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Alderson Town Council hears update on water treatment plant, appoints fire chief

By Adam Pack

The Alderson Town Council met for a short but eventful session on Thursday, July 13. Main items on the agenda included updates on the city's ongoing plans to replace the water treatment plant, upcoming work on the city's water lines, and the appointment of a fire chief.

Representatives from the Thrasher Group said the water plant project is "90% ready to go, we have some geotech drilling to do, the town obviously has to pick a color, and we have some administrative approvals and regulatory things to deal with, but we expect that we will get those cleared and we're ready to go ahead."

The plant, which will be on Johnson Street and two lots above the current plant, is still in need of a geotechnical survey at the site of the deep water well. This geotechnical survey is done by drilling holes in order to find out whether or not there are "caves, pits, weak spots, just anything you wouldn't want to put a giant water well into." Thrasher explained that it is rare to find voids and caves on projects like this, but that it is required by law and that it's "better to be safe than sorry." The water lines project is quite a bit further away, unfortunately, but Aldersonians may see "dirt flying" by some point next year, according to Thrasher.

The fire department also sent the official tallies of their vote for Fire Chief to the city, which Mayor Travis Copenhaver read. By a vote of six to four, the Alderson Fire Department reelected Frankie Jones to the position of Fire Chief.

Before adjournment, Mayor Copenhaver briefed the town on some issues which arose during the Fourth of July parade festivities. Citizens of Alderson who wish to host yard sales must obtain a yard sale permit, however, "those yard sale permits do not in any way authorize the See "Alderson Town Council"__ Page 3

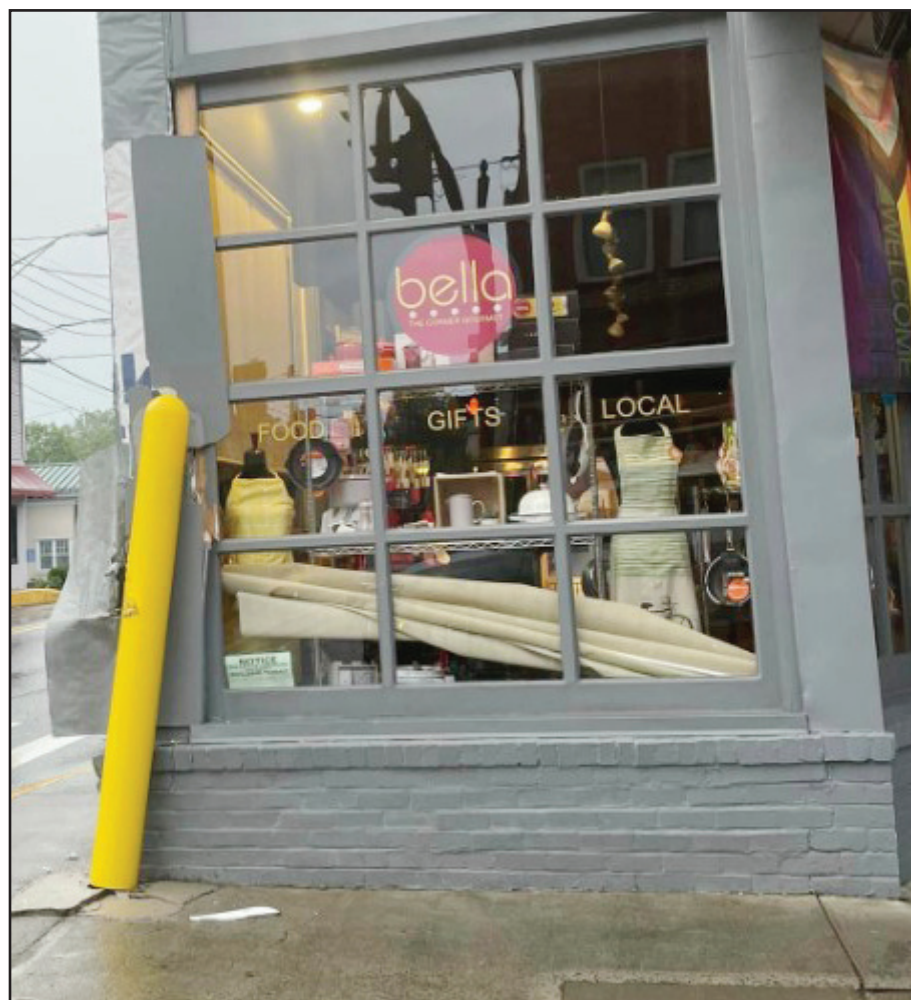
Lewisburg Council discusses 219 intersection woes, Bella's struck the next day

By Sarah Richardson

At the Tuesday meeting of the Lewisburg City Council, members discussed the recurring issues with large trucks failing to make the right-hand turn from Washington Street onto Rt. 219 and striking Bella the Corner Gourmet. Incidentally, in the early hours of the next morning, Bella's was struck again by a large truck.

Despite a bollard pole installed on the sidewalk, trucks hit the building or cause traffic jams while maneuvering the turn semi-frequently. The City has replaced the pole twice since its installation. Councilmember John Little reported that they have asked the Department of Highways "multiple times" to review traffic patterns at the intersection. "We've asked them multiple times to revisit that situation."

City Manager Misty Hill said, "We've actually had a meeting with the DOH [...] when the 'big hit' happened, hours after the big hit. And no response."



For the second time this year, Bella's has sustained a hit from a semi truck. The store is open for regular business hours following the incident. (Photo Bella the Corner Gourmet)

Hill said that a variety of city officials have received a packet containing information on the recurring damage to the building and requests to move the bollard to See "219 Intersection"__ Page 2

Airport Authority gains further information on charging stations, WV Air National Guard

By Adam Pack

At their Tuesday, July 18 regular meeting, The Greenbrier County Airport Authority had the privilege of seeing firsthand some preliminary drafts of possible designs for electric car and airplane charging stations at Greenbrier Valley Airport.

Representatives of Beta Technologies Incorporated attended and presented the design virtually to the authority, even demonstrating the use of the electric airplane charging station. The designs are tentative and represent the best positions to place the charging structures based on ease of access to existing electrical infrastructure. Beta explained that the charging of an electric plane would cost the user, "between \$25 and \$30" with the caveat that this is only an estimate arrived at from extrapolating from the cost of charging a current Tesla battery and that, "prices of course are going to be locally specific." The airport could stand to see more revenues than just the above quoted charging fee, as electric airplane users will still be subject to taxi and runway fees.

Jon McCalmont of Parrish & Partners has been working closely with Beta on the design phase of the charging station project and was also on hand to discuss the ongoing runway rehabilitation, another project he and his company are working on. While most updates McCalmont had for the authority were protected by executive privilege See "Airport Authority"__ Page 3



Hawk Knob Cidery acquires Greenbrier Valley Brewing Company

By Sarah Richardson

Hawk Knob Appalachian Hard Cider & Mead shared an exciting update on Thursday with the news that there will be a "resurgence of Greenbrier Valley Brewing." Josh Bennett, the owner and founder of Hawk Knob, said that they are signing the final papers this Monday to acquire GVBC, and they will be bringing back the four most popular GVBC beers. Devil Anse (IPA), Wild Trail (pale ale), Mothman (black IPA), and Braxxie (blonde ale) are all planned to return to the market.

"After the first four we plan to brew some other stuff on the small batch system," said Bennett. "And as soon as we have beer to serve, the taproom will be open." Bennett explained that they hope to get a tavern license for the GVBC taproom so guests can also purchase Hawk Knob Cider products, and a selection of guest taps. With a tavern license, they also plan to also serve some assorted foods.

"I'm really excited for the opportunity to bring these beers back into West Virginia," said Bennett, "and we look forward to being also to serve everyone in the tap room again." Hawk Knob is located at 2245 Blue Sulphur Pike in Lewisburg, and the GVBC taproom is located at 862 Industrial Park Road in Maxwelton. Hawk Knob currently offers tours and tastings at their location, and a variety of styles of locally grown artisanal hard cider and seasonal meads.



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Officer Rodriguez promoted to Corporal



Corporal Rigoberto Rodriguez (second from right) stands with his brother (far right), Police Chief Teubert (left), and Mayor Beverly White (center). (Lewisburg Police Department photo)

At the latest meeting of Lewisburg City Council, Lewisburg Police Department Patrolman Rigoberto Rodriguez was promoted to the rank of Corporal. Rodriguez was joined by Chief Teubert, fellow officers, and his brother, who is a Deputy with the Greenbrier County Sheriff's Department, and performed the badge pinning.

August Food Truck Festival canceled

By Sarah Richardson

Officials with the Ronceverte Food Truck Festival announced earlier this week that the anticipated August festival has been canceled. Originally scheduled for the first weekend in August, it would have been the last festival of the 2023 season. However, plans are already in the works for the festival to continue with dates next summer.

"We are hoping to continue the festival next year after taking some time to rest, regroup, and plan," states the announcement. "It has been a joy introducing this event to the community, and we thank everyone who came to check it out and support the cause."

Keep an eye on the Ronceverte Food Truck Festival Facebook page for more information as it becomes available.



‘Text to 911’ now available in Monroe County

Monroe County 911 Center, the Monroe County Commission, and Indigital (Texty) launched their new collaborative “Text to 911” system on Wednesday, in which users will be able to send text messages to 911 dispatchers, enabling them to request help when a phone call isn’t possible.

This means that if you are within the Monroe County limits, you will be able to text 911 in an emergency.

