always puts the children first," says Michelle McFall of Monroe Daycare Center. "It's time our state put childcare first, too."

According to Child Care Aware of America and TEAM For West Virginia Children, 42.6% of West Virginia children under the age of six need but cannot access childcare. West Virginia rates 50th in the nation for childcare accessibility, and 64% of West Virginia families live in a childcare desert. <https://teamwv.org/childcaremap>

"In a state with one of the lowest workforce participation rates, childcare is absolutely an economic justice issue," states community organizer Amy Jo Hutchison, representing MomsRising and the leader of the grassroots move-

ment Rattle The Windows. "Without access to affordable and quality childcare, families cannot work. People and businesses won't move into a state that does not have even the beginnings of a care infrastructure, and childcare is an integral part of that."

Inspired by a national day of action, "A Day Without Child Care Town Halls" have been held throughout the state during the months of April and May in Wheeling, Oak Hill, Harpers Ferry, Weirton, Bridgeport, South Charleston, and Lewisburg. On May 8th, A Day Without Child Care was observed across the nation, and several West Virginia providers participated in various activities. "We are the work force behind the work force," said McFall of Monroe Day Care Center. A list of dates and locations can be found on the WV Association for Young Children website and Facebook page.

West Virginia childcare providers are thankful for the state's decision to extend enrollment-based reimbursements for another year, which was announced earlier this month, but they realize that it is another temporary fix rather than a permanent solution. "We need our communities to understand how important childcare is to our communities. Imagine the impact a day without childcare would have on our local and state economies," stated Kristy Ritz, Executive Director of West Virginia Association for Young Children.

The event in Lewisburg will be held Thursday, May 11, at Hollowell Park, 186 Matthews Street. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. with the event beginning at 6 p.m. There will be opportunities for people to get involved to show support for WV childcare. Contact the Monroe Daycare Center at 304-772-5240 for more information.

Greenbrier Valley Community Foundation new funds, Children's Savings Account luncheon

The Greenbrier Valley Community Foundation welcomed the following three new funds in the first quarter of 2023:

Noel P. and Nathan B. Dehaven Memorial Scholarship Fund - In honor of two gone far too soon, this memorial scholarship fund gives preference to students from Greenbrier East participating in track, cross country, soccer, band, music, and/or 4-H. Friends and family who established the fund hope to expand awarding to Greenbrier West and James Monroe high schools as the fund grows.

Charles and Carolyn Sheets Scholarship Fund - Charlie is a long-time Board member and friend of the Community Foundation and the Greenbrier Valley, particularly Pocahontas County. To continue he and Carolyn's legacy of commitment to community and education, the couple has established a fund to provide scholarship awards to students in Pocahontas County.

Children's Savings Account Program: Our Future Fund - Please join us May 19 at noon at the Greenbrier County Public Library for lunch and information on our newest initiative, the Our Future Fund. This fund will help us, in partnership with other civic organizations, businesses, and local organizations, start a WVSMART 529 savings account for each student in our service area upon their entry into kindergarten. The research has demonstrated that children with a savings account in their name are six times more likely to go to college than children who don't

have a savings account. Low-income students with just \$500 or less in college savings are three times more likely to enroll in college and four times more likely to graduate. One stipulation of our program is that these funds can also be used for vocational school expenses as well.

Andrea Levere will be our keynote speaker, which is a real treat. Andrea Levere is a Social Enterprise Fellow at the Yale School of Management. In this role, Andrea has drafted the Blueprint for Enterprise Capital to scale the delivery of "philanthropic equity" for nonprofits and social ventures. She is working with the Winthrop Rockefeller Foundation, Citi Foundation, California Wellness Foundation, William Julius William Institute, Federal Reserve Banks of NY and SF, and other partners to advance the practice of Enterprise Capital to build financial strength and resilience and reduce the racial wealth gap in the nonprofit sector. Ms. Levere was a member of the Community Advisory Council of the Federal Reserve Board of Governors for three years, serving as Vice Chair in 2018 and Chair in 2019. In 2013, President Obama appointed Ms. Levere to the National Cooperative Bank's (NCB) Board of Directors.

We appreciate your commitment to the Greenbrier Valley Community Foundation and our community. For questions, visit gvfoundation.org, or call or email Anne at 304-645-5620 or info@gvfoundation.org. If you'd like to attend the luncheon, please RSVP.

OPINION

Nature's Way

By Karen Cohen

Sharing is Caring

Many local gardeners and “wanna be” gardeners assembled last month for a community seed and plant exchange in Lewisburg. It was a free event and open to the public. No one had any agenda or things to sell. Willingness to trade ideas, tips, seeds, trees, and plants was our only motivation.

Spread out on tables and garden walls in the General Lewis Inn's backyard, were scores of free seed packets; some from home gardeners' own collection and some from High Mowing Organic Seed Company who generously donated over 100 seed packs that expired in 2022.

Folks, including the Inn's owner and biggest plant fan, Sparrow, came bearing “gifts” of cacti starts, quince seeds, blackberry bush roots, and paw paw seeds, just to name a few things. As all the items were spread out for all to view. Contributors were encouraged to take what they wanted and as much as they wanted.

There were new faces from the neighborhood along with local well known gardeners, such as Edith and Torula. Both have been avid gardeners for over 40 years or more and are well versed in growing herbs, plants, veggies, and all things green. Edith brought with her a huge plant encyclopedia to offer as a reference book that day. Experts and novices mingled with one another and trading was brisk and fun.

Some unusual items were shared such as shiso plants also known as perilla leaf. This is a herb in the mint and basil family that grows abundantly in the mountains of China and India. It is used in many Japanese dishes and imparts a citrus/minty flavor to foods. It can be used as a side garnish or in a salad, too. Easy to grow like any mint, it can quickly spread from seeds and roots. Helpful advice was given: keep it in a pot outside rather than planted directly in the ground to keep it under control. I'll take my potted plant indoors in the winter months to keep it alive.

River birch and red oak saplings found immediate takers. Sprouted potato tubers were eagerly collected by different individuals since there were plenty to go around. Herbs such as sage, oregano, and mint came in small pots ready to be transferred into garden soil. Blackberry and elderberry bush roots along with strawberry bare roots with I.D. tags were also swapped. Within about one hour, over 30 gardeners had happily perused and collected so many various items in baskets and boxes to take home.

Eddie Fletcher, a local woodsman and artisan gave a short lecture on ramps and the importance of sustainable harvesting. Ramps are a type of spring onion, or wild leek, and are in season for a short few weeks only and are slow spreaders. Seeds from ramps are difficult to collect because the edible leaves disappear into the forest floor within a few weeks after sprouting and are hard to find. Eddie urged people to harvest responsibly, never take a whole patch of ramps, leave plenty behind, and don't trample or disturb an entire patch. I learned that ramps are very particular where they like to grow. Forested, leaf mulched soil is ideal and they prefer colonies to grow. The United Plant Savers organization warns that ramps may become extinct if over harvested. Ramps need up to seven years to reproduce from seed, have a low germination rate,

Commentary

Flag Etiquette: Position and manner of display

The following is the third in a series of articles sponsored by American Legion Post 100 in Union on the proper etiquette towards the U.S. Flag. The information comes from U.S. Code Title 4, also known as “The Flag Code.” This week's installment describes the appropriate position and manner for display of the U.S. Flag.

