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West Virginia Historic Preservationists honored at annual Awards Ceremony

The Preservation Alliance of West Virginia announced this year's historic preservation award recipients at its annual awards banquet at the Clingman Center for Community Engagement in Lewisburg.

Each year, the Alliance solicits public nominations and votes on award winners that represent the most outstanding and exemplary historic preservation projects around the Mountain State. Preservationists, supporters, and friends gathered with the Alliance's Board of Directors and staff on Saturday to celebrate the 2023 award winners.



The Blue Sulphur Springs Pavilion whose restoration was guided by the Friends of the Blue Committee.

President of the Greenbrier Historical Society, Janice Cooley, said, "The Greenbrier Historical Society is pleased and excited that the Preservation Alliance of West Virginia has recognized one of our projects and one of our own through this year's WV Historic Preservation Awards. Clifford Gillilan is a valued member of our Board of Directors and lends his exceptional expertise to the planning of many of our projects as well as the ongoing work of maintaining our facilities. He is currently a member of our Library/Enslaved Quarters planning group as we work to restore those buildings as significant historical assets in Lewisburg. We are happy to have his abilities recognized across the state."

Rodney Collins Preservation Achievement Award: Clifford Gillilan, Lewisburg

Clifford Gillilan has been a major force for decades as the contractor in charge of restoring and maintaining many of the earliest homes in the Lewisburg area including the historic Renick House (1980s), Lewisburg Hotel, and the Old Stone Church where he oversaw the roof replacement and significant updates to the adjacent education building. Clifford also saw that every inch of the historic Montwell home, a Jefferson Street landmark in Lewisburg, was touched lovingly and skillfully in the two-year project. Thanks to Clifford, Oak Terrace and Merry Hill, two well-known, very large homes of the early 20th century, have also been carefully preserved. Without knowledgeable, ambitious skilled artisans like Clifford, many of Lewisburg's unique cultural resources may not have been preserved. We appreciate his dedication to his craft!

Cooley also said, "The Friends of the Blue Committee, as an arm of the Greenbrier Historical Society, has pursued the restoration of the Blue Sulphur Springs Pavilion for 10 years. It was a monumental project to renovate this exceptional remnant of the sulphur springs culture of the 1830s to the 1850s in this area. We are excited to be able to open it to visitors as well as for

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Second annual Dry Creek Music and Arts Festival comes to WSS this weekend

The Dry Creek Music and Arts Festival celebrates the rebirth and rejuvenation of White Sulphur Springs. As a thank you for the incredible support of volunteers, donors, business leaders, and community servants, we invite you to join us for live music, street performances, art exhibits, great food and beer, and fun kids' activities. Thanks to our sponsors, admission to the event is free and we hope you'll bring the whole family. This event is a joint production between Big Draft Brewing, Road Hog's Diner, 50 East, The Schoolhouse Hotel, Lucky Penny, and Gum Store Studios.

Weekend Schedule of Events:

Friday, June 23

6:30 p.m.: Freaky Friday Parade from Gum Store Studios, to the Big Draft Brewing Main Stage

7-9 p.m.: The Dark Matters at Big Draft Brewing Main Stage

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The Freaky Friday Parade means it's time to bring out your wild side through the streets of White Sulphur Springs.

Monroe County Sheriff accused of 'negligence and incompetence,' County Commission awaits results of State Police investigation

By Matthew Young, RealWV

After a resolution was drafted granting them the authority to do so, the Monroe County Commission voted unanimously to delay the removal of Sheriff Jeff Jones until the WV State Police have completed their investigation into allegations of misconduct.

The resolution was drafted by Monroe County's Prosecuting Attorney Justin St. Clair, and Clerk Jeremy Meadows. While most of the allegations against Jones pertain to his management of the department's evidence room - particularly the storage and transfer of firearms - the most concerning accusation involves a shooting incident which took place on Dec. 8 of last year.

As stated in the resolution: "Jeff Jones has demonstrated by his acts that he is incompetent to perform the essential duties of the office of Sheriff of Monroe County, by virtue of the fact that Jones, and Chief Deputy James Hylton, have demonstrated an inability to employ proper investigative techniques when conducting a criminal investigation."

According to the resolution, the Dec. 8 shooting resulted in the death of a Monroe County resident. Although not experienced in homicide investigation, Jones and Hylton acted as lead-investigators on the case. While acting in that capacity, Jones and Hylton allegedly failed to secure the crime scene, and "pre-

maturely released" the crime scene to an acquaintance of the deceased for the purposes of cleaning the area. The act of cleaning made it "impossible for subsequent investigators to locate and collect evidence."

Most alarming of all was Jones and Hylton's alleged failure to locate a second gunshot wound on the deceased, which, according to the resolution, "Placed an additional burden on the WV State Police, the WV Office of Chief Medical Examiner, and the WV State Police Forensic Laboratory in their effort to classify the decedent's death as a suicide or a homicide."

The final allegation against Jones and Hylton is that the two failed to terminate the employment of a Monroe County deputy sheriff who was believed to have been involved in "criminal conduct."

The Resolution states that, "On or about March 28, 2023, (Jones and Hylton) were made aware of a report made by a teacher at James Monroe High School that Deputy E. Blankenship had solicited nude photographs from a 17-year-old female."

The resolution further states that Jones and Hylton conducted an "insufficient investigation," and that, "At no point during the investigation did Sheriff Jones consult the Monroe County Prosecuting Attorney or the Monroe County Commission."

Despite admitting that he had "exchanged photos and

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Dedication planned for Blue Sulphur Springs Pavilion

On Saturday, July 1, at 11 a.m., a formal dedication ceremony will be held for the restoration of the Blue Sulphur Springs Pavilion. Located about 9 miles from Alderson on Blue Sulphur Road, the restoration of this local landmark has been the work of the Friends of the Blue Committee, under the sponsorship of the Greenbrier Historical Society (GHS). Everyone is welcome to attend this celebration.

In 2013, Mrs. Rebecca Fleshman Lineberry donated the Pavilion and two acres to the Greenbrier Historical Society so it could be restored. The Friends of the Blue Committee (Alex McLaughlin, Chair, and members Cathy Bolt, Irma Smith Cadle, William "Skip" Deegans, Margaret Hambrick, and Ray and Lynn Tuckwiller) has worked diligently to accomplish this goal. They had plenty of help from the Division of Arts, Culture, and History, Randall Reid-Smith, Curator; the State Historic Preservation Office, Susan Pierce, Deputy Director; the Mills Group; The James F. B. Peyton Foundation and other funders; great contractors, and funding and support from people all across the country.

Cathy Bolt, daughter of Mrs. Lineberry, said, "It is a dream come true."

Airport Authority appoints new Director, hears public comment on runway renovations

By Adam Pack

The Greenbrier County Airport Authority met for their regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, June 20, to address end of the fiscal year matters including the appointment of a new Airport Director for the Greenbrier Valley Airport.

Before the regular meeting of the Airport Authority, a special meeting was held for a public comment period on upcoming runway renovations. The Airport Authority has been slated for over \$8 million in funds for the purpose of runway renovations, including the installation of recessed lights, but the project also includes a proposal to narrow the runway. A large crowd gathered to voice their concerns about the runway, ranging from contractors to aviators to airport employees. Though all those who gave public comment were in support of the airport and its flourishing, all were unanimous in their disapproval of the alterations to the runway as proposed.

The authority then held elections to determine the president, vice president, and secretary for terms July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024. The aforementioned positions were filled, respectively, by Mike Rose, Tammy Tinchier, and Greg Furlong. After designating office holders, the authority also determined that they will meet on the third Tuesday of every month from July 18, 2023 to June 18, 2024 at 2 p.m. at the Board Office of the State Fair of West Virginia. Placement of the meetings can differ, as determined by the Chairman and in accordance with the authority bylaws.

The authority then moved on to their appointment of a new Airport Director. The authority unanimously appointed Martha Livesay, current Chief Financial Officer and Interim Airport Director, to the position of full time Airport Director. Livesay was heartily welcomed to the position, and members of the authority expressed their excitement at working with her.

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scheduled events. The members of this committee are very deserving of this award.”

Most Significant Save of an Endangered Property Award: The Friends of the Blue Committee for the Blue Sulphur Springs Pavilion Restoration Project, Alderson.

The Blue Sulphur Springs Pavilion, located in Blue Sulphur Springs near Alderson, was listed as an Endangered Property by the Alliance in 2013 at the request of the Greenbrier Historical Society (GHS). Mrs. Rebecca Lineberry donated the structure and surrounding property to the Greenbrier Historical during March of that year leading to the formation of the GHS’s “Friends of the Blue” Committee, which led the restoration under the auspices of GHS. Friends of the Blue Committee members are Alex McLaughlin as chair and Cathy Bolt, Irma Smith Cadle, William “Skip” Deegans, Margaret Hambrick, and Ray and Lynn Tuckwiller. The committee has remained intact throughout the project and committed 10 years to seeing this project completed. Many other experts and funders contributed to the project success including: the Mills Group, an award-winning architecture firm in West Virginia, which was selected to conduct the Historic Structure Report and all subsequent design and contract oversight work. A successful Kickstarter Campaign raised over \$25,000 from small donors all across the country. Grant support included the State Historic

Preservation Office, a division of the West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture, and History, Randall Reid-Smith, Curator and Susan Pierce, Deputy Director, provided incredible financial and moral support as well as technical guidance. The James F. B. Peyton Foundation through Angus Peyton donated greatly toward the effort. Excellent contractors included Allegheny Restoration, Buckeye Construction, and Schleiff Construction. Drs. Kim and Stephen McBride lent their archaeological expertise. The final result is the breath-taking restoration of the 1838 Blue Sulphur Springs Pavilion that was completed in 2023.

Other individuals and groups receiving awards include:

Heritage Tourism Award: Steve and Harriet Pearson, Shepherdstown, WV, for the Shepherdstown Opera House

Community Preservation Award: Morgantown Historic Landmarks Commission & Main Street Morgantown

Best Use of Historic Tax Credits Award: Lloyd and Denise Scalph, Fayetteville, for Preserving and Repurposing the Old Esso Station

Volunteer Award: Randy Weaver, Arthurdale

Historic Landscape Restoration Award: Sharon Workman, Bramwell, for Oak Hill Cemetery

Archaeology Award: Summers County Historic Landmarks Commission for their Frontier Forts project

AmeriCorps Award: Dr. Kathleen Thompson, Fairmont

Michael Gioulis Downtown Preservation Award: Charles Town Now, Charles Town, WV

Bob Weir Craftsperson Award: Joshua Adamo, Adamo Building Arts, Lewisburg

Dr. Emory Kemp Lifetime Achievement Award: Carol Stevens, Alum Creek

PAWV also presented Preservation Persistence Awards whose recipients received \$1,000 cash intended to support their costs in preserving properties recognized as endangered, or at-risk of being lost, in the state of West Virginia. This year’s recipients were:

- Rebecca and Jesse Juarez for the Bowers Mansion, Mannington

- Arthurdale Heritage, Inc. for the Arthurdale School Buildings, Arthurdale

The Preservation Alliance of West Virginia (PAWV) is the statewide nonprofit organization dedicated to historic preservation in our Mountain State. It also administers the West Virginia Saving Historic Places Grant and the Preserve WV AmeriCorps National Service Initiative. For more information, visit www.pawv.org.