“Calling 911 is still the fastest way to get help,” said 911/Office Emergency Services Director Richard Miller. “Texting takes longer than talking on the phone, and location tracking technology is not the same with texting 911 as with a phone call. Also, voice calls allow for dispatchers to hear background noise that could provide critical information.” Calling is Director Miller’s preferred method of requesting help.

“However, there are many situations where someone is unable to make a voice call for help, and that’s where Text-to-911 comes in,” said Director Miller. “Text-

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the outside of the sidewalk so large trucks cannot make that turn.

“Unfortunately, we cannot agree to that request for a couple of reasons,” explained Hill. “One is that it would no longer make the sidewalk ADA compliant, and also, in that sidewalk, is a large amount of electrical wires, and we can’t dig there.”

“I believe its common thought that the city is unwilling to do anything, and I don’t think people understand it’s the DOH,” said Little. “That’s my opinion.”

Lewisburg Police Chief Teubert followed in saying Little was “100 percent correct, it’s a state highway.”

Hill explained that the City also has no control over the traffic lights in front of Wal-Mart for this same reason, they are state-maintained. Chief Teubert said that the police and fire departments report traffic problems to the DOH frequently, including when Bella’s is hit and when problems with traffic patterns occur. He said they have the county supervisor “on speed dial, and that’s no exaggeration” as they have been contacting him almost weekly. He reports that the traffic lights are programmed in Charleston, not locally, that they have sent people out six times just this year.

“Locally, the DOH is trying, but it’s just too many cars for one road,” said Teubert. “There is an issue with the lights, but that comes out of Charleston. But we do try.”

Local 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 cit-

ed 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 Gassaway, 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 Green-

to-911 is a great resource for people who are deaf or hard of hearing, have a speech disability, or having a medical emergency where they are unable to speak on the phone. It is also helpful for situations where it may not be safe for someone make a voice call because it would attract attention, such as during a home burglary or domestic violence situation.”

The Director points out that if callers choose to text 911, it is important to include the location of the emergency and type of emergency in the first text message, to get help as soon as possible.

How it works:

- Enter the numbers 911 into the “to” field.
- In the first message, text the location and type of emergency.
- Text in plain English, without abbreviations or slang.
- Respond to questions from the 911 dispatcher.
- Follow instructions the same as a voice call.
- If you accidentally send a text to 911, send a reply indicating that you have made a mistake.

Text-to-911 is for use in an emergency only. Promptly answer questions so 911 dispatchers can determine that there is no emergency and you are not in danger. The 911 Center does have the abilities to tract/trace the call after texting 911.

If you do not receive a text response from 911, contact 911 another way. As with all text messages, texts to 911 may take longer to receive, may get out of order, or may not be received at all. You must have mobile phone and wireless carrier that allows you to send and receive text messages for text-to-911 to work.

Most all major cell phone carriers are participating in Monroe County, including: AT&T, Verizon, T-Mobile, US Cellular, and Major VOIP vendors (Internet phone service).

What happens if I try to text 911 in an area where texting 911 isn’t available?

You will receive an automated reply stating that Text-to-911 is not available in the area, and you will need to reach 911 another way.

Can I send photos or videos via text to the dispatchers?

Photos and videos cannot be sent to 911 centers at this time.

For more information, including other frequently asked questions, visit: Follow on Facebook at “Monroe County 911” <https://www.facebook.com/MonroeCountyWV911>, Call non-emergency number 304/772-

3912 or email at rmiller@monroecountywv.gov, tfox@monroecountywv.gov, ydavis@monroecountywv.gov.

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brier 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.”

WV Department of Arts, Culture and History seeks entries for 2023 Juried Exhibition

The West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History (WVDACH) is announcing a call for entries for its 23rd biennial West Virginia Juried Exhibition. The show will be on display at the Culture Center in Charleston. Since 1979, the exhibition has celebrated the exceptional talents and creativity of Mountain State artists.

Submissions for the exhibit in the form of digital images on CD or USB flash drive are currently being accepted through Friday, Aug. 11. Artists may submit two pieces for the exhibition with a limit of three digital images per entry. Entry forms and properly identified images must be accompanied by a non-refundable fee of \$20 per piece. Make check payable to West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History. Digital images can be mailed to WVDACH, West Virginia Juried Exhibition (WVJE) 2023, The Culture Center, 1900 Kanawha Blvd., E., Charleston, WV 25305-0300, hand-delivered to the Culture Center at the State Capitol Complex, or emailed to Rachel Keeney, exhibits coordinator. Image file sizes must be small enough to be received through email, an entry form must be included, and entry fee will still need to be mailed to the department.

Eligible entries include works created in the past two years in the areas of painting, sculpture, printmaking, drawing, photography, digital art, mixed media and crafts.

Entrants must be over the age of 18 and must be residents of or maintain a permanent residence in West Virginia. Entrants

also must complete a WVDACH Artists’ Register form and submit six slides or digital images representative of current work for the file at the department. The images submitted for the Artists’ Register are not used in jurying entries into the exhibition.

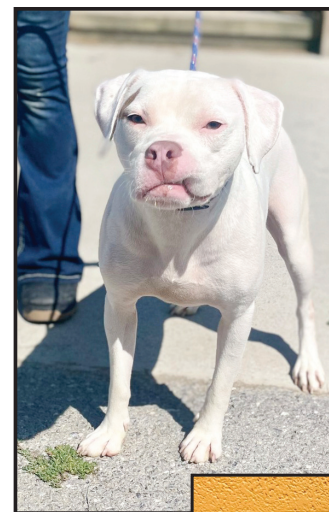
A prospectus for the exhibit is available online at <https://wvculture.org/agencies/museums/>.

The department will present up to \$33,000 in awards for the exhibition. The awards are made available through the West Virginia Commission on the Arts and the WVDACH through funds appropriated by the West Virginia Legislature and the National Endowment for the Arts. Awards may include three \$5,000 Governor’s Awards (purchase awards), seven \$2,000 Awards of Excellence (purchase awards) and eight \$500 Merit Awards (non-purchase awards). Works receiving Purchase Awards become part of the West Virginia State Museum’s permanent art collection.

The exhibit will open at the Culture Center with an awards ceremony and reception at 2 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 5, 2023, and remain on display through Feb. 10, 2024. The exhibit showcases the work of state artists and craftspeople and provides the public with a comprehensive view of art and craft activities in the state.

For more information about submitting your entries or signing up for the artists’ register, contact Keeney at 304-558-0220, ext. 128 or Rachel.M.Keeney@wv.gov.

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Darwin is a four-month-old male domestic shorthair

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

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

Call 304-645-4775 for more information.

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

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Briefly

Frankford School Picnic

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located at 496 Island Park, Ronceverte, is open to the public, all welcome, handicap accessible. Listeners and tourists welcome. Admission \$7 Tuesday nights, \$10 Saturday - Audience provides food. Doors open at 7 p.m. Jam & Dance every Tuesday 7 to 10 p.m. **July 22 Dance features Johnny King & Friends 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.

Celebrating 100th Birthday

Virginia Hanna is celebrating her 100th birthday, Sunday, July 23 at the Mt. Hermon Methodist Church in Renick from 1 to 4 p.m. All friends and relatives are invited for refreshments.

Spaghetti Dinner July 29

There will be a Spaghetti Dinner during the Williamsburg Community Fair on Saturday, July 29 from 4 to 7 p.m. Come out and enjoy garlic bread, salad, dessert, and a beverage for \$10 for adults, \$5 for children under 12, and children under 5 eat free.

Fort Spring Pike closing

County Route 43, Fort Spring Pike, will be closed to through traffic from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m., starting Monday, July 24, through Friday, July 28, while repairs are made to the Fort Spring Bridge. Alternate routes will be in place during this time. The preferred detoured routes are from the north side of the bridge follow County Route 43, Fort Spring Pike, one mile to the intersection of West Virginia 63, Highland Trail. From the south side of the bridge follow County Route 43, Fort Spring Pike, south for six miles to the Intersection of West Virginia 3, Wayside Creamery Road at Sinks Grove.

Motorists are asked to observe all traffic control signs and devices and use caution while traveling around the work zone.

Inclement weather or unforeseen circumstances may change the project schedule.

'Go D.O.' program gives West Virginia Wesleyan students path to early acceptance at WVSOM

Abigail Patterson, of Charleston, WV, was in her sophomore year of high school when she discovered her passion for medicine. Today, Patterson is a student at West Virginia Wesleyan College in Buckhannon, WV, and a participant in the "Go D.O." Early Scholars Program, which allows Wesleyan students to be accepted to medical school at the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine (WVSOM) before they begin undergraduate studies.

Students who plan to attend Wesleyan as a biology or biochemistry major in hopes of later entering medical school at WVSOM can apply to the Go D.O. program during their senior year of high school. Participants who go on to successfully complete program requirements

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vending of prepared food. That becomes a health department issue, as those are different permits completely." Furthermore, there is no regulation or permit system in place for parking, so those individuals interested in selling parking spaces on their property may do so at their discretion.

The Alderson Town Council meets on the second Thursday of every month at 7:30 p.m. in the Alderson City Hall Building and will meet again on Aug. 10. The public is encouraged to attend. Interested parties should call ahead to confirm time and date of meeting at 304-445-2916, as times and dates of meetings are subject to change.

Airport Authority

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and not shared with the public, he could state that the project is in a bit of a fiscal waiting period. "We're currently done with and have submitted the OST Release, which when approved will release the funds we need. Basically, the project is in the grant process, but the latter stages. Once we get approved, we will have those funds and that could be really any day now. Once we get them, we can actually begin getting this project to construction, but we're hoping it's soon, as we would ideally like to be putting pavement on the ground in mid-September."