Section 7: The flag, when carried in a procession with another flag or flags, should be either on the marching right; that is, the flag's own right, or, if there is a line of other flags, in front of the center of that line.

(a) The flag should not be displayed on a float in a parade except from a staff, or as provided in subsection (i) of this section.

(b) The flag should not be draped over the hood, top, sides, or back of a vehicle or of a railroad train or a boat. When the flag is displayed on a motorcar, the staff shall be fixed firmly to the chassis or clamped to the right fender.

(c) No other flag or pennant should be placed above or, if on the same level, to the right of the flag of the United States of America, except during church services conducted by naval chaplains at sea, when the church pennant may be flown above the flag during church services for the personnel of the Navy. No person shall display the flag of the United Nations or any other national or international flag equal, above, or in a position of superior prominence or honor to, or in place of, the flag of the United States at any place within the United States or any Territory or possession thereof. Provided, That nothing in this section shall make unlawful the continuance of the practice heretofore followed of displaying the flag of the United Nations in a position of superior prominence or honor, and other national flags in positions of equal prominence or honor, with that of the flag of the United States at the headquarters of the United Nations.

(d) The flag of the United States of America, when it is displayed with another flag against a wall from crossed staffs, should be on the right, the flag's own right, and its staff should be in front of the staff of the other flag.

(e) The flag of the United States of America should be at the center and at the highest point of the group when a number of flags of States or localities or pennants of societies are grouped and displayed from staffs.


(f) When flags of States, cities, or localities, or pennants of societies are flown on the same halyard with the flag of the United States, the latter should always be at the peak. When the flags are flown from adjacent staffs, the flag of the United States should be hoisted first and lowered last. No such flag or pennant may be placed above the flag of the United States or to the United States flag's right.

(g) When flags of two or more nations are displayed, they are to be flown from separate staffs of the same height. The flags should be of approximately equal size. International usage forbids the display of the flag of one nation above that of another nation in time of peace.

(h) When the flag of the United States is displayed from a staff projecting horizontally or at an angle from the window sill, balcony, or front of a building, the union of the flag should be placed at the peak of the staff unless the flag is at half staff.

When the flag is suspended over a sidewalk from a rope extending from a house to a pole at the edge of the sidewalk, the flag should be hoisted out, union first, from the building.

i) When displayed either horizontally or vertically against a



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and can take up to two years to germinate. Always leave some for next year!

One important reason to exchange seeds collected from your own plants is to keep diversity going, especially with what I call, “old time” seeds. A woman brought bean seeds called Tinker Crow pole beans, when I researched I found Turkey Crow pole beans and they looked the same. Another gardener shared spotted turtle beans, a type of kidney bean. Another reason to swap locally grown seeds is the success rate will be high since the seeds come from plants which grew up here. True locals in every sense of the word. Adapted to our climate, soil conditions, amount of rainfall, and growing zone, these plants and seeds we exchanged will grow well year after year.

The Seed Savers Exchange provided 25 free catalogs for this event. They offer for sale over 20,000 heirloom and open pollinated seeds. That's a lot. When I buy seeds through this non for-profit organization, I look for offerings of seeds grown in the same type of climate and plant hardiness zone as mine. For me, that's Zone 5. New England states and some of the northern central states such as Iowa and Wisconsin are all listed as Zone 5.

Polling the participants afterwards, everyone had positive remarks and clear enjoyment at this exchange. One woman stated her goal is “to create a permaculture garden which is

Commentary

AG Morrisey announces distribution of more than \$700K settlement to consumers deceived by TurboTax owner Intuit

West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrisey announced that consumers who were tricked by TurboTax's owner Intuit into paying for free tax services will begin receiving checks from a \$728,699.97 settlement- part of a nationwide \$141 million multi-state settlement announced in May 2022.

Approximately 4.4 million consumers nationwide will receive checks in the mail from the multi-state settlement. Eligible consumers will be contacted by email about the settlement. Checks will be mailed throughout May 2023.

“This company allegedly took money from consumers who thought they were getting the service for free,” Attorney General Morrisey said. “This agreement will put this company, as well as others who are engaging in this practice, in check.”

The multimillion-dollar settlement was announced last May. The investigation found Intuit deceived millions of low-income Americans into paying for tax services that should have been free. All 50 states and the District of Columbia signed onto the agreement.

Eligible consumers include those who paid to file their federal tax returns through TurboTax for tax years 2016, 2017 and 2018 but were eligible to file for free through the IRS Free File Program. Consumers who are eligible for a payment will be notified by email by the settlement fund administrator, Rust Consulting. These consumers will receive a check in the mail automatically, without filing a claim. Checks are expected to be mailed out starting next week.

The amount each consumer receives will be based on the number of tax years for which they qualify. Most consumers are expected to receive between \$29 and \$30. For more about who is covered by the settlement and information about the settlement fund, visit www.AGTurboTaxSettlement.com.

both edible and beautiful.” A young couple who shared and swapped stated, “We would love to keep swapping with (all of) you! Our goal is to continue expanding our container garden (veggies and fruits) in the backyard, and to grow continuously blooming perennials in the front yard that are more “set it and forget it.”

More exchange dates and gardeners meetings are underway. Fall is another great time of year to collect seeds. Right now I am collecting seeds from dinosaur kale, a large leafy dark green kale packed with vitamins. With my Osaka purple mustard greens, I leave a few seed heads forming on these, let the seeds drop on their own to the ground and then in the following year, spring will bring on germination. I dig up the little seedlings, share them, move them into bigger spaces and keep the greens coming into my sauté pan almost daily! If you would like some mustard green starts, just email me if you are in the Lewisburg area, for drop off.

(Karen Cohen is a home gardener, nature lover, and avid explorer. Join in the next seed/plant home gardener exchange by following the Facebook page: Greenbrier County Community Seed and Plant Exchange set up for home gardeners interested in sharing info, plants, and seeds within our community. Email natureswaykaren@gmail.com)

bia because of the death of a member of the Armed Forces, the National flag flown at any Federal installation or facility in the area covered by that proclamation shall be flown at half-staff consistent with that proclamation. The flag shall be flown at half-staff 30 days from the death of the President or a former President; 10 days from the day of death of the Vice President, the Chief Justice or a retired Chief Justice of the United States, or the Speaker of the House of Representatives; from the day of death until interment of an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, a Secretary of an executive or military department, a former Vice President, or the Governor of a State, territory, or possession; and on the day of death and the following day for a Member of Congress. The flag shall be flown at half-staff on Peace Officers Memorial Day, unless that day is also Armed Forces Day. As used in this subsection -

(1) the term “half-staff” means the position of the flag when it is one-half the distance between the top and bottom of the staff;

(2) the term “executive or military department” means any agency listed under sections 101 and 102 of title 5, United States Code; and

(3) the term “Member of Congress” means a Senator, a Representative, a Delegate, or the Resident Commissioner from Puerto Rico; and

(4) the term “first responder” means a “public safety officer” as defined in section 1204 of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10284).

(n) When the Flag is used to cover a casket, it should be so placed that the union is at the head and over the left shoulder. The flag should not be lowered into the grave or allowed to touch the ground.

(o) When the flag is suspended across a corridor or lobby in a building with only one main entrance, it should be suspended vertically with the union of the flag to the observer's left upon entering. If the building has more than one main entrance, the flag should be suspended vertically near the center of the corridor or lobby with the union to the north, when entrances are to the east and west or to the east when entrances are to the north and south. If there are entrances in more than two directions, the union should be to the east.