Founded in 1963, the Greenbrier Historical Society is dedicated to community enrichment through education and preservation of the history and culture of the Greenbrier Valley. The Greenbrier Historical Society is a regional organization that serves the West Virginia counties of Greenbrier, Monroe, Summers, and Pocahontas.



Montwell, home of Paul and Mary Lindquist, whose restoration was guided by Clifford Gillilan.

Investigation

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engaged in ‘flirty’ conversations with the minor,” Jones chose not to terminate Blankenship’s employment. Blankenship was, however, placed on administrative leave for a period of 12 hours as the result of his behavior. The WV State Police subsequently began an investigation of their own into the matter, and Blankenship has since resigned his position as a deputy with the Monroe County Sheriff’s Department.

While RealWV has made several requests for comment regarding this matter, none of the parties involved offered an immediate response.

RealWV will provide updates regarding the WV State Police investigation of Jones and Hylton, as well as any possible actions taken by the Monroe County Commission as additional information is made available.

New WV law aims to address jail overcrowding

By Nadia Ramlagan for WVNS

A new West Virginia law requires magistrates and judges to set a hearing within five days for people who’ve been arrested for not showing up to a court hearing, not paying fines on time, or not following civil-court rulings.

The reform comes at a time when jails across the Mountain State are overflowing. According to the West Virginia Center on Budget and Policy, one in eight people goes to jail because of a bench warrant.

Sara Whitaker, a criminal legal policy analyst with the Center, said the state’s track record for keeping jails safe amid overcrowding is dismal.

“Over the last decade, West Virginia jails were

the deadliest in the country,” said Whitaker. “Then last year, in 2022, 12 people died in one regional jail alone.”

New data show the number of West Virginians brought to jail on a benchwarrant arrest increased from nearly 2,000 people in 2012 to nearly 5,000 a decade later.

Whitaker pointed out that bench warrants, also known as capias arrests, are contributing to the stressful conditions that have made it tough to attract and retain jail workers.

Last summer, West Virginia Gov. Jim Justice declared a statewide staffing emergency - and brought 300 National Guard personnel to work in jails.

“These capiases,” said Whitaker, “are contribut-

ing to the overcrowding in regional jails that make it so difficult to attract people who want to work inside of these facilities.”

There are currently more than 1,000 vacancies within the state’s Division of Corrections and Rehabilitation system.

PICK OF THE LITTER



HURRICANE
Hurricane is a one year old male hound mix and weighs 48 pounds



DEE DEE
Dee Dee is a three-month-old female domestic shorthair

These and other animals are available at the Greenbrier Humane Society, located at 151 Holiday Lane off of Rt. 60 West in Lewisburg. They are closed Sunday and Monday, and are open from 11 a.m. through 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Their cat adoption fee is \$65 and covers spay/neuter surgery, first kitty vaccinations, rabies vaccine, de-worming, toe nail trim and flea treatment. Their dog adoption fee is \$85 and covers spay/neuter surgery, first dog vaccinations, rabies vaccine, de-worming, toe nail trim, flea bath and flea treatment. Call 304-645-4775 for more information. They also offer donation-based spay/neuter vouchers, and clinics are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. They use a lot of vets in the area but the clinics fill up fast! Fill out an application to help prevent animal overpopulation! Call 304-645-4775 for more information.

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Dr. Edens, or Dr. Pam, as she is known to many patients, is a West Virginia native and has a long career in medicine. She first became a Registered Nurse in 1985 before going on to receive a Master’s Degree, as well as a Doctorate Degree in Nursing Practice. She has worked as a family medicine provider since 2001.

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Briefly

Wellspring Fundraiser relocated due to weather

Due to impending rain and thunderstorms, Wellspring of Greenbrier’s fundraiser will now be held at the Rupert Community Building on Friday, June 23, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Address is 557 Nicholas Street Rupert, WV 25984 and the building is across the road from Wellspring. There will still be free live music, food and drink for sale, children’s activities, and many chances to enter and win prizes from local businesses! We’ll see you there, rain or shine!

American Heritage Music Hall, Inc.

located at 496 Island Park, Ronceverte, is open to the public, all welcome, handicap accessible. Listeners and tourists welcome. Admission \$7 Tuesday nights, \$10 Saturday - Audience provides food. Doors open at 7 p.m. Jam & Dance every Tuesday 7 to 10 p.m. **Dance Saturday, June 24 will feature Ivan & The Outlaws from 7 to 10:30 p.m.** The Music Hall is available for weddings and parties. For more information call the Music Hall at 304-645-4667; Bill Evans at 304-392-6079; Grace Poe at 304-992-5852.

Democratic Women’s Club to meet

The next meeting of the Greenbrier County Democratic Women’s Club will be Tuesday, June 27, at 5:30 p.m. at the Old Stone Church Fellowship Hall. Our guest speaker will be Zach Shrewsbury of Fayette County. Zach has started an exploratory committee to determine whether he should run for office against Carol Miller. He is meeting with various groups in order to get feedback regarding his potential candidacy.

Democratic Executive Committee

will meet Wednesday, July 12, at 5:30 p.m., at the Better Homes and Gardens Real Estate office in downtown Lewisburg. Anyone interested in working with our Democratic Party is welcome to attend.

Carnegie Hall Annual Meeting

Carnegie Hall will hold its Annual Membership Meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 13, in the Hamilton Auditorium. Individuals or families who contributed at least \$50 to the Hall during the last fiscal year of July 1, 2022, through Jun. 30, 2023, are considered members of the Hall and are invited to attend. The agenda includes the year-end report for FY 2022-23 and the election of new board members. Light refreshments will be served and the Ivy Terrace Concert featuring MA’AM will follow at 6:30 p.m. Please email ceo@carnegie-hallwv.org if you plan to attend.

Entries open for 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.

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John McCalmont was also present to discuss upcoming and ongoing engineering and construction projects at the airport and mentioned that Beta Technologies Inc. is closing in on completing the design phase of new electric vehicle charging stations. The project, McCalmont explained, “Is still in the design phase, and now Beta will want to come back and do some underground scanning just to ensure that their design won’t interfere with any active utilities.”

In her last Airport Director’s report as Interim Director, Livesay also briefly mentioned that students from both West Virginia and Marshall Universities’ Colleges of Business recently visited and shared dinner with herself and her associates at the airport in preparation for the completion of tier hypothetical study on the viability of a shipping hub at Greenbrier Valley. The project, which students presented to their professors at The Greenbrier earlier this month, will be put into written form and presented to Livesay later this month.

Livesay also mentioned that the Greenbrier Valley Theater is interested in staging a play in a unique venue: “I was approached by representatives of GVT who said that they wanted to just mention to the authority the idea of hosting a play in one of our hangars.” She went on to say that she felt that this was a great opportunity for some good publicity. The same and more could be said about Livesay’s final report item, that she and the airport had recently been approached by the West Virginia Air National Guard. The Air National Guard currently conducts their training and drills out of the airport in Charleston. Though, “due to congestion and increased business their, they’re not able to do all that they would like to do, so they’ve asked if it were possible to use our airport,” Livesay said, adding that, “some of the flights coming in we could count, as well as sell fuel to.” Ongoing discussion on these matters will be dealt with more definitively in other or later meetings.

The Greenbrier County Airport Authority meets on the third Tuesday of every month at 2 p.m. in the boardrooms at the state fairgrounds. Interested parties are encouraged to call ahead at 304-645-3961, as times and dates of meetings are subject to change.

Dry Creek Music and Arts Festival *Continued from Front Page*

Saturday, June 24
All Day: Downtown Merchants Sidewalk Sales
8-10 a.m.: Stream Cleanup (Volunteer breakfast at 7 a.m.)
12 noon -5 p.m.: Artist Market
12 noon -2 p.m.: The Schoolhouse Hotel
Kid’s Field Day
12 noon -1:30 p.m.: Massing (50 East Stage)
2-3:30 p.m.: Of the Dell (Big Draft Brewery Main Stage)
4-5:30 p.m.: Charlie Brown Superstar (50 East Stage)
6-7:30 p.m.: Sneezy (Big Draft Brewery Main Stage)
8 p.m.-TILL: Funk You (Big Draft Brewery Main Stage)

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.

Marriages

Noble Harold Jr. Humphrey, Rainelle to Destiny Noel Propps, Rainelle
Joseph Michael Sampson, Lewisburg to Keirston Lee Ruterland, Lewisburg
Donnie James Dowdy Jr., Caldwell to Alisha Dawn Coleman, Cladwell
Zachary Cody Fain, Rupert to Beverly Elizabeth Moore, White Sulphur Springs
Jedediah Franklin Smith, Crawley to Jennifer Lynnette Sprouse, Lewisburg
Emory Vermillion White Jr., Lewisburg to Janet Lee Crespo, Narrows, VA
David Alexander Duffett, Chicago, IL to Caitlin Cole Attarian, Chicago, IL
Sawayam Bhagat, White Sulphur Springs to Brianna Maggie Deskins, White Sulphur Springs

Suits

In Re: The Marriage of: Garland Hugh Harris, Jr. and Sharon Elizabeth Harris
In Re: The Marriage of: Daniel Lee Hart and Chezony Hart

For the Record

Deeds

Adam Whanger and Candace Whanger to Henry Andrew Dannaf, III, 2.66 Acres, Irish Corner District
Vicky J. Neel, Jennifer Williams Ervin, and Brianne Williams to North Star Rentals, LLC., 0.260 Acre, City of Lewisburg District
Michael J. Franklin and Mary Sue Franklin to Bryan Jenkins and Maria Jenkins, Lot No. 27, Grass Run Farms, Anthony Creek District
Kendra R. Burns to Matthew J. Peltier, 2.02 Acres, White Sulphur District
Donna M. Swann to Axa Properties, LLC., 0.554 Acre, Lewisburg District
Ronald L. Refsland and Lucie T. Refsland to Lucie T. Refsland, Lot C, Re-Subdivision of Lots G16, G17, G18, G19, 20, Lots Nos. G21 and G22, Garden Heights Addition, Lewisburg Corporate District
The News Building LLC. to LTR Consulting LLC., 0.57 Acre, Lewisburg Corporate District
Greg Clark, Mark Kirk, Greg Weikle and Eric Hodge to William D. Martin and Sandra S. Martin, 0.9951 Acre, Anthony Creek District
William L. White and Sharon Kay White to God's Way Home, Inc., Lot No. 106, Lilly Park Addition, Town of Rainelle, Meadow Bluff District
Daniel O. Withrow to Terry Hanna and Sharon Hanna, 0.372 Acre, Lewisburg District
Justin Truman to Jeremy Truman, Lots 6, 7, and 8A, Block 27, Section 1-A, Rupert Corporation, Rupert Dist.
Christopher T. Cline, Michael L. Cline, and Jonathon M. Cline to Gregory Cline, Devon Cline, and Lakyn Cline, 0.9952 Acre, Anthony Creek District
Mollie J. Messimer to Nicole Krausert, Lot No. 5, Block C, Garden Heights Addition, Lewisburg Magisterial District
Larry L. Lilly to William D. Witt and Pamela R. Witt, 7.05 Acres, Meadow Bluff District
Dimitra Bakogianni to Leon J. Beiler and Brenda J. Beiler, 2.01 Acres, Williamsburg District
Jo Ann Hedding to Jeannie Lockhart, Lots Nos. 14 and 15, Roy G. Reynolds Subdivision, Frankford Dist.