In other news, Airport Director Martha Livesay announced that the West Virginia Air National Guard will soon be using LWB as their training port. Livesay explained that the 130th Wing of the WV Air National Guard (ANG) will be training personnel at LWB using the J-model of C-130. ANG Leadership is very pleased with the opportunity to train at a less crowded port than they previously had access to, and Livesay reports that the leadership of the WV ANG "really seems to love the outdoorsy nature of the area and the port itself." The airport runway narrowing project is known to top brass at the WV ANG and does not represent an obstacle to any of their operations. The only request they made is for the painting of "assault strips," or very small portions of runway which will train the ability of pilots to deliver men and or material into adverse conditions and with less than ideal runway space. These could be as small as 60' by 150'.

The Greenbrier County Airport Authority meets on the third Tuesday of every month at 2 p.m. in the West Virginia State Fair Administrative Building conference room. The public is encouraged to attend, but to call ahead first at 304-645-3961, as times and dates are subject to change.

For the Record

Deeds

David R. Stacks and Judith A. Stacks to Daniel Collins and Jessica Collins, Lot No. 5, Fort Spring Tax District, Central Magisterial District
Marshall Hoke and Samantha Wyi Martin to Tiffany Rochelle Dauwel, 14.8052 Acres, Falling Springs District
Debbie P. Richard to Wallace B. Hale and Catherine J. Hale, 0.607 Acre, Falling Springs Corporation District
Wanda B. Mann to L. Wayne Hinkle, Lot No. 13, Roy G. Reynolds Subdivision, Frankford District
Judith Landis and Misty E. Berry to Marcus H. Berry and Misty E. Berry, Lot 135 Rds., White Sulphur District, White Sulphur Municipality
Demetria Graham to Steven Pintzuk, 0.32 acre, Town of White Sulphur Springs, Anthony Creek District
Rebecca J. Sarver to Keith Steven Sarver, Lots Nos. 2 and 3, Ronceverte Municipality
Michael Jerry Roberts to Kayla Marie Roberts, 33.66 Acres, Falling Springs District
Kathy L. Stewart to Steven B. Cole, 1.00 Acre, Lewisburg District
Rejetta M. Church to Lorena L. Musser, Lot No. 21 and 21A, Hamilton Place Addition, White Sulphur Springs District
Carolyn M. Hicks to Gary C. Bennett, 0.12 Acre, Town of Rainelle, Meadow Bluff District

Suits

In Re: The Marriage of: Jasmine Rochelle Smith and Steven Mark Smith
In Re: The Marriage of: Lesley Carol Vines and James Howard Vines
In Re: The Marriage of: Michael J. Roberts and Angeli L. Roberts
In Re: The Marriage of: Donny Lee Manuel and Araceli Ortiz
In Re: The Marriage of: Margie Marie Tingler and Michael Wayne Tingler

Marriages

Wesley Aaron Hughart, White Sulphur Springs to Viame Atesora Dorilag, White Sulphur Springs
Adam Matthew Clark, Lewisburg to Amanda Ann Hedrick, Lewisburg
Austin Michael Bennett, Sinks Grove to Jasmine Raven Smith, Sinks Grove

Greenbrier County Magistrate Court Convictions

Luther Wright, Lewisburg, driving suspended/revoked, NCP, fine \$100
Duane A. Derfus, Alderson, driving while license suspended or revoked, NCP, fine \$100
Jackie L. Garrison, Lewisburg, no seatbelt, GP, fine \$25
Breanna Renee Moody, Lewisburg, open burning of refuse, NCP, fine \$50
Luther B. Wright, Lewisburg, driving while license suspended or revoked, NCP, fine \$100
Luther Benjamin Wright, Caldwell, 1) defective equipment, NCP, fine \$25; 2) driving while license suspended or revoked, fine \$100
Luther B. Wright, Caldwell, driving while license suspended or revoked, NCP, fine \$100
Monica Dawn Walker, Alderson, petit larceny, NCP, jail 10 days - suspended and placed on 9 months unsupervised probation

Gov. Justice announces \$2.6M awarded in Justice Reinvestment Initiative Treatment Supervision grants

Gov. Jim Justice recently announced that he has awarded \$2,611,200 in West Virginia Justice Reinvestment Initiative Treatment Supervision (JRI-TS) grant funds to 13 projects.

These funds will be used to support the continued operation of treatment supervision programs throughout the state.

Among those receiving funds is the Greenbrier County Commission in the amount of \$78,490. These funds will be utilized to support the continued operation of a treatment supervision program in Greenbrier County.

These funds are provided by the State of West Virginia and are administered by the Justice and Community Services (JCS) Section of the Division of Administrative Services (DAS).

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.

Greenbrier 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.

during their time at Wesleyan don't have to take the MCAT exam that is typically mandatory for acceptance to medical school.

After learning of the Go D.O. program and researching WVSOM, Patterson decided that osteopathic medicine - which views each patient as a unit of body, mind and spirit - was a good fit for her medical interests.

"I knew I wanted to be a doctor, and having guaranteed acceptance seemed like an ideal opportunity. When I looked into WVSOM and learned what a D.O. is, I found I liked the school's approach and the principles of osteopathic medicine. I like that it focuses on whole-person health and that one part of the body can influence the health of another part. It's an exciting way to think about medicine."

As a private/public education partnership, the Go D.O. program, which launched in 2021, was one of the first of its kind in West Virginia. WVSOM and West Virginia Wesleyan share a dedication to science, service and holistic education, said Ronnie Collins, WVSOM's director of admissions.

"This is a unique program, as we're taking graduating high school seniors who will be attending Wesleyan,

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Grin and BEAR It

By Karen Cohen

A call comes into a local police department somewhere...where it is, however, is not important, it could be anywhere, even in our town. The woman caller is distraught and angry. She wants to report that her property has been vandalized and theft is involved. The police send out a car with two officers. They arrive to find this woman standing in her driveway. One officer, notepad in hand, says, "Ok, ma'am. We got a report that your home has been vandalized. Can you tell us what happened?" Nearly fainting from hyperventilating, she says, "My tulips! My tulips that I planted when we moved here last year have been stolen." The officer repeats and writes, "Your tulips have been stolen." She exclaims, "Yes!" "How many tulips have been stolen?" This time she yells so all the neighbors can hear, "Every single one of them have been stolen, over 50 or more!"

The trio walks to the side yard that lines the long driveway, the officer says, "Can you show us where this occurred?" She runs over to a spot that has plenty of greenery but no flowers, "Right here," she shouts, "all along this path! Do you see, there are no tulips?" Breathing a subtle sigh, the officer prods further, "When did you notice that your tulips were gone?" "Well," she takes a deep breath, "Last night I watered this whole flower bed. This morning, I came out and found every last one of my tulips' flowers are completely gone, snapped off of every stem. Gone! I want to find out who did this horrible act!"

The officers shuffle a bit as they glance at one another for a minute trying to decide which one of them will break the news to this "victim." "Well ma'am, it is our experienced guess, just a good hunch, that because your yard backs up to a golf course, that the perpetrator that did the deed, probably more than one. It was... deer." The woman lifts up her sunglasses to look the officers directly eye to eye, "How could deer remove every single tulip bloom with no sign of anything else disturbed?!" "Ma'am, you will learn that deer love tulips, hostas, daylilies, roses, and more. They eat flowers," explains one officer and the other one replies, trying not to chuckle, "Deer live right in those woods that surround the golf course. Can't stop them."

They fold up their notepads and start back to their patrol car. Slightly embarrassed, she concluded to herself that she cannot report theft by deer, nor can she file a claim against the raccoon posse that turned her garbage can into a buffet of leftover bones mixed in with plastic bags two weeks ago on trash collection day. "Sorry to bother you, officers. I will never plant tulips again," she utters as if they might care. "Yup, or roses, or daylilies, or hostas. Check out a list on what deer love to eat and you'll find a whole lot more! Have a good day!" They drive off.

This real story, (it was my sister's tulips), came back to my memory yesterday when I opened my kitchen curtains in the morning to find a similar situation. Similar in that I believe the perpetrator was not human. Out my window, I noticed a swarm of angry bald-faced hornets outside around our mudroom roofline. Then I saw their huge papery nest

hanging by a few threads to the roof. It had been torn apart and they were pretty upset. Since I have been stung repeatedly by these \$@%^(^ wasps years ago, I knew very well to not go outside and approach them or their damaged nest. My husband and I searched the internet for a safe way to get rid of these highly dangerous flying insects. Hosing them with water was not a good idea, that makes them even madder. We determined that we would have to wait until dark and spray them with hornet insecticide. Normally we don't kill many insects, but these flying assassins were hurriedly trying to rebuild their nest and this was not mutually agreed upon with the homeowners - us!

The next blow came when we noticed that nearby, our trash containers had been turned over. Shreds of the plastic bags along with litter lined a straight trail into the woods. Since we compost all our veggie scraps, edibles like chicken bones, packaging from frozen salmon, and non-recyclable plastic were the now emptied contents of our trash. All of the stinky stuff was spread out on the back lawn. The plot was unraveling slowly.

Closer examination revealed that the dangling hornet's nest was attached on the back side to the large 4' x 7' glass window on the north side of our mudroom, and tucked under the eave so it was safe from rain. It was only then that we detected, to our shared horror, that the glass had a long fracture starting at the hornet's nest running vertically to the bottom of the window pane. It didn't take a detective to conclude: a bear, could be any bear, had decided after rummaging through our trash that there was a hornet nest within its reach. And reach for it, he did! And with that motion, he knocked into the glass. My husband exclaimed in initial doubt, "How could a bear reach that nest at the first floor roofline?!" I illustrated with my hands held up high over my head, "A bear standing as tall as you could do that."