Post 100 and the local JROTC Maverick Battalion are collecting unserviceable U.S. Flags for a respectful retirement ceremony scheduled for May 16. Citizens wishing to turn in their unserviceable U.S. Flags may mail or bring them to James Monroe High School, c/o JROTC, at 142 James Monroe Drive, Lindsie, WV 24951, or place them in the drop box in the courthouse. Contact Scott Womack via email at swomack@k12.wv.us or via Facebook Messenger, or call the JROTC office at 304-753-6906 to arrange a drop-off of your unserviceable U.S. Flag.

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USDA is making the grants available under the Rural Community Development Initiative program. The program provides grants to organizations that will provide financial and technical assistance for housing, community facilities, or community and economic development projects. "Ensuring that our

rural West Virginia communities have the opportunity to succeed is at the heart of what we do," said Thorn. "Our Rural Community Development Initiative can help provide the resources and technical capacity communities need to improve the quality of life for West Virginians."

Grants may be used to train sub-grantees to conduct educational training on homeownership or minority-owned business entrepreneurship. They also may be used to provide technical assistance to sub-grantees on:

- Strategic plan development.
- Accessing alternative funding sources.
- Training and resources for board operations, management, financial systems and

information technology.

• Eligible applicants include public and Tribal organizations, nonprofit organizations and qualified private (for profit) organizations.

USDA is particularly interested in applications that will advance Biden Administration priorities to:

• Ensure all rural residents have equitable access to Rural Development (RD) programs and benefits from RD-funded projects.

• Help rural communities recover economically through more and better market opportunities and through improved infrastructure.

• Reduce climate pollution and increase resilience to the impacts of climate

change through economic support to rural communities.

Additional information on these key priorities is available at <https://www.rd.usda.gov/priority-points>. Awardees must contribute matching funds equal to the amount of the grant.

Electronic applications will be accepted via Grants.gov. Electronic applications must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. Eastern time on June 28, 2023. The deadline for paper applications is 4 p.m. local time, July 3, 2023.

Additional information is available on page 28459 of the May 4 Federal Register or by contacting your local USDA Rural Development office.

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GREENBRIER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, GREENBRIER COUNTY, to wit:

In accordance with Code §11-8-12, as amended, the Greenbrier County Board of Education proceeded to make an estimate of the amounts necessary to be raised by levy of taxes for the 2024 fiscal year, and doth 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:

GENERAL CURRENT EXPENSE FUND

Table with 2 columns: Category and Amount. Includes Estimated revenues (Local, State, Federal, Miscellaneous) and Estimated expenditures (Instruction, Supporting services, Food services, etc.).

GREENBRIER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024 EXCESS LEVY FUND

Table with 2 columns: Category and Amount. Includes Estimated revenues (Local, State, Federal, Miscellaneous) and Estimated expenditures (Instruction, Supporting services, Food services, etc.).

GREENBRIER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024 SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

Table with 2 columns: Category and Amount. Includes Estimated revenues (Local, State, Federal, Miscellaneous) and Estimated expenditures (Instruction, Supporting services, Food services, etc.).

LEGAL

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE

Pursuant to the authority vested in the undersigned by deed of trust dated the 14th day of August, 2020, signed by Christopher Brian Showalter, unmarried man, to Jeffrey Pritt, Trustee, which said deed of trust is of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Greenbrier County, West Virginia, in Trust Deed Book 829, at page 199, and Golden & Amos, PLLC, Trustee having been requested so to do by the Secured Creditor, and default having been made under the terms and conditions of said deed of trust, and the provisions in said deed of trust concerning acceleration having been complied with by the Secured Creditor and present holder of the note, said Trustee Mill sell at public auction at 1:45 o'clock p.m. on the 16th Day of May 2023

at the front doors of the Courthouse in Greenbrier County in Lewisburg, West Virginia the following described real estate:

All of the following described real estate, together with the buildings and improvements located thereon, and the rights of way, easements and appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate, lying and being in Irish Corner District, County of Greenbrier, State of West Virginia, and being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a 3/4" iron pipe set in the northwestern line of a 40 foot right of way for access road, a corner to Gregory A. Weikle; thence leaving Weikle and with the said right of way S 61-49-08 W 172.80 feet; thence continuing with the right of way S 32-06-14 W 29-73 feet to a 5/8 inch rebar found, a corner to James O. Lafon; thence leaving 40 foot right of way and with said Lafon N 57-53-46 W 329-56 feet to a fence post found; a corner to Robert M. Howard; thence leaving Lafon and with said Howard N 9-43-41 E 443-90 feet to a 3/4" iron pipe set; thence leaving Howard and through the property of Sarah Masters Honaker S 70-15-52 E 626.50 feet to a 1/2" iron pipe set, a corner to Gregory A. Weilde; thence with said Weikle S 56-37-43 W 150.40 feet to a 1/2" iron pipe set; thence continuing with Weikle S 23-27-42 W 230.66 feet to the place of beginning and containing 5.258 acres, more or less, according to a survey made by N. Eugene Kelley on October 4, 1996 and shown on plat entitled "Plat Showing the Property of Patrick and Jessica Reynolds which is recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Greenbrier County, West Virginia, in Deed Book 461, at page 458.

This conveyance is subject to that certain Road Maintenance Agreement which is recorded in the aforesaid Clerk's Office in Deed Book 502 at page 278.

It is the intention of this notice to sell the secured property by proper description as was intended to be transferred and conveyed in the aforesaid deed of trust.

The above described real estate is reported to have a mailing address of: 187 Charles Masters Rd, Ronceverte, WV 24970

TERMS OF SALE: Cash in hand on day of sale or within 30 days of date of sale upon terms to be agreed upon between Trustee and successful bidder, time being of the essence; payment for unpaid real estate taxes to be assumed by the purchaser. The Trustee does not warrant title or fitness to this property; it is being purchased as is; this is a buyer beware sale and any buyer is advised to retain counsel before the sale. If there is any part of the process of sale which is found to be objectionable, the Trustee reserves the right to cancel the sale. No purchaser should take possession or make improvements in the premises until the Trustee deed is delivered or recorded. A third party purchaser at sale be required to pay the purchase price plus all recording and transfer fees.

Trustee at sale is under no duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying the subject property to vacate said property.

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.

The party(ies) secured by the Deed of Trust reserve the right to purchase the property at such sale. If the purchaser at sale is unable to complete the terms of purchase within 30 days, the Trustee reserves the right to transfer the property to the next highest bidder.

Any sale hereunder may be adjourned from time to time without any notice other than oral proclamation at the time and place appointed for this sale or by posting of a notice of same. Should the Trustee not appear at the time appointed for the sale and there is no notice posted of a continuance please contact the office of the Trustee to make further inquiry. Any sale may be conducted or adjourned by the designated agent or attorney of the Trustee. The undersigned is fully, vested with the authority to sell said property as Trustee by instrument of record. Some Trustee sales may be conducted by a servicer required Auction Company. In that event, the auctioneer will be acting under an "Auction Services Agreement."

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Table with 2 columns: Category and Amount. Includes Debt service (Principal retirement, Interest and fiscal charges) and Total estimated expenditures (11,456,279).

GREENBRIER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024 DEBT SERVICE FUND

Table with 2 columns: Category and Amount. Includes Estimated revenues (Local, Miscellaneous) and Estimated expenditures (Debt service, Total estimated expenditures).