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Curtis Monteco Harris, Dawson, trespassing, GP, fine \$100
Todd William Soucier, Asbury, no seatbelt, NCP, fine \$25
Jacob L. Diamint, Randolph, NJ, speeding, GP, fine \$6
Devonny P. Woods, Mount Nebo, failure to maintain control, NCP, fine \$15
Melissa Dawn Obrien, Lewisburg, reckless driving, NCP, fine \$50, jail 5 days - suspended and placed on 9 months unsupervised probation
Penny Lee McCraw, Lewisburg, possession of a controlled substance, NCP, fine \$100, jail 90 days - suspended and placed on 12 months unsupervised probation
Kenneth Alan Spade, Danese, domestic battery, NCP, jail 90 days - suspended and placed on 12 months unsupervised probation
Dusty Lee Mays, Gap Mills, domestic battery, GP, jail 60 days - suspended and placed on 1 year unsupervised probation, defendant to complete BIPS program
Nar B. Baniya, Akron, OH, no seatbelt, GP, fine \$25
Wesley Everett Clark, Quinwood, petit larceny, NCP, jail 30 days
Dennis James Boggs II, Lewisburg, driving while license revoked - DUI, NCP, fine \$100, jail 30 days - placed on 30 days Home Confinement
Nicholas J. Fogus, White Sulphur Springs, obstructing officer, NCP, fine \$75, jail 30 days - suspended and placed on 12 months unsupervised probation
Tommy George Butler, Ronceverte, trespassing, NCP, fine \$25
Douglas Morris, Rainelle, possession of a controlled substance, GP, fine \$100
Brody Noel Smith, Hinton, 1) possession of a controlled substance, NCP, fine \$100; 2) failure to maintain control, fine \$50
John David Dotson, Huntington, petit larceny, NCP, jail 90 days - suspended and placed on 12 months unsupervised probation
Michael Jared Moore, Lewisburg, possession of a controlled substance, NCP, jail 90 days - suspended and placed on 12 months unsupervised probation
Jesus Cueller Ramirez, East Chicago, IL, driving too fast for roadway conditions, GP, fine \$5

Food pantries seek donations

“My food stamp allotment has been cut,” “I got sick and lost my job,” “I never had to ask for assistance from a food pantry.” These are some of the pleas local food pantries are hearing as Greenbrier County folks come in for food assistance. In the last few months local food pantries have experienced a significant increase in the number individuals, families, and bags of food distributed. The decrease in SNAP benefits after the COVID emergency funds were halted and the increase generally in the costs of food are often cited as the reasons for needing food assistance. Also, many families live on very tight budgets and one crisis can easily upset that budget.

Local Food Pantries receive food - some free and some purchased - from the Mountaineer Food Bank in Gas-saway, WV. All the pantries must purchase additional food to supplement their distributions. The local pantries welcome and are in need of both financial and food donations. Please consider making a donation to assist our neighbors in need.

Food Pantries in Greenbrier County are located in Alderson, Lewisburg, Quinwood, Rainelle, Renick, Ronceverte, White Sulphur Springs and Williamsburg. Additional feeding programs in Greenbrier County include Wellspring of Greenbrier, the Greenbrier County Committee on Aging and the Shepherd’s Center.

If you need food assistance or wish to make a donation to your local food pantry, please call United Way at 211 for details about dates, times and contacts for the food pantry in your area. “First we eat, then we do everything else.”

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Get Fresh

By Karen Cohen

I am not a gardener who grows veggies based on their cost at the supermarket. That means I plant what I like and don’t base each harvested plant on its monetary value as determined at the supermarket. I rate the value of food on two things: freshness and flavor. If I can harvest herbs such as dill, sage, parsley, or chervil straight out of my garden directly into my sauté or sauce pan, it is worth its weight in gold. Fresh radishes are never rubbery or pithy; a vine ripened, freshly picked tomato is, well, simply indescribable when it comes to flavor!

I don’t place a high value on produce from our local supermarkets around town though I do scour the markets for the freshest products. These veggies and fruits are hauled long distances from far away places most of the time and even if carried on refrigerated trucks, how fast does it get onto your table? After reading an article from Reader’s Digest titled “Produce is a lot older than you think”, I headed back into my garden, dropped more zuke and cuke seeds, and then waited in wonder.

If you see watermelons in June offered at truck stands, they are not grown here or anywhere very close. The vendor may be a long distance driver who transports fruits and vegetables from the south, west coast and Mexico. That’s how all those goodies reach every part of the USA; we wouldn’t have these available without this transportation. As a consumer, you have a right to know where your purchased food is being grown. So ask and decide for yourself. Seek out our local farmers if local is your objective. The weekly farmers’ markets are the easiest way to locate people who grow veggies, flowers, and herbs in season.

Apples on the produce shelves/stands right now are about 8-10 months old. Apples are harvested in the fall after they ripen in September-October. Apples store well so buying them out of season keeps us all in apples year round. Blueberries are successfully grown locally in our WV hills. Seek out local farmers who offer “pick your own” berries and you will be amazed at the quality and taste when you come home laden with a bucket or two of freshly picked blueberries! Appreciation grows when you pick or grow your own! And they freeze well for winter use!

Green beans and lettuce are cheap to buy. But the old saying, “you get what you pay for” really applies to produce that may be weeks old. You know that once you take something out of the soil, it starts to degrade or shall we say, rot! Both beans and salad greens are the easiest veggies to grow and can keep you stocked all summer long and even into the fall months. You can grow these along with many other veggies right on your patio in large pots if you lack garden space. Canning or pickling will extend your personal dining season of many vegetables and is a fun family project!

Onions are especially inexpensive because they grow readily in bunches and store well. These can be bought year round. White onions are usually more money to buy than yellow onions simply because more yellow onions are planted. Yellow onions have more antioxidants.

Whether you grow your onions from seed or from transplants, success is almost 100% guaranteed. Prepare your gar-

den soil with rich compost and add your onion sets or seeds. Mulch them to keep out the weeds and keep the soil moist and loose for the roots to take up nutrients. Water them if you have a long dry spell. Most onions take about 3 months to reach maturity. We wait for ours to flop over and then we gently tug them from the soil and hang up in bunches to air dry in an outdoors covered roof. You can also leave them in the soil and use as needed, fresh from picking. Pick most of them before they produce seed or before the leaves turn brown or before the frost comes. Leave a few in the ground to flower and then collect and save some of your own seeds for replanting.



Cure onions for about 3 weeks and then store them in a cool, dry root cellar or kitchen pantry. Layer them rather than stacking them on each other. This way if one rots, it won’t spoil the rest of the bunch. Check often for rot or mold. I save my mesh bags from the grocery store and hang up stored on-ions for quick use in the kitchen.

Onions are so versatile and many countries, not just ours, use onions in almost every dish. Burgers, salads, sauces, casseroles, pickles- all taste better with onions. Some folks soak their sliced onions in milk or water for 10 minutes to leach out the “bite” of a hot onion but I just grin and bear it. The tears produced while cutting it up just remind me that this onion is fresh! Here’s our newest favorite onion recipe:

Onion Tarte Tatin

- Preheat the oven to 350 degrees.
- Use a cast iron skillet and add 2 pats of butter to the skillet pan, heat slowly, and add peeled, sliced onions.
- Cook the onions till they caramelize, soften and turn light brown all over.
- Turn off heat and add 2 tablespoons of honey and 3 table-
spoons of high quality balsamic vinegar
- ~Add a pinch of salt, pinch of fresh thyme and mix it light-
ly and keep it in the skillet.
- Defrost puff pastry sheet(s) ahead of time (store bought), and spread a sheet over the onion mixture. Press down and crimp the edges
- Poke some holes on the top to allow steam to escape and place the skillet in the oven to cook for 30-35 minutes. The pastry should be puffed and golden.
- Cool for 10 minutes or so until you can safely handle the skillet with an oven mit.
- Place a plate over the skillet and flip it upside down. Voi-
la, your baked onion pie comes out on the plate and is ready to serve. A masterpiece! With salad as a side, lunch is served.

Karen Cohen is a home grower of organic vegetables and herbs, a photojournalist who adores art of all kinds, and is an avid explorer. Email your onion recipes to natureswaykar-en@gmail.com. Happy Growing!

Commentary

Older West Virginians deserve better customer service from the Social Security Administration

By Gaylene Miller, AARP West Virginia State Director

Most of us have experi-
enced long hold times or
dropped calls when trying
to get through to a cus-
tomer service agent. You
may have even received
incorrect information the
first time you called and
had to start the process all
over again. Unfortunately,
this is what many people
who are trying to reach the
Social Security Adminis-
tration (SSA) experience.

Millions of older West
Virginians, people with
disabilities, and their fam-
ilies rely on Social Securi-
ty. And they should also be
able to rely on quality cus-
tomer service to get their
questions answered or get
information on the status
of their disability claim –
whether online, in-person,

or over the phone.

Last year, almost half
of the 151 million calls
to the SSA’s national
1-800-number and field
offices went unanswered,
including 16.4 million
callers who gave up while
waiting. So far this year,
almost one-third of calls
to SSA’s local field of-
fices across the country
have not been answered.
For those who have been
able to get through, they
are waiting an average of
34 minutes for someone to
pick up on the other end –
more than ten times longer
than a decade ago. Ameri-
cans who file for disability
assistance now wait over
200 days on average for
an initial decision.

And no one wants a
repeat of last year, with
customers having to wait
in long lines outside of

SSA field offices in the
heat of the summer.