Mutual gasp. With racing thoughts and heartbeats, we quickly consulted the internet a second time and typed: "Do bears eat hornets?" It was a common fact that bears love honey, but what the heck did stinging hornets have to offer a hungry bear? Ahh, the facts, just the facts, ma'am. Bears eat hornet larvae. Our eyes widened as we pondered that.

We, like so many homeowners across America, have been sharing our space with all kinds of hidden critters, some tame and harmless, some ornery, some crepuscular, some little and others large, whether we like it or not. Could we be the invaders or are they? Depends on who's doing the asking! What's the solution? Stay safe, run when necessary from danger, research and ask friends, and vent (not to the authorities) when you have to, continue to explore, and learn more about nature. Really, it is best to accept that this life is one big ride guaranteed to have some bumps, bears, bees and other assorted potholes in the road.

(Karen Cohen writes from her garden journals. Send your garden stories, comments and tips to natureswaykaren@gmail.com. And Happy Gardening!)

Hollowell Dawkins Foundation announces 2023 Grant Awards

The Board of Directors of Hollowell Dawkins Foundation, Inc. awarded grants totaling \$732,016 to 64 local organizations in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023.

Grants awarded by the Hollowell Dawkins Foundation to date total \$12,456,292.57.

Recipients of this year's grant awards are as follows: Bethlehem Farm, Carnegie Hall, CASA of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit, Central Greenbrier Little League, Children's Home Society, Communities in Schools of Greenbrier County, Davis-Stuart, Eastern Greenbrier Middle School Football, Family Refuge Center, Family Resource Network, Clintonville Volunteer Fire Department, Fairlea Volunteer Fire Department, Lewisburg Volunteer Fire Company, Quinwood Volunteer Fire Department, Ronceverte Volunteer Fire Department, Rupert Volunteer Fire Department, Williamsburg Volunteer Fire Department, Frankford Autumnfest Corporation, Friends of Feral and Homeless Cats and

Kittens, Gateway Industries, Greenbrier Community School, Greenbrier County Emergency Ambulance, Greenbrier County Energy Express, Greenbrier East Choir, Greenbrier East Color Guard, Greenbrier East Project Graduation, Greenbrier East Wrestling, Greenbrier Girls Softball League, Greenbrier Historical Society, Greenbrier Humane Society, Greenbrier River Fly Fishing Classic, Greenbrier Valley Theatre, Greenbrier West Career and Technical Education, Greenbrier West Baseball, Greenbrier West Physical Education/Health, High Rocks Educational Corporation, Joyful Noise After School Program, City of Lewisburg, Lewisburg Fairlea Food Locker, Lewisburg Foundation, Lewisburg Literary Group, Make-A-Wish Foundation, Marvel Center, New River Community & Technical College Foundation, Northern Greenbrier Latchkey Kids, Pack a Snack, Rainelle Food Pantry, Read Aloud WV, Ronceverte Lions Club, Ronceverte Raiders

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ing your completed grant application form, please include a copy of your Internal Revenue Service tax exemption letter; your budget for at least the two most recent years and your income statement and balance sheet for the current year. Applications are accepted any time delivered to 1022 Washington Street East or by mail; no electronic submissions are accepted. Grant awards are made in June each year. Applications must be received by Apr. 1, 2024 to be considered at the June 2024 Board meeting.

Awards are made in memory of Otto Hollowell, Margaret Ford Hollowell and John R. Dawkins and as a tribute to their philanthropic efforts throughout the Greenbrier Valley. It is the primary mission of the Foundation to promote and enhance the quality of life of the citizens of the Greenbrier Valley by supporting projects that sustain and advance educational, scientific, literary, recreational and cultural endeavors.

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Benjamin Tyson Honaker



Ronceverte-Benjamin Tyson Honaker passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, June 22, 2023 at the age of 42.

Ben was raised in Ronceverte and was very passionate about everything he did. He was a member of the Trinity United Methodist Church in Ronceverte and loved to help coach kids in any sport. Benjamin was always two steps ahead of everyone, with his quick wit and he could have sold rocks with his silver tongue. He was very outgoing and loved to be the center of the room. He was hard-headed with tons of dreams that he unfortunately didn't get a chance to fulfill.

Benjamin loved life, his family and children, the New York Jets (always hopeful that this would be their year). Ben's favorite color was blue, and he loved his fitted hats (Lids), looking and smelling nice, and he had a smile that lit up a room. His laugh and passionate self will forever be missed.

Ben graduated from Greenbrier East in 1998 and believed there was nothing he couldn't do. He was ready to tackle any building project and was anxious to start working in his new plumbing profession (he had recently received his certification and couldn't wait to pursue it).

Those left to forever miss him are his wife, Lena Hardiman Honaker, Fairlea; his children, Season Raine, and Everlea Frances (Trish Tolliver); stepson, Ayden Hardiman, and Mila Rose (Madonna Hughart), White Sulphur Springs; his mother, Melanie Miller Lampkin, White Sulphur Springs; and his beloved aunt, Tricia Mitchell (Mark), Pembroke Pines, FL, and Lewisburg; his half-brother, Zackary Honaker, Fort Walton Beach, FL; and step-sister, Andrea Panther, Covington, VA; as well as step-brother, Steven Damon, Lewisburg) and step-sister, Kizzy Damon, Roanoke; and aunt Debra Ramsey, Lewisburg; as well as uncles, Delbert "BooBoo" Honaker (Karen), Centreville, VA, John "Bucky" and Cheyenne Honaker, Glace, WV and Melvin "Teedy" Honaker, Ronceverte; and many nieces, nephews and cousins with a special fondness for cousin, Becky Daniels (Kendrick Carter), Pembroke Pines, FL.

The Angels waiting to greet Benjamin are his baby son, Bishop; his great-grandmother, Frances Helms, Ronceverte; Nana, Dorothy Miller White Sulphur Springs; grandparents, Patricia and Leonard Honaker, Sr., White Sulphur Springs; father, Leonard H. Honaker, Jr., Fort Walton Beach, FL; uncle Larry "King" Honaker; aunts, Cathy Martin, Lewisburg and Linda Honaker, Ronceverte.

It is only knowing that God has taken Benjamin to do His Holy work now from Heaven, that is giving comfort to his family. Service will be at 2 p.m. on Sunday, July 23, at Wallace & Wallace in Lewisburg. Friends may call one hour prior to the service.

In lieu of flowers, donations for funeral expenses may be made to Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home or sent to \$sea4escape on CashApp directed for his daughters.

Please send online condolences by visiting www.WallaceandWallaceFH.com.

Eleanor Ednacot



Gainesville, FL-Eleanor Ednacot, long time resident of Lewisburg, passed away on June 22nd, 2023 after a short illness at Shands hospital in Gainesville, Florida.

She is survived by her loving husband, Romeo R. Ednacot, MD, of Lewisburg; daughters, Sheila Ednacot Amster of Huntersville, NC, Katina Gurney Ednacot of Nashville, TN and Tish Kabalan Ednacot of Lexington, KY; sons, Gilbert Ednacot of Nashville, TN, Richie Ednacot of Lexington, KY, and Elliot Amster of Huntersville, NC; grandchildren, Noah Sean Parmer, Tod Gurney Ednacot, Sophia Joy Ednacot and Jonathan Romeo Ednacot.

A memorial service will be held in Lewisburg, WV, at the Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home on Saturday, July 22, 2023 from 2 to 4 p.m.

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

Erica Wanda Kaptis



White Sulphur Springs

-Erica Wanda Kaptis, 36, gained her heavenly wings on Wednesday, July 12, 2023 at her residence.

She was born Nov. 27, 1986 in Ronceverte, the daughter of Patricia Boggs and the late Charles W. Alexander.

Erica was a wife, mother, sister and daughter; she attended White Sulphur Springs Pentecostal Holiness Church.

Other than her father Erica was preceded in death by her sister, Charlene Alexander; grandmother, Rayma Boggs and grandfather, Dwight Boggs, Sr.; aunt, Joyce Spence and uncle, Jackie Boggs.

Those left to cherish her memory are her husband, Charles P. Kaptis; sons, Remington and Colton; stepdaughter, Carson; mother; Patricia Boggs; and grandmother, Vernie Alexander all of White Sulphur Springs;

sister, Pamela Mentz (Robert, Jr.) of Jones Mountain; aunts, Wanda Dowdy (Phil) of White Sulphur Springs, Margaret Cook (Jeff) of Covington, VA, Robin Terry (Kurt) of White Sulphur Springs, Dorothy Dowdy (Lewis) of Glace, Hilda Mayo (Waylon) of Covington, VA; uncles, Danny Boggs (Elizabeth) of Glace and Dwight Boggs, Jr. (Phyllis) of Roanoke, VA; nieces, Jenny Sizemore and Sarah Mentz; special cousin, Alexandria Dowdy; father-in-law, Steve Kaptis of Covington, VA; and a host of other nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Erica's funeral services were held on Monday, July 17, at the Wallace & Wallace Funeral Chapel in White Sulphur Springs where Pastor Gene Sizemore officiated. Interment followed in the Feury Cemetery, Tuckahoe Road, White Sulphur Springs.

The family received their family and friends Monday at the funeral home before the service.

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

Joan L. Collins

Lewisburg - Joan L. Collins, 89, passed away Wednesday, July 12, 2023.

Joan was born Mar. 9, 1934 in Vago, WV.