GREENBRIER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024 CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND

Table with 2 columns: Category and Amount. Includes Estimated revenues (Local, State, Federal, Miscellaneous) and Estimated expenditures (Instruction, Supporting services, Food services, etc.).

GREENBRIER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024 FUND 71 - ESSERF

Table with 2 columns: Category and Amount. Includes Estimated revenues (Local, State, Federal, Miscellaneous) and Estimated expenditures (Instruction, Supporting services, Food services, etc.).

GREENBRIER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, Greenbrier County, to wit: I, Jeffrey Bryant, Secretary of the Greenbrier County Board of Education, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the proposed budget being considered for adoption by the Board of Education on 25th day of May 2023.

Signature of Jeffrey Bryant, Secretary of the Board of Education

Please note: The Board will meet on Tuesday, May 25 at 1:00 p.m. in the Arts and Science Building at 1 River Community and Technical College for a special meeting on the proposed budget.

LEGAL

Notice of Public Hearing Lewisburg Planning Commission Thursday, June 1, 2023 at 7 p.m. 942 Washington Street, West

Also available via Teleconference because of the Covid-19 Pandemic. For information on how to participate on ZOOM, contact Lewisburg City Hall at 304-645-2080 by 4 p.m. on Thursday, June 1, 2023.

- 1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes: May 4, 2023
3. Comments from the Public
4. Public Hearing for Conditional Use Permit, Byron and Julia Black, 372 Dwyer Lane. Approval of three (3) plus bedroom Airbnb.
5. Public Hearing for Storm Water, The Gardens of Blackbird Village.
6. Site Plan Review, The Gardens of Blackbird Village.
7. Comments from Planning Commission Members
8. Comments from Planning and Zoning Officer
9. Adjournment

The next regularly scheduled Planning Commission Meeting will be held on Thursday, July 6, 2023 with a deadline of noon June 15, 2023.

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Dear Recycle Lady,

A Look Back

Dear Recycle Lady,

With all the rain we have been having my morning newspaper sometimes gets sopping wet. Is it still recyclable?
A Reader

Dear Reader,

Yes, wet newspapers can be recycled, but only if they are dried out first. Wet paper of any kind is not recyclable because water breaks down the fibers. Papers with broken fibers cannot be used by the recycling plants to produce new products, such as greeting cards, office paper, furniture, jewelry, and decorative items. Also, be sure the newspapers are clean. Toss any food-soiled newspapers in the trash as food, and especially oil, are contaminants. When newspapers are recycled, they are mixed with water and turned into a slurry and, as everyone knows, water and oil don't mix! Putting only clean, dry newspapers in the recycling bin is important as our buyers may reject an entire batch of newspapers, and return it at our expense, if too many papers are wet or contaminated.

Incidentally, the plastic sleeve that protects your newspaper when rainy weather is expected is recyclable in bins at both Kroger and Walmart.

Dear Recycle Lady,

The sandwich meat that I purchased last week came in a plastic container with a cardboard lid. A label was glued on the lid that identified the product. When I removed the label from the cardboard lid, the glue remained on the cardboard. However, I was able to remove the glue easily by running my thumb over it. Was it necessary to remove the glue before I put the piece of cardboard in recycle?

Recycler

Dear Recycler,

Good thinking. Yes, the glue needs to be removed from the cardboard label before putting it in the recycling bin so as not to contaminate the other cardboard. Glue is made of several different materials, including polyvinyl acetate, which are not recyclable. Also, letters often come in the mail with a membership card, coin, or other information glued on the letter. As with any recyclable item, the glue must be removed before recycling to prevent contamination.

Dear Recycle Lady,

I just purchased some Beeswax Wraps to wrap my lunch sandwiches in. They are amazing.

Take My Lunch

Dear Take My Lunch,

Beeswax Wraps are indeed amazing. Not only can Beeswax Wraps be used to wrap sandwiches, they can be used to cover bowls of leftovers. Beeswax Wraps are environmentally friendly and so much better than using cling wrap or plastic baggies, both of which go in the trash. After using a Beeswax Wrap, clean it with a mild soap and warm water. It will be ready to reuse time and time again. Be careful not to use hot water to clean the Beeswax Wraps as it would melt the wax! These wraps aren't recommended for highly perishable items, like raw meat, or for storage over several days.

Kudos to the states of Washington and Oregon that have enacted laws that will phase out some of the most hazardous and wasteful single-use plastics. This brings the number of states that have banned polystyrene foam cups and takeout containers to nine.

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



By William "Skip" Deegans

For a brief period, Greenbrier County had a western-style dude ranch. In 1947, Dorsey ("Smitty") and Vada Smith opened the Big Clear Creek Lodge and Dude Ranch on 80 acres in Kessler, a few miles north of Rupert. The lodge had over twenty rooms that could accommodate 50 guests. With a string of western ponies and saddle horses, the resort offered trail riding. In addition, there were tennis, badminton, volleyball, and croquet courts. Swimming, fishing, hiking, horseshoes, archery and in-season hunting were available pastimes.

Fare in the Wagon Wheel Dining Room included Maryland fried chicken, hot rolls, salt rising bread, southern corn pone, hominy grits, country ham, sausage and bacon. Beverages could be enjoyed in the Hunt Club Room that was a miniature replica of the Old Silver Slipper Saloon in Tombstone, Arizona. While future plans for the resort included a landing strip for airplanes, skeet and trap shooting range, pistol and rifle range, and a three-acre stocked pond, it was not successful. Perhaps as a way to stay afloat, Dorsey added a speedway for stock car races in 1953. The lodge eventually closed, and a group of local businessmen tried to operate a restaurant in the dining room.

In 1961, the lodge was listed for sale or lease in the Charleston Gazette. Evidently, no one was game to restart the lodge and West Virginia's first dude ranch ended.

Photo: Courtesy of the Greenbrier Historical Society.

Sources: Beckley Post-Herald, The Raleigh Register, The Charleston Gazette.

Super Crossword

BOOK OPENINGS

ACROSS

- 1 "Billy —" (1991 gangster film)
- 9 Certain line on a weather map
- 15 God of love
- 20 It'll make a walking surface shine
- 21 Sterling or Shannon of the NFL
- 22 Cartoon art of Japan
- 23 Washington monument
- 25 Tasty morsel
- 26 Devoured
- 27 Stitch
- 28 Caesar's 604
- 30 "Othello" villain
- 31 Flung
- 33 Belief that one is destined to be a savior
- 38 Call to cop cars, in brief
- 40 Weasel look-alike
- 41 Concept
- 42 Singer of the 1984 hit "Too Late for Goodbyes"
- 48 Hwy's., e.g.
- 49 Von Sydow of "The Exorcist"

- 52 Prayer opener
- 53 "Chances —" (1957 hit)
- 54 Dept. of Justice div.
- 56 Vatican VIP
- 57 Not distributed, as cards
- 59 One working to take control
- 65 Actress — Dawn Chong
- 66 Mean Amin
- 68 Lucy's Desi
- 69 Dog types
- 70 City west of Lake Superior
- 74 Freely
- 77 "Guys and Dolls" song
- 78 Meadowland
- 79 Punch sound
- 82 Narrative at the start of the Bible
- 85 Sportsperson
- 88 Ship's frame
- 89 Cry on "The Simpsons"
- 90 Biblical verb ending
- 92 Big blood line
- 93 Sinuous fish
- 94 Small pellets for air guns
- 96 Famous 1804 duel
- 100 High-school jrs.' exam