Seniors, people with
disabilities, and AARP are
fed up with the SSA’s poor
service. There is no excuse
for failing to provide peo-
ple with the services they
need and answers to ques-
tions about the Social Se-
curity they’ve earned and
now need to pay for basic
living expenses. Nearly
one in four West Virgin-
ians – more than 474,000
people – receive Social
Security benefits, and 52
percent of Mountain State
residents 65 and older rely
on the program for at least
half of their income.

Over the past year,
AARP members have
sent Congress more than
200,000 emails urging
increased funding for the
SSA to improve customer
service. Now, AARP is

asking Congress to pro-
vide at least \$15 billion in
funding for long-overdue
improvements to their
egregious customer ser-
vice problems, so seniors
and people with disabili-
ties can get accurate infor-
mation when they need it.
It’s about time.

Gaylene Miller is the
West Virginia State Direc-
tor of AARP, the nation’s
largest nonprofit, nonpar-
tisan organization dedi-
cated to empowering peo-
ple 50 and older to choose
how they live as they
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ens communities and ad-
vocates for what matters
most to the more than 100
million Americans 50-plus
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and personal fulfillment.

Letter to the Editor

Dear editor,

The historic, civil war era pavilion at Blue Sulphur, will be dedicated on July 1st as a part of Alderson, West Virginia July 4th weekend events. The pavilion was a mineral water site back around 1830, when people ventured to Greenbrier County to soak in the healing Springs. These sites included Sweet Springs, White-Green-Red-Salt and Blue Sulphur Sulphur Springs. The Greenbrier Valley was the theater for many civil war battles , especially near Blue Sulphur where hundreds of men died in battle, froze to death, had limbs sawed off, and Robert E Lee himself found his famous horse Traveller just a mile or two from the pavilion. Please note, I am very happy the pavilion has been saved. However, there is a difference between a restoration and a renovation. The design of the original structure was changed therefore it was renovated. Here’s my observation about the pavilion: Why isn’t ADA accessible for everyone? It would

have been very thoughtful to install a simple ramp that would allow a wheelchair or any mobility device to go inside the pavilion. 600,000 people died in the civil war. 60 thousand had field amputations and about 43 thousand actually survived the ordeal. The pavilion is not only the “surviving relic of the grand hotel that stood there,” it’s a war memorial.

I was told that the committee and the architect didn’t think it was necessary to make it accessible. I was told that I would be able to see everything from the outside. Well isn’t that special. I am sure that nobody on the committee is handicapped. I would love to go there, sit inside the pavilion, possibly read a good history book and meditate on what it was like to experience Blue Sulphur in those days. The dedication is in 2 short weeks. Just go fix it. Make it accessible for anyone.

Respectfully,
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OBITUARIES

In Memoriam

Ruth Olvey Wadsworth Murphy

A memorial will be held for Ruth Olvey Wadsworth Murphy on Saturday, July 1 at 2 p.m. at Carnegie Hall in Lewisburg. Program to start at 2:15. All who knew her are welcome.

Mary McCoy Boone



Lewisburg - Mary McCoy Boone, 90, passed away on Tuesday, June 20, 2023, at CAMC General Hospital.

She was born Nov. 18, 1932, at Renick, to the late Russel and Ellie Clutter Hamrick.

Mary was a homemaker. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by husband, Raymond McCoy; son, Danny McCoy; husband, Emory Boone; and siblings, Faye Alderman, Edith Blankenship, and Charles Hamrick.

Mary is survived by sons, Dexter McCoy (Patsy) and Milton McCoy (Paula); daughters, June Campbell (Johny), Tammy McCoy, and Roseanna Simmons (Jim); seven grandchildren, two step-grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 24, at the Morgan Funeral Home Chapel, Lewisburg.

Burial will follow in the Ellis Chapel Cemetery on Brushy Flat.

Friends may call one hour prior at the funeral home.

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

Patricia Ann Humphrey



White Sulphur Springs - Patricia Ann "Pat" Humphrey, returned home to her Heavenly Father on Tuesday, June 20, 2023.

Born Mar. 21, 1936 in Price Hill, WV, Pat was 87 years old.

Pat was a long-time member of the WSS Emmanuel United Methodist.

Pat was preceded in death by the love of her life, her husband, Cecil Douglas "Bud" Humphrey; her parents, Manuel and Fredia Berezo; brother, Phillip Berezo, and sister, Fredia (Bootsie) Rollins.

Pat is survived by her daughters, Debra Ann Skaggs and Peggy Jean Boggs; her little chickadees, Kristi Gail Allen and Trish Lynn Tolliver; her most cherished great-grandchildren, Casey, Lindsey, Adeline and Everlea Tolliver, and Jaxzen and Bodie Allen; her sister, Joanie Hum-

phrey; several nieces, nephews, and countless friends.

Aside from being a homemaker, Pat previously worked at Hall's Rexall and Cox's in WSS, and The Greenbrier Hotel. She also worked at the WSS Public Library for many years. Pat enjoyed baking, cross-stitching, arts and crafts, and visiting with friends and family. Pat was proud of her numerous ribbons at the State Fair for baking, crafts, and cross stitch. All who knew Pat were blessed by her kindness and joy. Many will remember the elaborate holiday dinners she made for all of her family and friends. Mount Hope Mustangs will remember Pat from her youthful days as a popular cheerleader and the co-valedictorian of the class of 1954.

Through to her golden years Pat enjoyed babysitting, spoiling her great grandchildren, and volunteering at her church. Not a day went by where Pat didn't demonstrate how much her beloved husband, daughters, granddaughters, and great-grandchildren meant to her.

Services will be at 1 p.m. on Saturday, June 24, at Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Lewisburg with Pastor Steve Grimes officiating. Burial will be in Mapledale Cemetery with graveside rights immediately following. Family will receive visitors an hour prior to the service at the funeral home. The family is being served by Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home, White Sulphur Springs, WV.

Please send online condolences by visiting www.WallaceandWallaceFH.com

John Evander Ward, II



John Evander Ward, II Ronceverte - John Evander Ward, II, 38, went home to be with our Lord on Saturday, June 17, 2023.

He was born on Sept. 21, 1984 in Beckley, the son of Debbie and Ron Ward of Ronceverte, and John E. Ward (Darlene) of Summersville.

He is preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, Buddy Ray Miller and grandmother, Vera Jane Cogar Miller; uncles, Kenneth Ray Miller and William Darrell Miller; paternal grandmother, Ruth Young; uncle, Douglas Edward Ward; and aunt, Marie Young.

He went to Greenbrier East High School. He played football, basketball and wrestled. He worked as laborer in HVAC systems.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by grandparents, Herb Young of Summersville, and Doye and Sharon Ward of Craigsville; daughters, Stacia Fitzgerald and Jaylin Star Ward; his best friend and soulmate, Becky Fitzgerald; sisters, Cristal Walton, Trish Ward, Alyshia (Chris Moring); brothers, Chad Ward (Kristina), Junior Ward, Colton and Devin Ward. Along with all of his nieces, nephews and cousins that he loved dearly and his favorite aunts, Felicia Dabila, Ellen Miller and Vonnice Miller and cousins, Erica, Justin and Christina. Extended family, Linda Raffo, Regina Aragon and Olimpia Sotto.

Funeral service will be at 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 24, at Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Lewisburg with Pastor Wes Comer officiating. Burial will follow in Bethel Pentecostal Holiness Church Cemetery at Organ Cave, WV.

Visitation will be from 2 p.m. until time of service at the funeral home.

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

Charles Roger Lester



Clayton - Charles Roger Lester, 84, formerly of Baileysville, WV, passed away peacefully with his family by his side on Monday, June 19, 2023 at the Bowers Hospice House in Beckley following a long illness.

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith" 2 Timothy 4:7

Born Mar. 17, 1939, in Baileysville, he was the son of the late William and Elsie Short Lester.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his loving wife of 61 years, Inez Sue Lester; his brothers, Luther Lester, Fred Lester, Billy Lester, Pete Lester, and Rodney Lester; his sisters, Clea Halsey, Mildred Toler, and Macy Kusewicz.

Roger was a graduate of Baileysville High School. After earning a degree from Concord College, he returned to Baileysville High School to teach and coach basketball and football for many years. Roger and his wife Sue, relocated to Clayton, where he continued to teach and coach at Alderson Jr. High and Lewisburg Jr. High. His love of sports kept him busy. He was active in the community where he coached little league teams. He and Sue became affectionately known in the community as "Nanny" and "Pappy."

Roger is survived by his children, Vickey Blankenship and husband Darren, of Beckley, Jeannine Utterback and husband Jamie, of Alderson, Dale Lester and wife Tracy, of Fayetteville; his four grandchildren, Rebekah Ramboldt and husband Todd, of Ronceverte, Colten Blankenship and wife Danielle, of Lexington, KY, Heath Utterback and Savannah Keffer, of Clayton, and Evan Lester, of Fayetteville; his five great-grandchildren, Slayton Utterback, Perri Ramboldt, Gus Ramboldt, Greer Blankenship, and Caden Blankenship; and his loving sister, Jean Rose and husband Ronald, of Tamarac, FL; as well as many loving nieces, nephews, and cousins.

A graveside service will be held Saturday, June 24, at 12 noon, at the Lester Farm Cemetery in Clayton, with Pastor Hannibal Blankenship officiating. Serving as pallbearers will be Darren Blankenship, Jamie Utterback, Colten Blankenship, Heath Utterback, Todd Lester, Todd Ramboldt, Evan Lester, and Slayton Utterback.

Online condolences and memories may be shared with the Lester family at www.lobbanfh.com

USDA celebrates National Homeownership Month



State Director Highlights Programs to Help People Buy, Build, Repair and Rent Homes in Rural and Underserved West Virginia Communities

This month, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development State Director Ryan Thorn kicked off National Homeownership Month. As part of this nationwide celebration, USDA Rural Development is highlighting programs that help people in rural areas buy, build, and repair affordable homes and pay their rent in America's smallest towns and communities.

"For some West Virginians, the dream of homeownership is a dream that is unrealized," said Thorn. "Whether owning or renting, a home is where we can live with dignity, watch our families grow and stay connected to our communities. Through single family, multi-family, rental assistance, home repair and other programs, USDA is ready to support the housing needs of rural West Virginians and ensure they have opportunities to achieve their dreams."

Over the past year, USDA has added to the resources available to help people access safe, affordable housing in rural areas. The Department recently launched an initiative to help people rebuild after disasters. USDA also has helped thousands of families keep their homes by reducing or pausing their monthly mortgage payments during finan-

cial uncertainty caused by the pandemic.

In addition, USDA works to increase access to affordable multifamily rental housing opportunities in rural America. The Department is currently helping nearly 308,000 households across the country afford to pay their rent through rental assistance. This assistance ensures low-income and elderly tenants pay no more than 30% of their income in housing costs. For more information, visit Multifamily Housing Programs | Rural Development (usda.gov).