Joan was a loving mother and grandmother. Her children and grandchildren meant the world to her.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Fairlea and was a retired waitress from The Greenbrier Hotel.

Joan was preceded in death by a granddaughter Caitlin Collins and several brothers and sisters.

Survivors include sons, Billy Collins, Jr. and wife Diane of Lewisburg and Curtis Collins (former wife Vicky Collins) of North Carolina; grandchildren, J. Lee Collins, Brandon Collins and Dalton Collins; great-grandchildren, Makayla Collins, Oliver Collins and Oaken Collins; and her longtime companion, Mike Noe.

At her request, she donated her body to the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

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James Abe Billings, Jr.



Rainelle-James Abe Billings, Jr., passed away Thursday, July 13, 2023, at his home.

Born Jan. 25, 1955, in

Dover, D, the son of the late James Abe Billings, Sr. and Doro Eileen Boothe Smith.

Mr. Billings had worked for Ford Motor Company.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his children, Nicholas, Amy and Lilly Billings and a brother, Jerry Billings.

Survivors include his son, James A. Billings III, companion, Crystal Grimmett; brother, Dennis Billings (Lena); sisters, Tammy Spurlock (Gary) and Rebecca Ensor (John); aunt, Pam Tolley (Stanley); and grandchildren, Jessica, and Leah Bazen.

It was Mr. Billings' wish to be cremated, there will be no service at this time.

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

Regina Kay Bennett



Maxwelton-Regina Kay Bennett, 84, passed away Friday, July 14, 2023, at her son's home in Millville, NJ.

Born Oct. 10, 1938, in Frankford, she was the daughter of the late Alex and Mary Gray Hinkle Livesay.

Ms. Bennett worked as a Medical Assistant and was a member of the Frankford United Methodist Church.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Larry Andrew Bennett; brother, Lewis Livesay; and daughter-in-law, Tracy Bennett.

Survivors are sons, Michael Bennett (Wendy) of Millville, NJ and Mark Bennett of Kansas City, MO; brothers, Pete Livesay (Carolyn), Wayne Livesay and Terry Livesay (Debbie); sister, Laura Bryant; grandchildren, Michael Bennett, Jr., Jason Bennett, Wayne Bennett, and Tiffany Bennett; eight great-grandchildren, several nieces, and nephews.

Funeral service will be at 1 p.m., Monday, July 24, at the Morgan Funeral Home Chapel. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service, Monday, at the funeral home. Burial will follow the service in the

Frankford Cemetery.

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

Davie Feury



White Sulphur Springs

-Davie "Clyde" Feury, 76, passed away Monday, July 17, 2023 at Lewis-Gale Medical Center in Salem, VA.

Born Feb. 17, 1947 at Hollywood, WV, he was a son of the late Elba Clyde Feury and Virginia Dare Hoke Feury.

Clyde was a Christian by faith and was a retired timber cutter.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a daughter, Thelma Virginia Mullens; a son, Darrell Preston Feury; sister, Glenna Mae Bostic and brother, Preston Hoke.

He is survived by a daughter, Tina Feury of Hopewell, VA; son, Clyde "David" Feury (Jennifer) of White Sulphur Springs; six grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and one on the way.

Funeral service will be at 12 noon Monday, July 24, at Wallace & Wallace Funeral Chapel in White Sulphur Springs, with Pastor Donnie Dowdy officiating. Burial will follow in the Feury Cemetery at Hollywood, WV.

Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the funeral home on Monday.

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

Lawrence Harrah, Jr.



Lawrence Harrah, Jr. Fairlea-Lawrence "Mason" Harrah, Jr., 80,

passed away, Tuesday, July 18, 2023, at Peyton Hospice House in Lewisburg, surrounded by his family after a long battle with cancer.

He was born in Fayette County, to late Lawrence Clayton Harrah, Sr. and Shirley Montgomery Pugh Harrah on Nov. 22, 1942.

He was a member of James Chapel United Methodist Church at Clintonville and was a retired technician for General Motors.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Genevieve Ellen Ayers Harrah; three sisters, Lorena Hubinak, Dreama Harrah and Donna Kay Stokley; and one brother, Raymond Harrah.

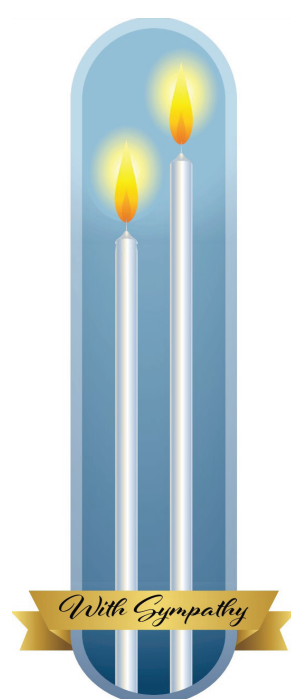
Survivors include two children, Stanley Junior Harrah of Fairlea and Samantha Harrah Cook of Fairlea; five grandchildren, Zoey Zellers, Zealy Zellers and Zepelin of Missouri and Tyler Blake Cook of Fairlea and Anthony (Tony) Scott Cook of North Carolina; two sisters, Martha Drennen of Princeton and Bertha Phillips of Lewisburg; a brother, Roger Harrah and wife Jan of Meadow Bridge; and several cousins, nephews and nieces.

Memorial donations can be made to Harrah Cemetery on Backus Mountain in Fayette County.

The family would like to thank Peyton Hospice House for the excellent care and support given to Mason and the family while he was there.

As per his wishes Mason will be cremated and a graveside service will be announced at a later date on Backus Mountain in Fayette County.

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Dear Recycle Lady

A Look Back

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Questioning my Memory!

Dear Questioning my Memory,

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Dear Recycle Lady, What is a Green Hotel?

Traveler

Dear Traveler,

Green Hotels are hotels that have achieved a certificate of sustainability. However, some hotels are greener than others. There are LEED-certified buildings that are constructed with sustainability in mind. There are hotels that have made green improvements and hotels that give back by volunteering or making donations. Unfortunately, there are some hotels that use greenwashing techniques in order to appear to be green but actually are not. Earth911 says that a few major hotel chains have shown a concerted effort to green their operations, including Hilton, Marriott, Hyatt, and Starwood Hotels. There are numerous certification programs available to help travelers choose green accommodations, including Green Globe, Green Key Global, Travelife, Earth Check, and GreenLeaders. Some programs are more rigorous than others and these are ranked

from highest to lowest. For more information on green hotels, go to www.earth911.com/travel-living/green.

Dear Recycle Lady,

My favorite tea kettle is no longer usable because the handle is too loose. The kettle is made of stainless steel. Can it be recycled with steel cans?

Tea Drinker

Dear Tea Drinker,

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Good News: New Zealand is officially the first country to ban single-use plastic produce bags at grocery stores! The measure went into effect July 1, and it's expected that the ban will eliminate 150 million plastic produce bags from circulation each year. Hopefully, other countries follow suit! (fto.com)

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



By William "Skip" Deegans

Shown in the above 1907 photograph at Harpers Ferry's Storer College are members of the Niagara Movement. The photo is significant as it shows some of the first women to participate in this civil rights movement.

In 1905, Harvard-educated W. E. B. DuBois, an African American leader, organized a gathering of other African American male leaders to counter Booker T. Washington's philosophy that forward movement of African Americans required "patience, accommodation, and self-help." DuBois and his militant supporters sought full civil and political equality. Scheduled to meet in Buffalo, New York, DuBois and the 29 men who joined him were refused accommodations and had to move their meeting to the Erie Beach Hotel, a summer resort in Ontario, Canada. Out of that meeting came the Niagara Movement.

The second meeting of the Niagara Movement was in 1906 at Storer College and open to the public. Founded in 1857 by Freewill Baptists, Storer College was dedicated to educating formerly enslaved people. During its first 25 years it was the only educational opportunity in West Virginia for African Americans beyond primary school. Storer was also selected because Harpers Ferry was the site of John Brown's raid on the United States arsenal in 1859 where, as Langston Hughes wrote, Brown and his followers "went to shoot (their) way to freedom."

On the second day of the meeting at Storer College women were, despite disagreement among some of the men, granted full and equal membership in the Niagara Movement. Poorly organized and underfunded, the movement floundered until 1911 when the organization's members felt an interracial and more powerful organization was required to fight racism. With continued leadership of DuBois, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) was formed.

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Sources: University of Buffalo, Oberlain College, National Park Service, NPR.

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Mountain Steer Meat Company earns federal inspection and USDA grading



Mountain Steer Meat Company has received its Federal Grant of Inspection and is now eligible for beef grading by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). Graded local beef assists small processing plants by showcasing, on an official level, the quality of regional cattle. Through ultrasound and camera grading, Mountain Steer offers a product that consistently meets the high standards established by their business.

Mountain Steer Meat Company, which is co-owned by James Tuckwiller and Frank Ford, expanded their operations in November of 2022 by opening their own processing facility at 169 Pocahontas Trail, White Sulphur Springs. Attached to this facility is a

retail store offering individually packaged products for direct-to-consumer sales.

"Having the ability to grade our beef allows us to truly market the quality of beef that we provide weekly," said Tuckwiller. "Ultrasound, camera grading and federal inspection will work hand in hand with our efforts to put West Virginia on the map for superior Angus beef."

Peni Adams, senior business advisor at the West Virginia Hive, said Tuckwiller and Ford have taken advantage of multiple opportunities provided by the Hive. This includes business advising and technical assistance, receiving investments from the Country Roads Angel Network, and graduating from the Communities of Heal-

ing program, a Fruits of Labor partnership program that promotes recovery to work opportunities among trained employers in southern West Virginia.