- 102 Billy portrayed by Brad Pitt in "Moneyball"
- 104 Swelled head
- 105 Los Angeles neighborhood
- 109 Tranquilize
- 115 Brazilian berry in juices
- 116 "Eat — eaten" (law of survival)
- 117 Lister's abbr.
- 119 "How Do I Live" singer
- LeAnn
- 120 Mint family herb
- 122 What the first words of eight long answers in this puzzle are
- 127 Crawl
- 128 Ready to go
- 129 Thorn in one's side
- 130 Ibsen's "— Gabler"
- 131 Family tree females
- 132 Have faith in

- 6 Poking tool
- 7 Earthy colors
- 8 One who used to be in the club
- 9 Dogma suffix
- 10 "Homeland" airer, for short
- 11 Rowing tool
- 12 Of a wedding
- 13 Southwestern tribe
- 14 Past artifact
- 15 Panther, e.g.
- 16 Not fully aged
- 17 Hot-and-cold dessert
- 18 PR concern
- 19 Juice cleanse, e.g.
- 24 She-sheep
- 29 Render null
- 32 Quarterback Marino
- 34 IRS datum
- 35 — Paulo
- 36 "Son of," in Arab names
- 37 Rx writers
- 39 With 42-Down, restaurant dish of the day
- 42 See 39-Down
- 43 Forearm part
- 44 Store of ore
- 45 State of rage
- 46 Nabokov title heroine

- 47 Born, to Gigi
- 48 Trunk bone
- 50 Copied
- 51 Boomers' kids
- 54 "The Nanny" star Drescher
- 55 Grooved ring holding a gem
- 56 Supplication
- 58 "My Girl Tisa" star Palmer
- 60 Dramatist David
- 61 First-class
- 62 Central
- 63 WWII sub
- 64 First subway line in NYC
- 67 "— use!" ("I give up!")
- 70 Tuning knob
- 71 Final: Abbr.
- 72 "Pipe down!"
- 73 Hideous foe of Popeye
- 74 Dull pain
- 75 Factual
- 76 Skillfully executed
- 79 Impudent
- 80 Sgt. Snorkel's pet dog
- 81 Phase out nursing
- 83 Takes too much, in brief
- 84 "— out!" (ump's cry)

- 86 "Bali —"
- 87 Cyber-chuckle
- 91 1978 Stephen King book
- 94 Cove relative
- 95 First-column bingo square
- 96 Scrooge's cry
- 97 Prefix with lateral
- 98 Clergyman's subj.
- 99 Year divs.
- 101 Covered with gunky stuff
- 102 Brand of pizza crust
- 103 Swimmer Gertrude
- 105 Emerge from an egg
- 106 Earthy colour
- 107 Instrument with pipes
- 108 Spearheaded
- 110 Uneven, as leaf margins
- 111 Long sofa
- 112 Alter formally
- 113 Verizon, e.g., for short
- 114 German city
- 118 Sleuth's lead
- 121 Federal ecology org.
- 123 Top-left PC key
- 124 Neckline type
- 125 Cheez- — (crackers)
- 126 Puppy's bite

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 gap!

Awake
AVEIL

Daze
SPROUT

Thrust
HOVES

Among
ADMITS

TODAY'S WORD

"What I like about your leftovers is knowing that I already it once!"

HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Shade is missing. 2. Title is different. 3. Lamp is moved. 4. Pillow is missing. 5. Switch is missing. 6. Palmers are different.

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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CLUB & CHURCH

National Heritage Area to host community meeting



Did you know that you live in West Virginia's newest National Heritage Area? The Appalachian Forest National Heritage Area invites the public to attend their annual Stakeholder Meeting to learn about how they can support you, and to network with partners across the National Heritage Area. The meeting will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Monday, May 22, in Lewisburg at Carnegie Hall.

"Please join us at the historic Carnegie Hall in Lewisburg for our Annual Stakeholder meeting. We would enjoy having you involved in our continuing work as we implement the goals of our Management Plan in the 18-county region of the Appalachian Forest National Heritage Area," said Robert C. "Bob" Johnson, AFNHA Board President.

Anyone interested in forestry, conservation, cul-

tural heritage, tourism, or community development is welcome to attend. Attendance is free and includes lunch, networking opportunities, and presentations from AFNHA and local organizations from Greenbrier County. The meeting will be followed by optional guided tours of the North House Museum and historic sites in downtown Lewisburg. For registration, full agenda, or more information visit www.appalachianforestnha.org.

The Appalachian Forest National Heritage Area conserves, interprets, and promotes forest heritage to enhance landscapes and communities in the highlands of West Virginia and Maryland. AFNHA works with partners to accomplish this through community development, conservation, celebrating cultural heritage, and creating opportunities for transformational experiences.

American Legion Post 100 to meet

American Legion Post 100 will meet Monday, May 15, at 7 p.m. in the Union Senior Center. We will be discussing many upcoming community outreach events, so bring us your ideas!

The following is a summary of the minutes of the Post's last meeting:

- The Post will raffle off several home first aid kits and portable AM/FM radios at Farmer's Day. Legionnaire Jim Wright spearheaded this effort.
- Post 145 Adjutant Todd Fairchild visited the meeting and the Posts agreed to collaborate on community events.
- The Post is awaiting word from the national headquarters on the procedures for becoming a certified Veteran Service Officer to assist with issues involving the Veterans Affairs Administration.
- The Post agreed to procure American Legion shirts from a local vendor.
- The new drop box for unserviceable flags awaiting retirement is ready minus a plaque. Post Adjutant Frank Gagnier spearheaded this effort.

Information regarding Post 100 on the American Legion website is now up to date. Post Commander Tim Sluss spearheaded this effort.

- Post 100 supported James Monroe Day and the military signing day event on Apr. 24.
- Annual reports and a bylaw review are due by Jun. 1. Post Officers will prepare and submit these.
- Post 100 will locate next to the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 1108 at its station next to the courthouse on Farmer's Day.
- A quorum being present, Post 100 conducted elections with the following results: Commander Tim Sluss, Vice Commander Scott Womack, Adjutant Frank Gagnier, Finance Officer Bob Allen, Chaplain Steve Ellison. Vacant positions include Sergeant at Arms and Historian.

The American Legion is nonpartisan and open to veterans of any branch of service and era, including those currently serving.

The American Legion supports veterans and their families, patriotism, and youth education. Come join us!

Events at Ronceverte Public Library

The Ronceverte Public Library will host "The Bee Lady" on Wednesday, May 17, at 1 p.m. The performance will take place in either the children's area of the library, or if the weather permits, in the Children's Outdoor

Learning Space. Ashley Bargman will entertain and educate us on the life of bees.

On Thursday, May 18, Rebecca Jonas from Pennsylvania State University will return to demonstrate how to use Microsoft

Word and an online audio recorder while sharing stories about your town and local history. Those interested in participating in this third program presented by Rebecca Jonas, can sign up at the Ronceverte Public Library for

specific time slots. For more information, please call the library at 304-647-7400 or email rfj5031@psu.edu.

This is a wonderful opportunity to share your story or your family history.

Joshua Nease named first Executive Director of MonForest Towns Partnership



Joshua Nease

The Mon Forest Towns Board of Directors recently selected Josh Nease to lead the initiative as its executive director.