USDA is also highlighting ways it is working with lenders and community partners to open the door to homeownership for rural Americans who have been unserved or underserved for far too long. USDA is hosting events across the nation to showcase affordable housing programs for lenders, community partners, families and individuals. USDA's Single-Family Housing programs are:

- The Single Family Housing Direct Home Loan Program provides loans directly to families and individuals so they can buy or build homes in rural America.
- The Single Family Housing Guaranteed Loan Program enables USDA to partner with private lending institutions, backing their loans to help families and individuals buy homes in rural areas.
- The Home Repair Loan

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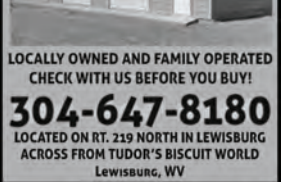
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Please send resumes to the attention of Laura Eagle, Director of Behavioral Health: **leagle@rmchealth.org**.



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For more information or to apply, email Kristi Atha-Rader at karader@rmchealth.org and/or Lisa Redden, Director of Human Resources at lredden@rmchealth.org.

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Dr. Jessica Wickline, DO to our team of professionals.

Dr. Wickline is a graduate of West Virginia University and the WV School of Osteopathic Medicine Class of 2011.

She has eleven years of experience as a physician working in a hospital setting, urgent care, and family practice.

A native of Pocahontas County, she now resides in Renick with her husband, Jamie, and two children, Levi and Macy.

Dr. Wickline is currently working at Lewisburg health Center, located at 296 Fair Street, and is accepting new patients.

Call 304-647-4747 to schedule your appointment.

Dear Recycle Lady

Dear Recycle Lady,
Last week you answered questions about plastic film. What about Saran Wrap? Is it a recyclable plastic film?
Hope It Is Recyclable
Dear Hope It Is Recyclable,
Unfortunately, Saran Wrap, a soft plastic also known as plastic wrap or cling wrap, that is often used to wrap baked goods or to seal food in a container, is not recyclable. The other kinds of soft plastic that are not recyclable are pre-packaged salad bags, frozen food bags, plastic bags with excessive glue residue or coloring, and bags that contain leftover food. Soft plastics that can be recycled are Ziploc bags, newspaper bags, grocery bags, produce bags, bread bags, dry cleaning bags, outer packaging on paper towels and toilet paper, and bubble wrap. All bags should be clean and dry before placed in the recycling bin at Kroger, Walmart, or Lowes. Plastic wrap that is wet or soiled with food is a contaminate in the recycling process and cannot be recycled.

Dear Recycle Lady,
I go to the county landfill to take my household trash and I used to take my recycling to Ronceverte. Is there any chance recyclables will be accepted at the land fill? Do you accept eligible materials sorted or mixed? If sorted, how do you categorize and sort by type?
Returning to Recycling
Dear Returning to Recycling,
All Recyclables that are accepted at the Recycling Center in Ronceverte are now accepted at the landfill. The bins are located over to the left of the scale house. Regardless of the location, all recyclable items must be separated and placed in the proper bins. There are 12 bins for your convenience: aluminum cans, aluminum pie pans & foil, steel cans, #1 plastics, #2 clear plastics, #2 colored plastics, newspapers, office paper, magazines, cardboard, shredded paper, and toothbrushes, toothpaste tubes and floss containers. We do not accept mixed bags as we do not have staff available to sort the items; thus, bags of mixed recyclables must go in the trash.

Dear Recycle Lady,
How can composting here be good for the ocean? We are many miles away from any ocean.
Disbeliever
Dear Disbeliever,
Composting is good for the oceans for many reasons. It reduces the amount of waste sent to the landfills, thus reducing methane emissions. Adding compost to vegetable or flower gardens helps create healthy, erosion-resistant soil, thus reducing runoff of soil, fertilizers, or pesticides that find their way into waterways and, eventually, the ocean. Healthy soil helps plants absorb more carbon dioxide from the atmosphere. Additionally, plastics in landfills break down over time into microplastics that are microscopic pieces of plastic. These can be carried by the wind and rain into the environment. “Think Globally, Act Locally!”

Good News: A 10-mile radius around Chaco Canyon, located in northwestern New Mexico, is now protected from new oil and gas drilling for 20 years. The Canyon biodiversity hotspot is home to elk, bobcats, and a wide range of birds and is also a major center of ancestral Pueblo culture. (fto.com)

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

A Look Back



By William “Skip” Deegans
Booker T. Washington (pictured), former West Virginian, educator, and leader of the Tuskegee Institute in Alabama, was the first African-American to dine with a President in the White House. In 1901, Washington was the dinner guest of President Theodore Roosevelt, his family, and one other guest. When news of the dinner became public a firestorm erupted in the southern United States. South Carolina’s Democratic U. S. Senator Benjamin Tillman said, “If it is the purpose of the president to solve the race question in this way, he is welcome to enter upon it, but millions of American men and women of the north and all the whites who live in the south will leave him severely alone in his new-found role and take care we do not become a race of mongrels.” Politician and white supremacist, James K. Vardaman, who later become governor and U. S. Senator of Mississippi, said “I have hoped that he (Washington) was too much of a gentlemen and had more regard for his own self-respect than to associate with a white man who had no more decency to take a damned n----- into his home.” The Rev. W. D. Hubbard, pastor of North Carolina’s largest Baptist church, said “There is but one opinion in the great south, and that is regret, disappointment, and contempt.”

Northern newspapers, churches, academics and religious leaders, particularly in the north, promptly responded to defend Roosevelt. The Lawrence (Kansas) Daily Journal wrote, “If Tillman has ever been right on any question, political, religious, moral or social in his whole life there is no record of it.” The Abilene Weekly Chronicle wrote, “Any man who allows himself to be influenced in the direction to which Tillman alludes is blacker internally than the colored man is externally. Tillman may admit his own weakness if he will, but he has no right to infer that all men are like himself.”

Shortly after the White House dinner, Roosevelt and Washington dined again with the president of Yale University during Yale’s bicentennial celebration. Both men received honorary degrees then from Yale. In 1900, Harvard University had already conferred an honorary degree on Washington. While the Roosevelts and Washington were dining together at the White House, Washington’s daughter, Portia Washington, was a student at Wellesley College. Alex McVeigh Miller, in an op-ed in Ronceverte’s The West Virginia News pointed out that Washington had been entertained at Windsor Castle in England and took tea with Queen Victoria.

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Sources: The Virginian-Pilot, The Semi-Weekly Messenger (Wilmington, NC), Atlanta Journal, Lawrence Daily Journal (Kansas), The Abilene Weekly Chronicle, Chicago Tribune.

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CASE NO. 23-0328-E-PC
APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY and
WHEELING POWER COMPANY

Petition for Commission Approval of Cost Recovery for
a Purchase and Sale Agreement and Seven Purchased
Power Agreements for Renewable Energy.

NOTICE OF FILING AND HEARING

On March 31, 2023, Appalachian Power Company (APCo) and Wheeling Power Company (WPCo) (together, the Companies) filed a petition with the Public Service Commission of West Virginia (Commission) seeking the recovery of costs associated with APCo's agreements to acquire the Grover Hill wind facility and to purchase renewable energy products from the Green Acres, Mountain Brook, River Trail, Shifting Sands, Sunny Rock, Pleasant Prairie, and Horsepen Branch solar facilities. The Companies' Petition is on file with and available for public inspection at the Commission's offices, 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, WV 25301, and at the Commission's website, www.psc.state.wv.us.

The Commission has set an evidentiary hearing in the matter for September 14, 2023, starting at 9:30 a.m., and continuing to September 15, 2023, if necessary, to be held in the Howard M. Cunningham Hearing Room at the Commission's offices, 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, WV 25301. Interested persons may attend the hearing and will have an opportunity to make public comment.

The acquisition of the aforementioned renewable energy generation facility and the purchase of the aforementioned renewable energy products can be expected to have an ultimate impact on the Companies' West Virginia retail rates at some point in the future. The Companies do not expect these transactions to lead to any significant increase in customer rates. Rather, the Companies project that the transactions will reduce customer rates over the lives of the wind and solar facilities.

The Companies have a Renewable Power Plus (RPP) Tariff to be offered on a voluntary basis to all customers in addition to the Companies' standard tariff offerings. It is anticipated that, over time, the costs of the proposed renewable facilities will be offset by the customers subscribing to the RPP Tariff, special contract revenues, and the cost of service benefits produced by the facilities. The costs of the renewable energy PPAs with the Green Acres, Mountain Brook, River Trail, Shifting Sands, Sunny Rock, Pleasant Prairie, and Horsepen Branch solar facilities are proposed to be recovered in expanded net energy cost (ENEC) rates. The costs of the proposed Grover Hill wind facility will be recovered through a surcharge.

The renewable facilities have varying in-service dates, but the Companies project that rates would increase by approximately \$3.7 million, on an aggregate basis after offsets, during a hypothetical first year that assumes all eight facilities are in service, as shown in the table below. Such rates will likely be phased in as of the commercial operation date for the Grover Hill wind facility and the date of the Companies' annual ENEC rates for the Green Acres, Mountain Brook, River Trail, Shifting Sands, Sunny Rock, Pleasant Prairie, and Horsepen Branch solar facilities. The estimated rate increase in the hypothetical "Year 1" for each of the Companies' tariff classes is also shown in the table below. By way of example, a residential customer using 1,000 kWh per month would experience a net monthly increase of \$0.29.

Year 1 of Proposed Portfolio Estimated Rate Impacts by Tariff Class						
Tariff Class	Current Rev	COS Increase	Gross Increase%	COS Offsets	Net Increase	Net Increase %
Residential	\$ 795,704,678	\$ 11,346,422	1.4%	\$ (9,884,511)	\$ 1,461,911	0.18%
SWS	\$ 11,020,191	\$ 156,656	1.4%	\$ (136,472)	\$ 20,184	0.18%
SGS	\$ 36,516,465	\$ 435,815	1.2%	\$ (379,663)	\$ 56,152	0.15%
GS	\$ 302,971,164	\$ 4,687,570	1.5%	\$ (4,083,608)	\$ 603,692	0.20%
LCP	\$ 478,744,510	\$ 9,908,063	2.1%	\$ (8,631,475)	\$ 1,276,588	0.27%
IP	\$ 42,051,369	\$ 473,394	1.1%	\$ (412,401)	\$ 60,994	0.15%
Special Contracts	\$ 30,267,960	\$ 1,093,874	3.6%	\$ (952,936)	\$ 140,938	0.47%
SS	\$ 30,139,526	\$ 461,791	1.5%	\$ (402,293)	\$ 59,499	0.20%
OL & SL	\$ 14,880,079	\$ 95,831	0.6%	\$ (83,484)	\$ 12,347	0.08%
Total	\$ 1,742,295,941	\$ 28,659,420	1.6%	\$ (24,966,844)	\$ 3,692,575	0.21%

The increases shown herein are based on averages of all customers in the indicated class. Individual customers may receive increases that are greater or less than average. Furthermore, the requested rates and charges among the various classes of customers are only a proposal and are subject to change (increases or decreases) by the Commission in its review of the Companies' filing.