Judy Moore, executive director of the West Virginia Hive and deputy director of the New River Gorge Regional Development Authority (NRGRDA), said "Mountain Steer Meat Company is not only a client of the Hive but one of CRAN's proudest investments during initial development of the network. We appreciate that James and Frank came to us early on and allowed us to work with them. It's extremely rewarding for us to see our clients thrive like Mountain Steer."

Moore said Mountain Steer Meat Company secured investments of \$250,000 from CRAN over the last 2 years and a \$249,660 U.S. Department of Agriculture grant to help finance its business expansion. The Country Roads Angel Network is West Virginia's only accredited angel investment network, serving all 55 counties of the state.

Tuckwiller and Ford founded the company in

June 2020 during the COVID-19 pandemic. "Mountain Steer was just an idea at first, conjured by the meat shortage due to corporate meat companies running on fumes during the pandemic," said Ford. "Our farms were dependent on facilities in other states to process meat from our cattle," he said. "Steer born and raised in our region was processed and packaged out of state, only to be brought back to West Virginia for sale. Our goal at Mountain Steer is to simplify operations and provide a local processing facility, ensuring our customers pay reasonable prices and enjoy knowing what they are consuming is locally grown, superior beef from start to finish."

Ford said the company has created eight jobs (head butcher, six butcher's assistants, and an administrator). Mountain Steer currently processes 15,000 pounds of fresh beef per month.

The small business currently serves two local county school districts (Greenbrier and Nicholas County School Systems), the local IGA grocery store, and 8 local restaurants.



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"NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING"

The West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection has scheduled a public meeting on July 27, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. to discuss the **Draft Fiscal Year 2024 Intended Use Plan** for the Drinking Water Treatment Revolving Fund Program (DWTRF). A part of the Intended Use Plan is the Fiscal Year 2024 Comprehensive Project Priority List. The meeting will take place in person at the WV DEP's Headquarters in Charleston, WV. An option to attend remotely or call-in is below. A copy of the draft Fiscal Year 2024 Intended Use Plan is available, and may be requested by calling, writing, or sending an email request to the address below. The plan can also be viewed on DEP's web site.

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GREENBRIER COUNTY BUILDING COMMISSION ANNUAL STATEMENT OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023

Balance July 1, 2022	\$ 14,847.56
Revenues: Interest	5.04
Expenditures:	
WV Daily News - publishing 2021-2022 annual report	-95.57
Mountain Messenger - publishing 2021-2022 annual report	-13.48
	-109.05
Balance June 30, 2023	\$ 14,743.55

Gayle E. Mason
Chairman

SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gap!

Source SAUCE _____

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Word GAMEAD _____

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"With or without _____"

TODAY'S WORD _____

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Basket is added. 2. Fence is different. 3. Ball is higher. 4. Arm is lower. 5. Cap is reversed. 6. Window is missing.

Super Crossword

STOPPING STITCHING

ACROSS	DOWN
1 "Still open," on a sched.	1 "I Can See for Miles" band
4 Poppa	2 Scrubbed in a tub
7 Some swords	3 Get stuck (to) rulings
12 Nero's great-grandfather	5 "— and the Night Visitors"
19 Wasn't too rushed to do something	6 "Take this out"
21 Dance with people in a line	7 Custard-filled pastry
22 One-dollar Canadian coins	8 Dog named Fifi, maybe
23 Of morals	9 Forms a bladderlike sac around
24 In the vicinity	10 "My stars!"
25 One of Capt. Kirk's officers	11 Bargain event
26 Start of a riddle	12 Just for laughs
29 Like much folk medicine	13 Gradually lost light
30 Lubricates	14 Libertine guy
31 Italian "a"	15 Very pixel-dense, as a TV picture
32 Winter hours in Minn.	16 More, to musicians
35 Ancient recital halls	17 — capita
36 Riddle, part 2	18 Simile center
41 Boxer Oscar — Hoya	20 Old-style sheriff's emblem
44 — -mo replay	27 Lav in a pub
45 Kiev's country	28 Pool hall stick
46 Riddle, part 3	32 Tony winner Rivera
52 X Games broadcaster	33 Sir of Seville
54 Playwright Chekhov	34 Former senator Lott
	36 Roadwork goop
	37 "— 3 Lives" (1952 memoir)
	38 Ascended
	39 Declaimed
	40 Organic fertilizer
	42 Prefix for "outer"
	43 Fill a nest, in a way
	46 Inc., to a Brit financially
	48 Pixar's lost clown fish
	49 Con at large
	50 Kuwaiti VIP
	51 Actor Moss who co-starred on "The Bold and the Beautiful" for 25 years
	53 In proportion
	57 Wind-deposited loam
	58 Armor pieces
	61 Sch. in Manhattan
	63 With 101-Down, rubber-soled canvas shoes
	65 "How curious"
	66 Words after "Make love"
	67 Cat call
	68 Dude, slangily
	69 Engine speed stats
	70 "You betcha!"
	74 Mao — -tung
	75 British coins
	76 Forewarn
	77 Hip-hop devotees, in old slang
	79 Etta of old comics
	80 Morales of "La Linea"
	82 Fleur-de- —
	83 Power cord attachments
	85 Declined in status
	87 Lap dog
	89 Bismarck or Pierre native
	91 Freezing
	94 Wall St. manipulator
	95 Show up
	96 German art songs
	97 Actor Ayres
	99 "Over the Rainbow" composer Arlen
	100 "Maybe ... ask me later"
	101 See
	103-Down
	105 Sheep call
	106 Flooded (in)
	107 Windy blast
	108 Cantina pot
	109 Jedi guru
	110 Daredevil Knievel
	111 French "to be"
	112 Tone — ("Wild Thing" rapper)
	113 Man-mouse linkup
	114 Bark sharply

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Greenbrier West High School welcomes new principal



Adam Young

By Matthew Young, RealWV

Significant changes lie in store for the students of Greenbrier West High School (GWHS) as they prepare to resume classes next month.

Many will, of course, be in awe of the brand new track and artificial turf football field which will stand ready to greet athletes for the start of the fall sports season. However, there is another change that will be every bit as impactful – one which will help to shape the scholastic journey of students for years to come. While that change may not present itself with all the pomp of such impressive athletic facilities, it certainly brings with it all of the circumstance.

For almost as long as most students at GWHS have been students anywhere, Amy Robertson has served them as the school's principal. But with Robertson departing this summer to become the assistant superintendent of Pocahontas County schools, West found itself needing a new ship's captain.

Enter Adam Young.

"We can honor and respect the past," Young said, while speaking this week with RealWV, "But I'm excited to be part of the future."

Despite having previously served a term in the West Virginia House of Delegates, Young has spent most of his adult life as an educator. Before being named principal of GWHS, Young worked for 15 years as a social studies teacher in the Nicholas County school system, and one year as an assistant principal in Webster County.

"I don't want to come in and reinvent the wheel," Young said. "I want to assess where we're at, and look at areas that may need improvement."

Greenbrier County Superintendent of Schools, Jeff Bryant, called Young "a veteran educator."

"He's spent quite a few years in a classroom, and

he's been very successful there," Bryant said. "He's been an administrator at the high school level, and he comes highly recommended."

"He's 100% in as a Greenbrier West Cavalier," Bryant added. "He's all in. He's embracing the community, and I think it's evident that the community is embracing him. We're looking forward to him having a successful career."

Bryant's optimistic-excitement is something that Young shares.

"He's (Bryant) been very helpful and very supportive," Young said. "Everybody that I've worked with (at GWHS) so far has been helpful and supportive."

"Probably more so than any place I've ever been – the focus is on the kids of Greenbrier County," Young continued. "That's one of the reasons I'm glad I'm here. I do think it is very kid-centric. The focus is on student-achievement, and student-well-being. I think those things should go hand-in-hand."

"School is here for a purpose," Young added. "There are good things that you can do – extracurricular things. But academic achievement and getting the students to believe in themselves is important too. I think we have to celebrate all achievement. Every kid has a niche, and those need to be celebrated just as much."

While Young will be maintaining his home outside of Greenbrier County, he has also secured a residence in the Meadow River Valley to both minimize his commute, and maximize his time spent in Charmco.

"I did feel it was important to move into the area, at least some of the time," Young said. "It takes about 40 minutes to get (home), and I wanted to be close to the school."

Beyond simply being a physical presence within the community, Young hopes that the students, staff, friends, and family of GWHS find him to be both engaging and approachable.

"I just want them to know that I'll always be open to what they have to say, and I'll always be there to listen," Young said. "We may not always agree, but I'll always give them the opportunity to be heard."

"I want Greenbrier West to be the best that it can be," Young added. "It's not my school – it's our school. There's a lot of great traditions there that I want to continue, and I want us to start some new traditions."

The 2023-2024 school year in Greenbrier County begins on Monday, Aug. 28.

Kara Berry Memorial Scholarship Awarded to Reagan Cochran



Kara Berry Memorial Scholarship recipient Reagan Cochran receives her award from Jessie Surgeon, cheerleader coach at Greenbrier East High School, Tim Holbrook, Executive Director of the Greenbrier County Schools Foundation and members of Kara Berry's family, Rebecca Daniels, Kaylee Berry, Kennox Carter, and Marcus Berry.

The Greenbrier County Schools Foundation in May awarded the Kara Berry Memorial Scholarship to Greenbrier East cheerleader Reagan Cochran. Reagan will be attending West Virginia University to major in Exercise Physiology with a pre-dental focus.