"Josh has experience in building coalitions and strategic planning, in addition to managing non-profits, which is critical to moving the Mon Forest Towns organization forward," said Board president Sam Felton. "We are fortunate to have him on our team and look forward to the continued growth of this partnership."

Josh most recently worked as the sustainability manager for Radford University, the Catawba Sustainability Center Manager for Virginia Tech, and the Youth Education Coordinator for the Potomac Headwaters Chapter of Trout Unlimited. He also has

extensive experience in outdoor science education.

"I'm excited for the opportunity to support Mon Forest Towns in advancing their goals and priorities and to support the development of the outdoor recreation industry in West Virginia," said Josh. "There is endless potential here and the Mon Forest Towns Partnership is capitalizing on the best parts of the Mon Forest area - the people and the places."

Josh is originally from Bridgeport and is a graduate of West Virginia Wesleyan College with a bachelor's degree in public relations and a master's degree in natural resources from Virginia Tech. He resides in Canaan Valley with his wife, daughter, and son. He enjoys time with family and skiing, mountain biking, fishing, hiking, camping, kayaking, rafting, canoeing, and rock climbing. Josh can be reached at jnease@woodlandswv.org.

About Mon Forest Towns

The Mon Forest Towns Partnership was first conceived in 2017, formalized in April 2020, and now includes twelve communities in eight counties. The organization's mission is to collaboratively grow a strong, sustainable recreation economy that enhances the quality of life for residents and visitors by providing the best outdoor experience. By working together, the towns have already seen amazing results and widespread support.

The partnership includes West Virginia University, USDA Rural Development, Monongahela National Forest, Woodlands Development Group and twelve gateway communities: Thomas, Davis, Parsons, Seneca Rocks, Elkins, Durbin, Petersburg, Franklin, Cowen, Richwood, Marlinton, and White Sulphur Springs.

Learn all about the Mon Forest towns partnership and recreational opportunities at <https://monforesttowns.com/>. Be sure to check out the most recent newsletter for all the latest happenings and follow along on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/monforesttowns>.

Church Bulletin

St. James Episcopal Church Yard Sale will be held Friday, May 19 and Saturday, May 20. Hours: 8 a.m. to noon. Parking and entrance on Court Street.

Annual Meeting Woodland Cemetery will be held Saturday, May 27 at 10 a.m. in the Community Room at Woodland Church. Board meeting to follow.

Traveller: Greenbrier County's most famous horse



Robert E. Lee Leaving the McLean House following his surrender to Ulysses S. Grant. U.S. Library of Congress, prints and photographs division, LC-USZ62-11095.

By Michelle Myers

Out of all those involved in the Civil War, one of the most storied wasn't a person but a dapple gray horse named "Traveller." This was Robert E Lee's most beloved war horse and he came from Greenbrier County.

Foaled in 1857 on Andrew Johnston's farm near Blue Sulphur Springs, the colt, then named Jeff Davis, was special right from the start. Jeff won first prize three years in a row at the Lewisburg fair, and by the spring of 1861 was on detail duty with his rider Captain James Johnston on Big Sewell Mountain during the Western Virginia campaign.

Lee first set eyes on Jeff who was standing under a tree on the Midland Trail. Lee immediately sought to purchase him from Captain Johnston. Jeff had been promised to Captain Joseph Broun however, was sold to him for \$175 and renamed "Greenbrier". Undaunted by the sale to Broun, Lee persisted in his quest to own the horse. The effort paid off and he bought Greenbrier for \$200 in the spring of 1862, renaming him Traveller.

And although he had other mounts - "Richmond," "Brown Roan," "Ajax," and "Lucy Long" - Lee simply doted on Traveller who was "the only one who retained his vigor." (Lee preferred the British spelling of the name with an extra "l") Lee also extolled Traveller's physical attributes, describing him as having "fine proportions, muscular figure, deep chest and short back, strong haunches, flat legs, small head, broad forehead, delicate ears, quick eye, small feet, and black mane and tail."

Good looking as Traveller was, he had a difficult personality, high strung, a bit unruly and jiggy. It was said that Lee's men often had to push him away from the front lines for Lee's protection although Traveller always wanted to be right up there. Lee's son, Robert Jr., did not find Traveller to be a comfortable ride complaining that the horse would not walk a step, instead taking a short, high trot, keeping it up for thirty miles and making Robert very glad to reach his destination.

Nevertheless, Lee adored Traveller who carried him in major battles throughout the Civil War. Ironically, the only serious accident the general suffered during that time did not take place in battle but instead was a result of Traveller's jumpy nature. It was the day after the second battle of Manassas and Lee was trying to catch Traveller who was untethered and startled by something. Lee slipped in the mud and broke several bones in one hand and sprained the other, the injuries putting him out of commission for about six weeks.

When the end came, Traveller was there too for the surrender at Appomattox. A man named Alfred Rudolf Ward, who was present at the occasion, sketched Lee and Traveller leaving the Wilber McLean House. An almost prancing Traveller dominates the picture.

The immediate post-war years were quiet for Lee and Traveller. Lee had accepted the post of President of Washington College (now Washington and Lee University) in Lexington, Virginia. A student remembered that Traveller had the run of the front yard of Lee's house on campus and that Lee frequently talked to and caressed the horse before entering the house.

But even in retirement Traveller never lost his independent streak, once taking off on his own after becoming untethered. Pursued by a number of boys and men, he simply increased his speed until Lee stepped in and gave a low whistle that brought the horse right back to him.

Lee died in 1870 following a stroke and Traveller less than a year later as the result of a tetanus infection. Both are interred in the grounds of Washington and Lee University. Traveller's bones were dug up in 1907 and his skeleton mounted and exhibited at the university. Following years of damaging graffiti by the students (apparently there was a belief that flunking was impossible if one's name was written on the bones), Traveller's remains were reinterred in 1971.

SCHOOL

NRCTC Spring 2023 personal services graduates recognized



New River CTC Spring 2023 cosmetology, esthetics, massage therapy, and nail technician certificates

New River Community and Technical College held a pinning ceremony on Apr. 27 for students graduating from the college's cosmetology, esthetics, massage therapy and nail technician programs in the Dr. Lucie Reflsand Student Center in the Kyle and Ann Fort Arts and Sciences Building at the Greenbrier Valley Campus in Lewisburg.

Twenty-three 2023 graduates participated in the ceremony. Spring 2023 cosmetology graduates include Jaden Baker, Frankford; Elizabeth Cody, Alderson; Zoe Johnson, Ronceverte; Sara Maria Nazario, White Sulphur Springs; and Lillian Nickell, Union. Esthetics graduates include Megan Adkins, Jumping Branch; Jazmyne Alderman, Hinton; Kyra Gill, Flat Top; Ashleigh Legg, Rainelle; Haylee McKeone, Esthetics; Holly Sorrent, Ansted; Macy Spencer, Fenwick; Brooke Stone, Crab Orchard; and Margaret Thompson, Craw-

ley. Students receiving a nail technician certificate include Mikayla Davies, Rainelle; and Anne Kuliesh, Lewisburg. Massage therapy graduates include Brittany Bonds, Hinton; Kelly Cales, Hinton; Alisha Cook, Talcott; Bryanna Grimmert, Jumping Branch; Abram Leyzorek, Marlinton; Chelsea McCoy, Beckley; and Shelly Walker, Meadow Bridge.