Anyone desiring to intervene in the matter should file a written petition to intervene on or before July 20, 2023, unless otherwise ordered by the Commission. All requests to intervene should briefly state the reason for the request and comply with the rules on intervention set forth in the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. The Commission will receive public comments until the beginning of the hearing. All written comments and requests to intervene should state the case name and number and be addressed to Karen Buckley, Executive Secretary, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, WV 25323. Public comments may also be filed online at <http://www.psc.state.wv.us/scripts/onlinecomments/default.cfm> by clicking the "Formal Case" link.

APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY and
WHEELING POWER COMPANY

LEGAL

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF WEST VIRGINIA
CHARLESTON

CASE NO. 22-1082-E-PC
APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY and
WHEELING POWER COMPANY

Petition for Consent and Approval to Implement
a Voluntary Schedule for Owners of Plug-in Electric Vehicles.

NOTICE OF OPTIONAL TIME OF DAY RATES
TO CHARGE PLUG-IN ELECTRIC VEHICLES

By Order issued June 12, 2023, the Commission approved Appalachian Power Company's (APCo) and Wheeling Power Company's (WPCo) (collectively Companies), voluntary schedule for residential customers who own plug-in electric vehicles (PEVs), subject to future evaluation. Schedule PEV is optional and allows residential customers to charge PEVs on a time-of-day rate schedule. Schedule PEV takes effect July 1, 2023. Schedule PEV will not result in a rate increase for any customers. Schedule PEV can result in lower charging costs for PEV owners. The Commission will evaluate Schedule PEV and accept public comments on Schedule PEV tariff provisions on an ongoing basis.

SCHEDULE PEV

(Residential Plug-In Electric Vehicle Charging)

AVAILABILITY OF SERVICE

Available to customers eligible for Tariff RS (Residential Service) who use charging stations for PEV programmed to consume electrical energy primarily during off-peak hours specified by the Company, who take Standard Service from the Company and currently have an AMI meter. The PEV must be a licensed electric motor vehicle which is subject to state inspection, and which is either owned or leased by the Customer.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

PEVs eligible to be served under this Schedule shall be metered through one single-phase, multi-register meter capable of measuring electrical energy consumption during on-peak and off-peak billing periods. Metering that is capable of separately identifying PEV usage shall be installed at the Company's discretion.

CONDITIONS OF SERVICE

The supply of electricity to such charging system must be via a dedicated hard-wired circuit, single-phase, at not more than 240 volts, not more than 100 amperes. Receipt of service under this schedule is conditional upon Company approval.

MONTHLY RATE (Schedule Code 059)

Basic Service Charge \$12.50/month
Energy Charge:

All KWH during the on-peak billing period. 13.668 cents per KWH
All KWH: during the off-peak billing period. 3.891 cents per KWH

For the purpose of this Schedule, the on-peak billing period is defined as 6 a.m. to 8 p.m., local time, for all weekdays, Monday through Friday. The off-peak billing period is defined as 8 p.m. to 6 a.m., local time, for all weekdays, all hours of the day on Saturdays and Sundays, and the legally observed holidays of New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day.

OTHER CHARGES/CREDITS

Service under this Schedule may be subject to the C.S (Original Sheet No. 27), the E.C.S. (Original Sheet No. 27A-1), the E.E./D.R. (Original Sheet No. 33), the V.M.P. (Original Sheet No. 36), the BRSP (Original Sheet No. 23), the M.B.R.S. (Original Sheet No. 29-1), the B.B.S. (Original Sheet No. 30-1), the M.R.B.C.S. (Original Sheet No. 45), the E.N.E.C. (Original Sheet No. 34), and C.R.R.C. (Original Sheet No. 35) which is embedded in the ENEC rates. Further information can be found at RIDER APPLICABILITY (Original Sheet No. 37).

MINIMUM CHARGE

This Schedule is subject to a minimum monthly charge equal to the Basic Service Charge.

LOCAL TAX ADJUSTMENT

To bills for electric service supplied within specified municipalities or political subdivisions which impose taxes based upon the amount of electric service sold or revenues received by the Company, as specified on Original Sheet No. 4-1, will be added a surcharge equal to the percentage shown on Sheet Nos. 4-2, 4-3, and 4-4 to accomplish a recovery of these taxes.

PAYMENT

Bills are due upon receipt and payable by mail, checkless payment plan, electronic payment plan, or at authorized payment agents of the Company within twenty (20) days of the mailing date. Effective October 1, 2006, any current amount due and not received by mail, checkless payment plan, electronic payment plan, or at authorized payment agents of the Company by the next scheduled read date shall be subject to a delayed payment charge of 1%. This charge shall not be applicable to local consumer utility taxes.

SEPARATE METERING PROVISION

Customers shall receive service under this Schedule for PEV load with time-differentiated characteristics and service under Standard Schedule R.S. for general use load. Such general use load shall be separately wired to a standard residential meter.

TERM

Customers who opt to take service under this schedule are required to enter into a written service agreement including proof of purchase of a qualifying PEV. Should the Customer discontinue operating the qualifying PEV, the Customer will notify the Company so that arrangements can be made to remove PEV metering and terminate service under this Schedule.

SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

This Schedule is subject to the Company's Terms and Conditions of Standard Service. The Company reserves the right to inspect at all reasonable times the vehicle charging devices which qualify the residence for service under this Schedule. If the Company finds that in its sole judgement the availability conditions of this tariff are being violated, it may discontinue billing the customer under this Schedule and commence billing under the appropriate Residential Service Tariff. The Company shall have the option of reading meters monthly or bi-monthly.

Super Crossword

INTERPLANETARY

ACROSS

- 1 Flip out
6 City in Florida
11 Nerve-racking
20 Rock guitarists, slangily
21 After-bath garments
22 What a dipstick is dipped into
23 Rip open eagerly
25 Budapest native
26 Put up with
27 Actor Erwin
28 Chocolate syrup brand
29 Bone-dry
30 Je ne — quoi (elusive quality)
32 Tools facilitating weapon-launching
35 Asset of Hercules and Samson
39 Road coating
40 Young miss
41 Aerobic exercise promotes it
44 Greek region
49 Work unit, in physics

- 50 Morales of "La Bamba"
51 Infant
53 Drain cleaner
54 Hiker's printed guide
58 Result of a lucid mind
63 Like scalawags
65 Prefix with commuting
66 Making haste
67 Aid in diagnosing an injured meniscus
71 In dreamland
74 Dragon killer, say
75 Some pudding bases
79 "Hamilton" duet sung by Burr and Hamilton to their children
83 Literary alias
84 Big cat's lair
85 Beet or turnip
86 "I don't give —!"
88 Olympic runner Sebastian
89 Ghosts
93 Paul Lynde's role on "Bewitched"

- 97 What a dipstick is dipped into
98 Faux —
100 Diner patrons choosing dishes
101 Danger of atomic weapons
108 Drink mixer
109 Just slightly
110 Trembled
111 Victory sign
113 "Au —" ("So long for now")
117 Wedding party
119 Tolkien's imaginary world (that hints at this puzzle's theme)
121 Rear-end or sideswipe
122 Hit of the past
123 Prefix with fiche
124 Quality of a dirty chimney
125 Howled wolfishly
126 Does in, as a dragon

DOWN

- 1 Jetway locale
2 Plow pullers
3 "Diary of — Housewife"
4 Careful reader
5 Race joiner
6 Bruin Bobby
7 Pigeon calls
8 Sits next to
9 Helpful boost
10 Oar wood
11 NPR journalist Daniel
12 Depend on
13 Cattle home
14 Congest with fluid
15 Kin of reggae
16 Prints messily
17 Savoir- —
18 Onetime TWA rival
19 Gives temporarily
24 "— Ho" ("Snow White" song)
28 Sheep call
31 Church tower
33 Archaic verb ending
34 Alliance of the W. Hemisphere
35 Clip, as wool
36 On — firma
37 Is furious
38 Possesses
42 Fond du —, Wisconsin
43 Up to, in ads

- 44 Med. exam involving a forearm jab
45 Sneaky laugh
46 Et — (and others, in footnotes)
47 "Fist City" singer Loretta
48 Safecracker, slangily
51 Boxer Max
52 Guthrie of folk
55 "Angel" actress Amy
56 French artist Édouard
57 First Hebrew letter
59 Set of values
60 "Would that it were true!"
61 — the bud (forestall)
62 Single out as especially important
64 Boorish types
68 Make over
69 Race pace
70 Ones outdoing all rivals, informally
71 Appends
72 Flow slowly
73 Race space
76 Secret stash
77 Love, to Celine
78 Foretellers

- 80 Botch it up
81 Bond creator Fleming
82 Circle portion
87 Nobel-winning U.N. agcy.
90 Most frigid
91 Put a knot in
92 Skin protein
93 Draw upon
94 Venerate
95 Makes good
96 Hard work
98 Players of LPs and 45s
99 Noah's boat
101 DEA agents
102 In — (not yet born)
103 Tree that's a chocolate source
104 Mannheim's river
105 Horn sounds
106 Home to St. Teresa
107 Soft toy bear
112 Emmy winner Falco
114 Bicolor whale
115 Possible response to "Good job!"
116 Greek consonants
118 Greek consonant
119 Rowdy crowd
120 Conducted

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 gag!

String

BRIEF

Snit

HASBIN

Freed

USEDTO

Beet

SLUPE

TODAY'S WORD

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Trunks are different. 2. Arm is moved. 3. Pool design is different. 4. Fence is different. 5. Bow is smaller. 6. Ball is missing.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF WEST VIRGINIA
CHARLESTON

CASE NO. 23-0298-E-P
APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY and
WHEELING POWER COMPANY
Petition to Update the MBRC Rates Currently in Effect
PUBLIC NOTICE OF CHANGE IN RATES UPON APPLICATION
NOTICE is hereby given that Appalachian Power Company and Wheeling Power Company (the Companies), public utilities, have, on March 15, 2023, filed with the Public Service Commission of West Virginia a Petition to update the Modified Rate Base Cost (MRBC) surcharge revenues. The Public Service Commission’s June 30, 2021, Order in Case No. 20-1012-E-P required the Companies to file an annual MBRC update in March 2022, 2023, and 2024. If approved, the increased rates will apply to electric service to approximately 462,328 customers in the counties of Boone, Brooke, Cabell, Clay, Fayette, Greenbrier, Jackson, Kanawha, Lincoln, Logan, Marshall, Mason, McDowell, Mercer, Mingo, Monroe, Nicholas, Ohio, Putnam, Raleigh, Roane, Summers, Wayne, and Wyoming.
The Companies propose to recover total incremental revenue requirements for certain rate base increases added between October 1, 2021 and September 30, 2022. The proposed increased rates and charges will produce approximately \$10.05 million annually in additional revenue, and increase of 0.58%. The average monthly bill for the various class of customers will be changed as follows:

	\$ INCREASE	% INCREASE
Residential	\$1.23	0.76%
Commercial	\$2.31	0.55%
Industrial	\$1,161.04	0.47%
Special Contract	\$2,664.57	0.53%
Other	\$0.09	0.45%

The increases requested vary by customer class and customer usage level. Individual customers may receive an increase that is greater or less than average. Furthermore, the requested rates are only a proposal and are subject to change (increases or decreases) by the Public Service Commission in its review of this Petition. Any increase in rates will not become effective until authorized and approved by the Public Service Commission. The Public Service Commission will conduct an evidentiary hearing at 9:30 a.m., August 30, 2023, in the Howard M. Cunningham Hearing Room, Public Service Commission Building, 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia.