This scholarship was started in 2008 in memory of Kara Berry, a former Greenbrier East High School cheerleader who tragically died in an automobile accident soon after graduation that year. This scholarship is awarded to a senior cheerleader who will be attending a college or vocational school, and who demonstrates outstanding leadership and service at the high school. Twenty-seven Greenbrier East cheerleaders have received this award since its inception.

The Greenbrier County Schools Foundation would like to thank the cheerleading program at Greenbrier East and Workers United Local 863, White Sulphur Springs for funding this scholarship.

Church Bulletin

Christmas in July at Neola Baptist

Neola Baptist Church's youth present Christmas in July. Come shop craft and flea market vendors on July 22 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The youth will have food available along with a bake sale. All proceeds from concessions and vendor fees go toward our Operation Hometown Christmas Child community outreach program. We are located approximately 14 miles north on Rt. 92 outside of White Sulphur Springs. If you would like to be a vendor, please contact 304-536-4039.

Reunions

2023 Bennett Reunion

Descendants and friends of JC "Jimmy" and Nora Myrtle Sawyers Bennett will gather together Saturday, July 29 at Hollowell Park, 186 Matthews Street, Lewisburg. Starting at 12 noon with eating at 1 p.m. Bring a covered dish, old family photos and come enjoy the day. For more information call Joyce Morgan at 304-661-6455, Charlotte Morgan at 304-645-1179 or Genevieve Wylie at 304-645-2573.

GEHS Class of 1973 Reunion

The Greenbrier East High School Class of 1973 will celebrate its 50-year class reunion the weekend of Oct. 6 and 7. The cost per person is \$10 for Friday's mixer at the Brier Patch at Quality Inn, and \$35 for Saturday's catered dinner and dance at the WVSOM Alumni Center. The registration deadline is Aug. 15. Contact Donna McDaniel Bahorich at 832-303-9091, or donna.gehs1973@gmail.com. Online registration: www.eventcreate.com/e/gehs1973reunion.

Lewisburg Rotary Club installs officers and directors, recognizes out-going president David Hammond



Lewisburg Rotary Club 2023-24 officers and directors: Dan Edwards (left), David Hammond, Kelly Kemp, Scot Mitchell, Sara Crickenberger, Jill McIntyre, Barbara Phillips, Matt Campbell, and Martha Hilton.

At their meeting on Monday, July 10, the Lewisburg Rotary Club recognized out-going president David Hammond for his outstanding service to the club and installed its officers and directors for the 2023-24 year.

Hammond administered the oath of office to incoming president Sara Crickenberger who, in turn, administered the oath to president-elect Jill McIntyre, president nominee Matt Campbell, secretary Kelly Kemp, treasurer Barbara Phillips, and board directors Scot Mitchell, Martha Hilton, and Dan Edwards. Hammond will remain a board director in the role of past president and will serve as the president of the Lewisburg Rotary Club Foundation for the 2023-24 year.



Secretary Kelly Kemp presents the president's service plaque to out-going president David Hammond.

Williamsburg CEOS Club to host a celebration



On July 11 the Williamsburg CEOS Club met at the home of Virginia Hanna to celebrate her 100th birthday and her 75th year commitment to her community as a member of the club.

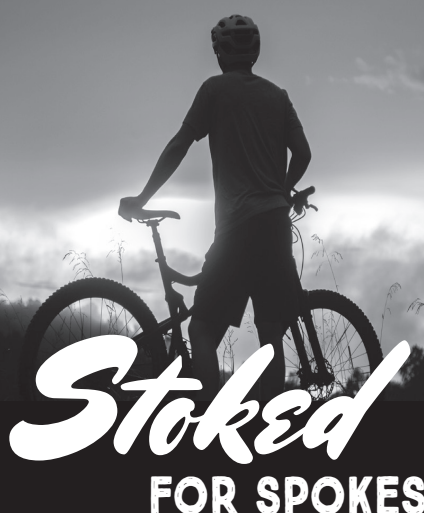
She was 21 years old when she joined the Farm Women's Club, which then became known as the Extension Homemakers, and now is known as the Community Educational Outreach Club (CEOS).

The club was also recognized in the county for their 1500 hours of community service last year and received an Honorable Mention for their achievements in Purposeful Reading.

Those participating in the celebration were Barbara Deeds, Cassandra Perkins, Blanche Knicely, Laura Rose, Linda Spencer, Shela McComsey, Loretta Shirley, LauraAnn Tiller, Denver Tiller, Patty Post, Burl Post, Laura Sevy, and Juanita Johnston.

There will be a community birthday party to celebrate Virginia's 100th Birthday on Sunday, July 23, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Mt. Harmon Methodist Church in Renick. All are welcome to come. Virginia enjoys cards too. Her mailing address is 5629 Friars Hill Road, Renick, WV 24966. She is 100 years YOUNG!

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New Vice President of CAMC Greenbrier Valley Medical Center announced



Rebecca Harless

Rebecca Harless has been selected to be the Vice President/Administrator of CAMC Greenbrier Valley Medical Center. Harless started her career at CAMC in 2011. During that time, she has served in multiple roles including urology director, administrative services director and associate administrator. Harless has demonstrated her commitment by leading several innovative approaches to care, including CAMC's telemedicine initiatives and playing a key role in the development of CAMC's outpatient and specialty departments. Harless is a lifelong West Virginian with roots in the Greenbrier Valley.



David Yarid Memorial Scholarship recipient from Greenbrier East High School Nicole Cochran receives her award from Executive Director of the Greenbrier County Schools Foundation, Tim Holbrook and Greenbrier East High School teacher Kristi Caraway.

Greenbrier County Schools Foundation Awards David Yarid Memorial Scholarship to Nichole Cochran

The David Yarid Memorial Scholarship, administered by the Greenbrier County Schools Foundation, was awarded to Nicole Cochran, a 2023 graduate of Greenbrier East High School. Nicole plans to attend Concord University and major in Business Administration.

The David E. Yarid Scholarship Fund was established in 1989 to honor the memory of David Yarid, a young businessman in the prime of his life. The scholarship also honors the Yarid family who

has been prominent in the local business community for many years.

The scholarship is for \$500 each year for four years to a graduating senior at Greenbrier East High School who demonstrates outstanding achievement in the field of business and who plans to pursue a college education in this field. The recipient is chosen by the faculty of the business department of Greenbrier East High School.

Greenbrier Historical Society and the Katherine Johnson Family join forces to award scholarships

Greenbrier Historical Society (GHS) is proud to announce the recipients of the prestigious Katherine Johnson Scholarship, which aims to support local minority students in their pursuit of higher education and careers dedicated to serving others. The scholarship program, established in collaboration with the Katherine Johnson Family, will present the scholarships to two deserving students during a special ceremony on Monday, July 31, at 2 p.m. at the North House Museum in Lewisburg.

The two outstanding students who have been selected to receive the Katherine Johnson Scholarship are Koah Carter and Trysten Hughes of Greenbrier East High School. Out of eight applicants, these exceptional individuals stood out for their remarkable academic achievements, commitment to their communities, and ambitious career aspirations.

Koah Carter, residing in White Sulphur Springs, is an accomplished student who

has excelled academically with an impressive 4.0 overall GPA. Throughout her time at Greenbrier East, Koah demonstrated her leadership skills and passion for sports, having been an integral member of the National Honors Society, a cheerleader, and an active participant in ladies basketball. Koah's academic dedication extends further as a member of the MU Alpha Theta honors program. She will be embarking on a journey to North Carolina A&T University in Greensboro, North Carolina, where she will major in Physical Therapy. Koah's ultimate goal is to become a physical therapist, either in a collegiate setting or for a professional sports league, as she possesses an interest in the body's healing process. Alongside her academic pursuits, Koah has been actively involved in community service within her church and has contributed to cleaning up the West Virginia State Fair grounds.

Trysten Hughes, a

resident of Lewisburg, has also demonstrated exceptional academic prowess with a 4.0 GPA. He has been an integral part of Greenbrier East's academic and extracurricular landscape, including memberships in the National Honors Society and the MU Alpha Theta honors program. Trysten's engagement in 4H allowed him to participate in county visual presentations, showcasing his versatility and talents. Moreover, he showcased his artistic and athletic abilities by being a member of the marching band and serving as the color guard captain. Trysten's involvement in cross-country track and the Go Global Interact Club highlights his dedication to personal growth and community involvement. In the pursuit of his dreams, Trysten will be attending West Virginia University to major in Biology, aspiring to become a physician or surgeon.

The Katherine Johnson Scholarship program was established with the aim of pro-

viding support to local minority students as they embark on their college journeys and prepare for impactful careers. Recipients of the scholarship have committed to remaining connected with the Greenbrier County community through GHS during and after their college years. This commitment includes periodic returns to participate in programs that inspire high school students to work diligently and pursue higher education. Additionally, scholarship recipients may serve as summer interns with GHS throughout their college years, supporting the GHS Education Program.

GHS Board President, Janice Cooley, and Board Secretary, Margaret Hambrick, together with Kathy Moore and Joylette Hylick, daughters of the late Katherine Johnson, provide invaluable support to the Katherine Johnson Scholarship program and serve as a beacon of inspiration for the recipients and the entire community.

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which has a track record of producing successful students at WVSOM, and putting them on an early path to become an osteopathic physician," Collins said. "The partnership is a win for all, as it allows students to enter WVSOM without the stress of taking the MCAT and helps WVSOM meet its mission."