New River CTC's cosmetology, barbering, esthetics and nail technician programs are offered at the Greenbrier Valley Campus in Lewisburg, and the college offers the massage therapy program in both Lewisburg and Princeton.

New River CTC is currently accepting applications for fall. For information on programs at New River CTC visit www.newriver.edu, email admissions@newriver.edu or call 1-866-349-3739.

Advanced QuickBooks class scheduled through NRCTC

New River Community and Technical College is offering a one-day Advanced QuickBooks community education class on 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 Advanced QuickBooks class will cover bank feeds, memorizing trans-

actions, advanced reporting features, tracking and paying sales tax, online vendor payments and additional advanced topics.

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

Visit www.newriver.edu/community for infor-

mation 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 noncredit courses, workforce development programs and customized training.

Obituaries

Kathleen Joyce Shiflett



Ronceverte-Kathleen Joyce "Kitty" Shiflett, 78, passed away Wednesday, May 10, 2023, at Bowers Hospice House in Beckley.

Born May 21, 1945, at Cabin Creek, she was a daughter of the late Thomas and Ruth Carpenter Matherly.

Kitty was a retired clerk from Ronceverte City Hall and was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Ronceverte.

In addition to her parents she is preceded in death by her husband, David Clayton Shiflett and a son David Shiflett.

She leaves to mourn her passing a daughter, Lora Shiflett Price and husband Wallace "Wally" Price of Cool Ridge; son, Scott Shiflett of Cool Ridge; sister,

Norma Herold of Taylorsville, NC; grandchildren, Jamie Smith and husband, Garland of Buxton, NC, Clay Shiflett and Teagan Shiflett, both of Florida, and Chyna Shiflett Pinnell and husband Michael of Alderson; great-grandchildren, Garland Midgett and Tyler Midgett, both of Buxton, NC, Liam Kidd, Ember Pinnell

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and Harlow Pinnell, all of Alderson.

As per her wishes Kitty will be cremated and no services will be held.

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

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Ambra Nida, FNP, received her Master of Science Degree in Nursing from Radford University in Virginia, specializing in Family Practice with a Gerontology certificate. Ambra most recently worked for Greenbrier Physicians at their Covington, Virginia clinic.

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Greenbrier Valley Theatre prepares to open Season 56

You may know Garth Williams for his work on famous children's books such as Charlotte's Web, Stuart Little, and the Little House series. One work that you may or may not be as familiar with is *The Rabbits' Wedding*. This 28-page book, revolving around a black rabbit marrying a white rabbit, created quite a controversy in Alabama in the late 1950s.

Alabama Story, written by playwright Kenneth Jones, is a hyper-imagined tale that features political foes, star-crossed friends and one frisky children's author as they inhabit the same page in a Deep South inspired by true events. While the controversial children's book stirs the passions of a segregationist senator and a no-nonsense librarian, former childhood friends - a black man and a white woman - reunite across town, illustrating a highly theatrical Civil Rights tale that brims with heartbreak, humor and hope. The show stars GVT newcomers John Little as Garth Williams, Amy Baldwin as real-life librarian Emily Wheelock Reed. Completing the cast are Matthew Scott Campbell, Kelsey Waltermire, Henian Boone, and Ian Kramer (*Midsummer's Night*).

Jenna Sulecki (*Midsummer's Night*) will direct the West Virginia premiere. The production will feature scenic design completed by Richard Crowell, costume design by Jenna Fawn

Brown, and lighting design by E. Tonry Lathroum. Sound design is completed by Abigail Coppock, with prop design by Dani Rust. Elizabeth Salisch serves as the Production Stage Manager assisted by Sydnei Williams.

"Alabama Story is as much a story about the 1950s as it is about today," said Sulecki. "More than censorship or civil rights, the play is about the preservation of values and the importance of the free exchange of information that allows us to make informed decisions about which values ought to be preserved." Jones will join the company for the opening night performance to celebrate the state premiere of the show. He will also offer an artist in conversation following the show with the audience.

"I hope it engenders a kind of empathy about how other people think and feel," said Jones. "It's really about treating people well." *Alabama Story* opens at GVT on May 12 and runs through May 21. Tickets are \$32 for general seating, \$29 for senior citizens age 60 and above, and \$20 for students. For more information on tickets, shows, and the organization's history, visit the theatre's website: www.gvtheatre.org or call the box office at 304-645-3838.

First Open Mic Night of the season in Alderson

Eighteen musicians and 27 audience members attended the first Open Mic at the Depot of the 2023 season on Saturday, May 6, at the historic Alderson Train Depot. The series, sponsored by Alderson Main Street, runs from May to October on the first Saturday of the month from 6 to 9 p.m., and is designed to give all musicians, but especially "practicing musicians," a small, friendly venue to

try new material and learn from other musicians.

Music from guitars, banjo, hand percussion, Dobro, harmonica, and a cappella singing reverberated off the surrounding hills on a beautiful spring evening. Event organizer and moderator Marcia Sutherland welcomed participants and opened with a couple "old timey" tunes, after which she said, "It's nice to see familiar faces com-

ing back from the winter break, and welcome to the new faces I see." Participants then played one round of three songs each, followed by a "lightning round" of just one song as the evening drew to a close.

For more information on Open Mic at the Depot, look at Alderson Main Street's Facebook page or contact Don Sutherland at donsutherland2003@yahoo.com.

1928 Auburn 8-115 Speedster wins Best of Show at Greenbrier Concours



The 2023 Greenbrier Concours d'Elegance Best of Show trophy, created on property at America's Resort by the glass artists at Lamp Light Glass Art at The Greenbrier, went to Richard Harding and his incredible 1928 Auburn 8-115 Speedster, wrapping up a fantastic weekend and the sixth year of what has become one of the most anticipated automotive events of the year.

One of the iconic automobiles of the 1920s, the bright green Speedster was built by the Auburn Automotive Company in Auburn, Indiana. Designed by Alan Leamy to draw customers into the showroom, the cars featured a raked windshield, doors and hood louvres, all to give the impression of speed, along with the famous "boat tail" rear end. This Auburn was found by Harding's father resting in a field of weeds in New Paris, Ohio, in 1992. He spent many years working on it and searching for parts. After his father's death, Harding began a frame-off restoration, completing all the work himself, with the exception of paint and upholstery.

"First, I thought of my dad," said Harding of his reaction to hearing his name called for the day's top award. "He would be surprised. We had never had an opportunity to show a car here before for one reason or another, but the facility is just fantastic. I had never been to a resort like this. It's just unbelievable. I would encourage anybody to come here for a visit. It was an honor just to be here."

Harding's eye-catching Auburn wasn't the only big winner on Sunday. Class champions were named in each of the 11 classes that were showcased on the picturesque show field, surrounding the iconic front entrance at The Greenbrier.

"We had some incredible cars and there was such a wide variety that our judges had to consider," said Phil Neff, Chief Judge, The Greenbrier Concours d'Elegance. "Their jobs are never easy, because of the quality of the cars in the field, but I'm proud of the job they did. We have an amazing team."