Anyone desiring to intervene should file a written petition to intervene by 4:00 p.m. May 31, 2023. Failure to intervene timely can affect your right to participate in the proceeding. Requests to intervene must comply with the Commission’s rules on intervention. Anyone desiring to protest should file a written or electronic protest at any time up to the start of the evidentiary hearing. All protests or requests to intervene should briefly state the reason for the protest or intervention. All protests and interventions should be addressed to: The Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia 25323. A complete copy of this tariff, as well as a representative of the Company to provide any information requested concerning it, is available to all customers, prospective customers, or their agents at the following office of the Companies: 200 Association Drive, Charleston, WV 25311. A copy of this tariff is also available to all customers, prospective customers, or their agents on the website of the Companies: www.appalachianpower.com/account/bills/rates/APCORatesTariffsWV.aspx

Any customer wishing to receive a reduced-size copy of the tariff can telephone toll-free at 800-982-4237, request such a copy, and provide the necessary mailing information, and a copy will be mailed to the customer. A copy of this tariff is also available for public inspection at the office of the Executive Secretary of the PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION at 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia.

APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY
And WHEELING POWER COMPANY

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WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Division of Highways
NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Bids will be received electronically by the West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways through the Bid Express Bidding Service (www.bidx.com) and by sealed proposals (only when prequalification is waived) being received at its office in Building 5, Room 843, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East, Charleston, West Virginia, until July 11, 2023 at 10:00 AM (Eastern Standard Time). The bids will be downloaded and/or opened and read publicly thereafter for the constructions of the following project(s):

Call	Contract	State Project	Federal Project	Description
017	2022890002R2	S389-REC/AL-23. 00	STBG-2023(009)D	PAVEMENT MARKINGS D-9 RECALL STRIPING 2023 DISTRICT WIDE COUNTY: FAYETTE, GREENBRIER, NICHOLAS, OTHER

DBE GOAL: 7% OF CONTRACT BID AMOUNT. BIDDER MUST PROVIDE WRITTEN ASSURANCE OF MEETING GOAL ON FORM IN PROPOSAL.

REMARKS:

Proposals will be received from prequalified and West Virginia licensed contractors only except that on Federal-Aid Projects a contractors’ license is not required at time of bid, but will be required before work can begin. Registration is required with the Department of Administration, Division of Purchasing, in accordance with Chapter 5A, Article 3, Section 12 of the West Virginia Code. All contractors submitting bids on project(s) must include one of the following forms properly executed with each proposal: Proposal Guaranty Bond, Cashier’s Check, or Certified Check for \$500.00 or 5% of the total bid, whichever is greater.

The West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways reserves the right to defer, delay or postpone the date for receiving and publicly opening proposals for any project designated in this advertisement, without the necessity of renewing such advertisement. The deferment, delay, postponement, and the date that proposals will be received and publicly opened will be available on www.bidx.com.

The West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex or national origin in consideration for an award.

LEGAL

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF WEST VIRGINIA
CHARLESTON

CASE NO. 23-0377-E-ENEC
APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY and
WHEELING POWER COMPANY
Petition to initiate the annual review and update to the
ENEC rates currently in effect
and
CASE NO. 23-0393-E-ENEC
APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY and
WHEELING POWER COMPANY
Petition to initiate the Annual Review and to
Update the ENEC Rates Currently in Effect
and
CASE NO. 21-0339-E-ENEC
APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY and
WHEELING POWER COMPANY
Petition to initiate the Annual Review and to
Update the ENEC Rates Currently in Effect
NOTICE OF FILING AND HEARINGS

On April 28, 2023, Appalachian Power Company and Wheeling Power Company (jointly the Companies) filed their 2023 petition to initiate the annual review and update of Expanded Net Energy Cost (ENEC) rates. Also on April 28, 2023, Commission Staff filed, in Case Nos. 21-0339-E-ENEC and 22-0393-E-ENEC, the prudency review report written by Critical Technologies Consulting. The Commission initiated the 2023 ENEC and reopened the 2021 and 2022 ENECs on May 26, 2023.

The Companies are seeking an ENEC increase of \$641.7 million, including an under recovery balance of \$552.9 million, as of February 28, 2023, that the Commission deferred over the last three ENEC cases (deferral amount), and an estimated \$88.8 million in fuel costs for the current year. Under a traditional one-year recovery, the requested \$641.7 million in fuel costs would require an increase of approximately 37% over current revenues. In order to minimize the impact on customers, the Companies are instead proposing two alternative recovery mechanisms.

The first proposed option in the 2023 case would spread recovery of the deferral amount over three years and additionally raise rates by \$88.8 million to align ENEC costs with ENEC revenues. If this alternative recovery mechanism is approved, the average monthly bill for the various classes of customers will be changed as follows:

	(\$) Increase	(%) Increase
Residential	\$19.61	12.1%
Commercial	\$68.44	16.3%
Industrial	\$57,715	23.4%
Special Contracts	\$110,362	21.9%
Other	\$1.63	10.0%

The second proposed option utilizes securitization of the deferral amount and other cost items and raises rates by \$88.8 million to align ENEC costs with ENEC revenues. If this alternative recovery mechanism is approved, the average monthly bill for the various classes of customers will be changed as follows:

	(\$) Increase	(%) Increase
Residential	\$5.69	3.5%
Commercial	\$21.16	5.0%
Industrial	\$18,074	7.3%
Special Contracts	\$25,756	5.1%
Other	\$0.57	3.5%

Public comment hearings will be held on the following dates in the following locations: July 11, 2023 at 5:30 p.m., Cabell County Courthouse, County Commission Courtroom, 750 5th Ave., Huntington, WV; July 12, 2023 at 5:30 p.m., Mercer County Courthouse, Judge Sadler’s Courtroom, 2nd Floor 1501 W. Main Street, Princeton, WV; July 24, 2023 at 5:30 p.m., Howard M. Cunningham Hearing Room, 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, WV; and August 21, 2023 5:30 p.m., Ohio County Courthouse, Judge Cuomo’s Courtroom, 2nd Floor, 1500 Chapline Street, Wheeling, WV. An evidentiary hearing will be held on September 5, 2023, beginning at 9:30 a.m., in the Howard M. Cunningham Hearing Room at the Commission’s offices at 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, WV.

Anyone desiring to intervene and act as a party in Case No. 23-0377-E-ENEC should file a Petition to Intervene on or before June 30, 2023, complying with the rules on intervention set forth in the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure. Anyone desiring to protest should file a written protest as soon as possible although protests will be accepted throughout the pendency of all three proceedings. All written protests should briefly state the reason for the protest. All protests and Petitions to Intervene should state the case name and number and be addressed to Karen Buckley, Executive Secretary, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, WV 25323.

APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY and
WHEELING POWER COMPANY



CLUB & CHURCH

Greenbrier County CEOS hold Achievement Day



Marketing and Membership Committee Winners (left to right): Janice Welsh, Greenbrier County Marketing and Membership Committee Chair; Christine Peters, President Rupert CEOS; Mary Ellen Raines, President Tri-City CEOS; and Patty Gray, President Progressive CEOS.

On May 24, Greenbrier County Community Educational Outreach Service (CEOS) held their annual Achievement Day. The highlight of the program was having Mark Lilly from the Appalachian Headwaters to speak about bees and how we can protect them for future generations. Greenbrier County CEOS also planted a Butterfly Bush as part of the NVON Project in Common to protect and promote pollinators. They were also joined by Sinks Grove CEOS at their meeting.

Greenbrier County CEOS recognized clubs and members for their hard work in 2022. The Continuing Educational



Purposeful Reading Committee Winners (left to right): Liz DeLapp, Greenbrier County Purposeful Reading Chair; Janet Johnson, President Organ Cave CEOS; Patty Gray, President Progressive CEOS; and Christine Peters, President Rupert CEOS.

Committee awarded the following clubs for their work: Progressive CEOS, First Place; Organ Cave CEOS, Second Place; and Rupert CEOS, Third Place. The Marketing and Membership Committee recognized the following clubs for promoting their clubs and growing their membership: Tri-City CEOS, First Place; Rupert CEOS, Second Place; Progressive CEOS, Third place; and Fort Spring CEOS (Honorable Mention). The Purposeful Reading Committee presented award to the following clubs as well: Organ Cave CEOS, First Place; Rupert CEOS, Second Place; Progressive CEOS, Third Place; and Fort Spring CEOS and Williamsburg CEOS were awarded Honorable Mention.

CEOS members are always willing to help others and serve their communities. For 2022, Greenbrier County CEOS was recognized for 4,500 Volunteer Hours. Individual clubs were recognized for acquiring the following Volunteer Hours: Tri-City CEOS- 500; Tranquil Trail CEOS- 500; Williamsburg CEOS- 1,500; and Rupert CEOS- 2,000.

Patty Gray was recognized for 50 years of membership, and Virginia Hanna was recognized for 75 years of membership.

If you would like to join one of the local CEOS Clubs in Greenbrier County, please call the WVU Extension- Greenbrier County office at 304-647-7408.



Continuing Education Committee Winners (left to right): Christine Peters, President Rupert CEOS; Patsy Burns, Greenbrier County Continuing Education Chair; Janet Johnson, President Organ Cave CEOS; and Patty Gray, President Progressive CEOS.



Patty Gray, 50 year member of CEOS, current President of Progressive CEOS, and current Co-President of Greenbrier County CEOS.

Henning Church of God holds Ladies June meeting

The Ladies of the Henning Church of God held their regular monthly meeting, Tuesday, Jun. 13 in the church fellowship hall. Carole Spencer presided and Kim Brookman led in prayer.