Class winners, who received Best in Class awards hand blown at The Greenbrier by the craftsman at Lamp Light Glass Art, included:

Personal Luxury: 1965 ISO Rivolta GT (John Gailey; Malvern, Pennsylvania)

Foreign Sports Cars (Closed): 1963 Porsche Carrera 2 Coupe (Thomas Zarella; Gloucester, Massachusetts)

Foreign Sports Cars (Open): 1970 Porsche 911E Targa (Brad Shisler; Columbus, Ohio)

Race Cars: 1957 Ferrari 250 FT LWB (Frederick Fischer; Wildwood, Missouri)

Pre-War Cars: 1912 Cadillac Torpedo (Jim Elliot; Yorktown, Virginia)

Motorcycles: 1971 Honda SL350 (James Gannon; Hico, West Virginia)

Post-War Convertibles: 1967 Pontiac 2+2 Convertible (Richard Larabee; Farmington Hills, Michigan)

Muscle Cars: 1970 Pontiac GTO Judge Convertible (Steven Race; Cumming, Georgia)

Classics: 1929 Dusenber Model J Roadster by Murphy (Dwight Schaubach; Carrollton, Virginia)

Packards (Open): 1923 Packard 126 Single Six Runabout (Dwight Schaubach; Carrollton, Virginia)

Packards (Closed): 1938 Packard 1608 Twelve Town Car by Rollston (Bob Tiffin; Red Bay, Alabama). In addition to the class awards, 12 special awards were presented at the trophy ceremony, and the winners received hand-crafted trophies made by the carpenters at The Greenbrier. The awards featured the iconic Springhouse, which has been a symbol of America's Resort for centuries. The winners included:

People's Choice: 1959 BMW 600 (David Lowen; Roanoke, Virginia)

Chief Judge's Award (Selected by Phil Neff): 1958 BMW 507 (Thomas Pesikay; Wilmington, Delaware)

Duke of Windsor Award (Most Elegant Closed Car): 1938 Packard 1604 Super Eight Coupe by Mayfair (Ralph Marano; Garwood, New Jersey)

Princess Grace Award (Most Elegant Open Car): 1940 Packard 180 Custom Super Eight Darrin (Greg Ormazian; Rochester Hills, Michigan)

Dorothy Draper Award (Most Stylish Interior): 1979 Cadillac Coupe DeVille (Jarred Aiello; Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania)

Sam Snead Award (Best Country Club Car): 1956 Continental Mark II (John Keese; York, Pennsylvania)

Eisenhower Award (Best Cold War Era Car): 1946 Packard Custom Super Clipper LWB Sedan by Henney (Don Wood; Johnson City, Tennessee)

Artist's Award: 1948 Jaguar Mark IV 3.5-Litre Drop-head Coupe (Roger Crawford; Tallahassee, Florida)

Most Historically Significant Road Car: 1973 Jaguar XKE Convertible (Ralph McGee; Concord, North Carolina)

Most Historically Significant Sports or Race Car: 1979 Spirit/AMX (Michael Weaver; Joppa, Maryland)

AACA "Spirit of the Hobby" Award: Entire Motorcycle Class (James Gannon; Hico, West Virginia)

Bill Davis Memorial Award (Best Car from West Virginia): 1951 DeSoto Custom Convertible (Timothy Holbert; Bridgeport, West Virginia)

Sunday's Concours was the culmination of a weekend filled with events for car owners and enthusiasts from across the country. On Friday, The Greenbrier Concours d'Elegance, presented by Ferrari of Washington, started its engine with The Summit Drive, which took car enthu-

siasts to the Members Lodge at The Greenbrier Sporting Club for breakfast. Following the mouthwatering meal, the cars of all eras and varieties embarked on a drive through mountain roads to Sandstone Falls and then through Monroe County, West Virginia with a stop at the popular Cheese N' More Store. The drivers enjoyed amazing food, fantastic mountain roads, unmatched views and plenty of sunshine and fellowship during the spirited drive.

That evening's Welcome Reception, sponsored by Bentley Washington, D.C., at the outdoor pool gave sponsors, owners, judges and concours organizers a chance to come together and learn more about each other and the weekend. Entertainment was provided by The Greenbrier Springhouse Entertainers, courtesy of Berglund Automotive.

Saturday began with Cars & Cocktails, presented by Ole Smoky Distillery, which featured cars of all ages and types displayed in front of the iconic golf clubhouse at The Greenbrier and around the Springhouse. Spectators enjoyed the show, as well as the ride and drive events presented by Ferrari of Washington. A large gathering from Malaise Motors helped add to the festive feel and the impressive number of participants. Saturday afternoon included an automotive seminar on the history and tradition of the featured class for 2023, Packard, and the evening concluded with a Charitable Dinner, which raised funds to support three charitable partners - West Virginia Autism Training Center, AACA Library and Research Center and First Responders Children's Foundation.

All those events served as appetizers for the main course on Sunday, as the finest collector cars in the world were judged by Neff and his qualified team of concours judges. The featured Packard class was so popular that it was divided into two classes, open and closed.

"We had a little rain in the afternoon, but it did little to dampen the spirits of the car owners and enthusiasts who came out to see the show," said Cam Huffman, a member of The Greenbrier Concours d'Elegance Steering Committee. "It was an amazing weekend from start to finish, and we're so proud of the experience that we've created for everyone involved over the last six years. Now, the focus turns to making next year even better." Plans have already begun for The 2024 Greenbrier Concours d'Elegance. The featured class, "Transportation Workhorses: Light Trucks and Utility Vehicles That Moved the World," will be just one of the major attractions for next year's event, which will be held May 3-5. Registration is already open for the Sunday Concours at GreenbrierConcours.com.

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Learn the meanings behind popular Mother's Day flowers



Mother's Day is a time to express love and appreciation for mothers, sentiments that are often expressed with gifts. Flowers are a popular present to bestow on Mother's Day, as they can brighten a room and bring a sweet aroma to any household.

While any flowers may ultimately suffice on Mother's Day, gift givers may want to select flowers for Mom that convey specific messages. The language of flowers has been rec-

ognized for centuries. Though perhaps not as heralded as it once was, flower symbolism persists to this day. Here's a look at some of the meanings behind certain types of flowers to help guide Mother's Day gifting.

- **Amaryllis:** These plants start as bulbs and are naturally spring-blooming flowers. The name comes from the Greek word "amarysso," which means "to sparkle," and they symbolize pride.

great gifts because they symbolize love and daintiness.

- **Begonia:** There are more than 2,000 types of begonias, and the flower symbolizes deep thoughts. Begonias were made famous by French horticulturist Michel Bégon, who thought the blooms looked like beautiful girls.

- **Bleeding heart:** These flowers are red and pink blossoms that look like the perfect heart shape with a teardrop at the bottom. They're beautiful and symbolic of love and affection.

- **Buttercup:** These are associated with youthfulness and cheerfulness and can call to mind childhood days spent picking buttercups and holding them under chins to reveal that you like butter. The flower is known for its beauty and innocent charm.

- **Camellia (white):** White camellias stand for purity and innocence, but they also symbolize admiration and respect. Camellias make beautiful additions to any bouquet.

- **Daisy:** Daisies are happy-looking flowers, and according to Norse mythology they represent motherhood and children.

- **Delphinium:** Delphiniums come in pink, white and blue varieties and embody youth and renewal. They're a good pick if you want to convey a continued or renewed affection for a person.

- **Tulip:** Tulips with an orange hue are thought to represent understanding and appreciation. They can express appreciation for Mom or another special person. Yellow tulips symbolize happiness, while pink tulips are symbolic of love. Red blooms should be reserved for sweethearts.

Various flowers symbolize feelings people want to express to their mothers, grandmothers and other special women on Mother's Day.



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