Dyan Hefner presented the devotion. “Do you know anyone with hats?” Many years ago, women wore hats all of the time. Do you like hats? Hats are worn to be stylish, to keep our head warm, and for protection. Football helmets and motorcycle helmets have padding to protect the brain. The mind helps a person be aware of the world and experiences. We are all shaped by our thoughts. Everything begins in the mind. If our mindset changes, everything on the outside changes, which can be positive or negative. The mind plays a big part of our emotions. The battlefield of the mind must be guarded carefully by the helmet of salvation. (Ephesians 6:17) Don’t let certain thoughts take up vacancy in your mind. Certain things that control your mind could be considered an idol. Don’t conform to the world, do what is pleasing in God’s will, let Christ enter your heart and a dramatic change will take place. Renew your minds every day. (Roman 12:2) We also need to wear the breastplate of righteousness along with our helmet. Don’t invite unwelcome thoughts in, choose the armor of God. We are all going through challenges and this affects the head first. Be careful for nothing, but by prayer and supplication, let your requests be known to God. The peace of God shall keep your hearts and minds in Jesus Christ. (Philippians 4:6-7)

Kim Brookman brought us our missionary education report. She read several notes from missionaries that we have been praying for, including Tim and Joy Coppess from Botswana and Abby and Jason Torgeson from Costa Rica. She also read an article written by Abby Torgeson about serving the people in Costa Rica. She shared about Steve and Beverly Perry that are missionaries in Sri Lanka. Their primary duty is to help teach and train church leaders in the area. They were both from Kansas City, Kansas and rode the same school bus. Steve was the associate editor of Vital Christianity for some time and Peggy felt called to serve in missions. They met again at the North American Convention in 2006 and were married in 2007.

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

The group will serve the Maxwelton Ruritans on May 22. The group will also be doing the concession for the auction to be held at Velma Brackenrich’s home on Vago Road on Saturday, July 15. The group will be selling hot dogs with all the toppings and drinks. The group voted to stop collecting for the mile of pennies and donate the money. The group decided to cancel our July meeting. The church will be having Vacation Bible School, July 10-14, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. The Bible School will be a western theme.

The next meeting will be Aug. 8 and Marsha Merritt dismissed in prayer.

Attending were Alice Coff, Barb Seldomridge, Carole Spencer, Cindy Fleshman, Carol Spender, Donna Scott, Dyan Hefner, Jamie Harvey, Joan Vance, Kim Brookman, Marsha Merritt, Marty Burns, Pauline Perkins, Patty Owens, Peggy Seldomridge, and Sue Hunt.

SCHOOL

A.A. McLaughlin

Scholarships awarded

Gabriella Carr named to Dean’s List at MTSU

Middle Tennessee State University student Gabriella Carr of Lewisburg was named to the Dean’s List for the spring 2023 semester. Carr, who is majoring in Audio Production, was among 5,430-plus students who made the list.

To qualify for this distinction, an undergraduate student must maintain a current semester grade-point average of 3.5 or above and earn at least 12 semester hours.

Founded in 1911 as one of three state normal schools for teacher training, Middle Tennessee State University is one of the oldest and largest undergraduate universities in the state of Tennessee. With a fall enrollment averaging more than 21,000 students for the past several years, MTSU remains committed to providing individualized service in an exciting and nurturing atmosphere where student success is the top priority.



The winners of the AA McLaughlin scholarship are Trinity Grace Martin, Kailee Lynn Short, Cole Morgan Snyder, and Makayla Ann Walton. The award winners are shown with AJ Carr, husband of Mary Carr, who is Coach McLaughlin’s granddaughter.

MGCC Spring Honors Lists announced

Mountain Gateway Community College (MGCC) has announced its President’s and Vice President’s Lists for the Spring 2023 semester. To be named to the President’s List, a student must carry an academic load of 12 hours and have at least a 3.91 grade point average. To be named to the Vice President’s List, a student must carry an academic load of 12 hours and have at least a 3.25 grade point average.

President’s List:
White Sulphur Springs: Melvin Edward Hendricks, II

Vice President’s List:
Alderson: Austin Simmons
Caldwell: Kendall Dare Olexo
Lewisburg: Logan Eugene Hill
Ronceverte: Alantra Renee Williams
White Sulphur Springs: Devin R. Persinger

The AA McLaughlin scholarship was created in honor of AA McLaughlin who was a long-time high school teacher and a very successful coach at Alderson High School. He was the first athletic director at Greenbrier East. The scholarship annually is awarded to deserving Greenbrier East seniors who live in Alderson school district.

The very worthy award 2023 winners of the AA McLaughlin scholarship are Trinity Grace Martin, Kailee Lynn Short, Cole Morgan Snyder, and Makayla Ann Walton.

The scholarship was started in 2001 and the fund is administered by the Greater Greenbrier Community foundation. Since the awards

were first awarded in 2001, 44 scholarships for more than \$42,000 have been awarded to worthy Greenbrier East students. In the beginning, one \$500 scholarship was awarded. In 2023 four scholarships of \$1,200 each were awarded.

The scholarship board is very appreciative of those who have supported the fund over the years and allowed it to grow. Those wishing to make contributions should contact Ann Bowling Tuckwiller at the Greater Greenbrier Valley Foundation. Ann can be reached at info@gvfoundation.org, by calling 304-645-5620, or via mail at 109 Jefferson Street, Lewisburg, WV 24901.

Appalachian Lecture Series Concludes with Nationally Known Author



Participants in the Fermentation workshop with Sandor Katz display their auto-graphed jars of fresh sauerkraut. Sandor Katz, center, back.

Carnegie Hall’s Appalachian Lecture Series concluded on Friday, May 26 with a presentation by internationally known fermentation guru, Sandor Katz.

The Appalachian Heritage Series is a community forward set of lectures and workshops that present educational, cross-cultural opportunities to explore the diversity of arts in Appalachia. Programming includes events that cover a wide range of culinary, musical, and artistic pathways, with the objective of increasing community exposure to both the historical and emerging traditions of the region.

Designed around Carnegie Hall’s core mission concept of supporting lifelong learning through the arts, the Appalachian Heritage Series promotes hands-on workshops, lectures and screenings in an intimate and engaging environment that fosters open dialogue and encourages the recognition of common ground.

Sandor Katz is a native of New York City and a graduate of Brown University. In 1993, he



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• 1:30 - Sheila Carey James Astrologer
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• 2:45 - Sherry McLaughlin Intuitive Healer
Divine Mother Energy Messages

• 4:00 - Alaina Hower Farmer/Florist
Reconnecting with Nature

• 5:15 - Closing Circle

COST: Pre-Registration - \$65 - Before August 1, 2023
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Carnegie Hall to Celebrate 40 Years of Bringing the Arts to Life

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Carnegie Hall will kick off its 40th Anniversary Season with a summer block party on Church Street in downtown Lewisburg on Saturday, Jul. 29 from 5 to 9 p.m. Admission into the celebratory fundraiser is free with the musicbeing presented by the James F. B. Peyton Fund.

An open house featuring live art demonstrations, performances by local musicians, and archival exhibits throughout the historic building will take place from 5 to 7 p.m., followed by an outdoor evening party starting at 6 p.m.with music by Irresistible Groove. Food, drinks,

local beer, and wine will be available for purchase.

For more information, please visit www.carnegiehallwv.org/40th-

anniversary.

To purchase tickets, call Carnegie Hall Box Office at 304-645-7917, visit www.carnegiehallwv.org, or stop by

at 611 Church Street, Lewisburg.

Carnegie Hall Box Office is open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.



Sprouting Farms

Mobile Farmers Market

May-Oct 2023

Every Tuesday (Summers/Greenbrier Co)

11:00 am-1:00 pm: Hinton Park across from the Big Four Drug Store
Corner of 3rd Ave and Temple Street, Hinton, WV 25951

3:00 pm-6:00 pm: Alderson Farmers Market
1447 E Riverview Ave, Alderson, WV 24910

Wednesdays (Monroe Co)

(Every Wednesday)

10:00 am-12:00 pm: Union Senior Center
104 Health Center Dr, Union, WV 24983

(Only on 2nd Wednesdays)

1:00 pm-3:00 pm: Lindside Methodist Church
8998 Seneca Trail South, Lindside, WV 24951

(Wednesdays except for 2nd Wednesdays)

1:00 pm-3:00 pm: Old Gap Mills Country Store
8869 Sweet Springs Valley Road, Gap Mills, WV

(Every Wednesday)

4:00 pm-5:00 pm: Greenville Senior Manor
309 Greenville School Rd, Greenville, WV 24945

Every Thursday (Greenbrier Co)

1:00 pm-2:00 pm: Alderson Manor
336 Alderson Cemetery Rd, Alderson, WV 24910

3:00 pm-6:00 pm
White Sulphur Springs Farmers Market
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Renick Freedom Celebration

June 24, 2023

Schedule of Activities

8 - 10 a.m.	Pancake Breakfast at the Mount Hermon Methodist Church	2:00 p.m.	Live Music by Midland Trail Band
9:00 a.m.	HorseshoeTournament Sign-ups (Pitch ing begins immediately following)	2:00 p.m.	Corn Hole Tournament Sign-Ups with play to begin immediately following sign-up
10:30 a.m.	Parade Line-Up (Field across from Post Of fice, entrance to the field is across from Brownstown Road)	2:00 p.m.	Teddy Bear Parade (Bring your own teddy bear as we have a very limited supply)
11:30 a.m.	Parade Judging Begins	2:00 p.m.	Cake, Candy, Cookie, Pie and Bread Check-in
12:00 p.m.	Grand Parade	2:30 p.m.	Cake, Candy, Cookie, Pie and Bread Judging Begins - 1st Place \$50, 2nd Place \$30 and 3rd Place \$20
1:00 p.m.	Welcome and Special Recognitions	3:30 p.m.	Cookie Stacking Contest
1:30 p.m.	Live Music by the Renick C.O.G.	4:00 p.m.	Live Music By: Eddie John Duet
1:30 p.m.	“LUCKY DUCK” pick a duck for your chance to win a gift card - 1st place \$100, 2nd place \$75, 3rd place \$50, 4th place \$25, 5th place \$10 Prize. Drawing will be held at 7:45 p.m. (<i>Must be present to win.</i>) Prizes donated by Sarah Bostic	6:00 p.m.	Live Music By: New Horizons
1:30-4:30 p.m.	Hands on Activities for all ages	6:00 p.m.	Free Watermelon
		8:00 p.m.	Live Music By: Ben Hersman & The Sons of the Mountains
		10:00 p.m.	Fireworks
			All Activities are FREE and event will be held at the Renick Park. Sponsored by: The Town of Renick.Times are subject to change.



The Teddy Bear Parade is a popular tradition with the children



Former Grand Marshalls Lucille McMillion and Phyllis Taylor are pictured here at a previous Renick Freedom Festival



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