Because Patterson has a special interest in research, she spent several weeks on WVSOM's campus in Lewisburg this summer, assisting Shinichi Asano, Ph.D., an associate professor in WVSOM's Department of Biomedical Sciences, with his investigation into how sex hormones might influence the presentation of asthma. Patterson has been performing immunoblotting, a procedure used to detect proteins in tissue samples, as well as conducting data analysis and assembling an abstract that she will present at the WV-INBRE (IDeA Network of Biomedical Research Excellence) Summer Research Symposium on July 25 in Huntington, W.Va.

She said her experience at WVSOM has been educational and that her co-workers on the research project have treated her as a professional.

"I was concerned coming in that I might be thought of as an undergrad who doesn't really know what's going on, but everyone has held me to a higher standard. They've treated me as an equal instead of just some college student who is in the way," Patterson said.

Requirements for acceptance to the Go D.O. program include a high school GPA of 3.75, a minimum composite ACT score of 30 and a minimum composite SAT score of 1,390. More information on the program can be found at www.wvsom.edu/admissions/go-do.

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74th Annual Williamsburg Community Fair upcoming



The Announcers

"Blue Jeans and Country Dreams" is the theme for the bigger and better Williamsburg Community Fair this year, which will be held July 28-30. There will be food, live music, and exhibits.

On Thursday, July 28, exhibits for food, photos, flowers, painting, quilts, vegetables, eggs, and others are to register from 5 to 7 p.m. at the community building. For a complete list of exhibit categories visit the Facebook page Williamsburg WV Community Fair. There is no fee for exhibits.

On Friday, July 29, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. enjoy hot dogs, BBQ, brown beans and cornbread, and play bingo from 6 to 8 p.m. for just \$1 a game. Daubers will be available for purchase of \$1 or bring your own. Bring a chair and enjoy the sounds of the Thomas Taylor dance concert in the firehouse from 7 to 9 p.m.

Start your Saturday morning on July 30 with breakfast burritos, biscuits and gravy, eggs, and more. Then visit the Thrift Shop at the old schoolhouse from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. for a \$1 bag clothing sale. The parade will begin at 10:30 a.m. Following the parade, enjoy lunch at the concession stand in the community building which will also have vendors and health screenings. There will also be a vintage and hot rod car show at cruise-in, games to play (most are free!), fun stations, dime pitch, a children's books vendor, crafts stations, a 45-foot obstacle bouncy house and castle bouncy house, jail, dunk tank, cotton candy, Dippin' Dots, popcorn, Hanna Homestead coffee, and a horseshoe tournament and cornhole tournament.

Outdoor entertainment under a tent on Saturday will be a great afternoon. Bring your chair and relax while listening to Karen McKay from 12:30 to 1 p.m., Sons of the Mountains from 1 to 2:30 p.m., and The Announcers from 2:30 to 4 p.m.

The Announcers are a male southern gospel group, and they use soundtracks as the source of musical background. Songs in-

clude familiar hymns as well as songs made popular by professional groups. Group members live in the Alleghany Highlands of Virginia where they have lived and worked their entire lives. The Announcers Gospel Group was organized in September of 1970, and they've have performed for a great number of benefits through the years. The group has never charged a fee to travel or sing, and has entertained throughout Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland, Ohio, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Tennessee. The Announcers have made 28 different recordings throughout the nearly 53 years they have been together singing gospel music. Although the faces have changed to some degree over time, the message remains the same. The current group of five singers has remained the same now for over 25 years. The Announcers make no claim of being professionals when it comes to music or singing. It is only for the glory of God that they perform with a desire that someone who hears the good news of His love for all. There is no greater purpose. Group members for The Announcers are Alan Craft - lead, bass; Larry McCallister - baritone; William Nicely - tenor; Ryan Muterspaugh - lead, tenor, bass; and Dale Muterspaugh - lead, baritone.

On Saturday evening enjoy bingo again from 4 to 6 p.m., followed by a spaghetti dinner from 4 to 7 p.m. A dance concert begins at 7 p.m. with Mud Hole Control in the fire house bay. Cap the night off with fireworks beginning at 9:30 p.m.

For a full schedule and event information, visit the Facebook page Williamsburg WV Community Fair, or the website www.WilliamsburgWV.com. The location of the event is 6571 Shoestring Trail, Williamsburg, WV. The community fair is sponsored by the Williamsburg Community Action and Williamsburg Ruritan Club. Special thanks to an Arts and Recreation grant and First Energy Foundation.



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State Fair's Big Wheel Bash set for July 22

The State Fair of West Virginia's Second Annual Big Wheel Bash, a fundraiser for its endowment and scholarship funds, will take place on Saturday, July 22, from 6 to 10 p.m. This event will be held in the State Fair's Artisans Barn and includes a local farm-to-table dinner, beverages, a live band, and benefit auction.

"Our inaugural event in 2022 raised over \$20,000 for the State Fair Endowment, which was an amazing accomplishment," State Fair CEO Kelly Collins stated. "What better way to celebrate this great cause than with amazing food, music, and fun."

This year's auction items include: a lifetime pass to the State Fair, concert tickets to Lainey Wilson and HARDY, family photo session at the fair, and more! Music is provided by Blair's West.

We hope you will join the 2023 State Fair Big Wheel Bash Sponsors who are committed to raising funds for the endowment and scholarship funds including: Title sponsor American Beer/the Runyon Family, the WV Lottery, Douglas A. Bicksler CPA, Longview Eye Care Center, Warren's Auction and Real Estate, People's Bank, The Bank of Monroe, Knight Henderson Insurance Agency LLC, Tommy Garten and Charlie Long - GLA, Truist Bank, Mark and

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Tickets are \$100 and can be purchased at the State Fair Box office or by visiting <https://statefairfowv.com/big-wheel-bash>.

In 2006, the State Fair of West Virginia created an endowment fund to ensure long-term support of three key initiatives: scholarships for West Virginia students, youth educational enrichment programs, and competitive agricultural exhibit premiums.

Currently, the State Fair Endowment Fund along with key corporate sponsors and individuals supports a scholarship program which provides five, 4-year scholarships annually at \$1,000 per year. Every year these awards are made, the endowment commits \$20,000 and well over a half million dollars has been given to WV students since its inception.

Lewisburg Literary Festival returns August 4-5



Joy Callaway and her book *The Grand Design*

The Lewisburg Literary Festival will once again take place the first weekend in August. The 2023 festival will feature Lynda Rutledge, author of the bestselling novel *West With Giraffes*, which has been a popular book club selection and translated into 15 languages. Other speakers include Kentucky novelist and NPR commentator Silas House, Pulitzer Prize winning investigative journalist Eric Eyre, and author Joy Callaway, whose novel *The Grand Design* is based on Dorothy Draper's celebrated work as interior designer at The Greenbrier. Ms. Callaway will be in conversation with Dr. Robert Conte, the resort's longtime historian.

Since 2012 the festival has been celebrating literature and promoting reading in the

Greenbrier Valley by featuring bestselling authors speaking about their works, offering writing workshops, providing booksellers with a venue and presenting ancillary events ranging from movies and plays to hands-on activities for adults and children. All events are free to the public, with costs underwritten by grants from local family foundations and the City of Lewisburg, and sponsorships from businesses and individuals.

"We wondered if we should have the literary festival on our traditional weekend this year since it coincides with the LIV golf tournament at The Greenbrier," says Josh Baldwin, the festival's board president. "We ultimately decided to go ahead with it because the events draw different crowds."

Joy Callaway's presenta-

tion will take place at Greenbrier Valley Theatre on Friday, Aug. 4, at 7 p.m. Saturday's schedule at Carnegie Hall features Eric Eyre in conversation with Lewisburg attorney Derek Teaney at 1 p.m., Silas House in conversation with local writer Eric Fritzius at 3 p.m., and Lynda Rutledge in conversation with A New Chapter bookstore co-owner Shaye Gadomski at 7 p.m.

The four events are ticketed, with free tickets available at the Greenbrier County Convention and Visitors Center. "It's particularly important to get tickets for the Callaway/Conte event," Literary Festival program director Greg Johnson points out. "GVT has more limited seating than Carnegie Hall, and only 140 tickets are available."

"We're immensely grateful to the donors whose generosity enables us to have a literary festival," Josh Baldwin adds. "When we started in 2012, we didn't know if we were having a one-time celebration or if the festival would become an annual event. It's obviously something the community values, or we wouldn't still be here eleven years later."

Previous speakers at the Lewisburg Literary Festival have included Doonesbury creator Garry Trudeau, humorist David Sedaris, basketball legend Jerry West, poet Nikki Giovanni, podcaster Anna Sale, and bestselling authors Jeannette Walls, Homer Hickam, Sara Gruen, Kathryn Stockett, Garth Stein and Tobias Wolff.



Lynda Rutledge and her book *West With Giraffes*

Cranberry Fun Day set for July 29 at Cranberry Mountain Nature Center

Everyone is invited to the annual Cranberry Fun Day Saturday, July 29, from noon to 4 p.m. at Monongahela National Forest's Cranberry Mountain Nature Center.

The day kicks off with a celebration of Smokey Bear's 79th birthday at noon, with cake and punch. Be sure to get your picture taken with Smokey Bear. After lunch, join in nature activities and programs, such as learning about native fish and how firefighters put out wildland fires. During your visit, you will also have an opportunity to make an ornament for the 2023 U.S. Capitol Christmas tree. Roy Moose will present "Snakes of West Virginia" at 1 and 3 p.m. All activities are free.

"The Cranberry Fun Day is just that, a lot of fun!" said Diana Stull, Cranberry Mountain Nature Center Director. "Come early, bring a picnic lunch and spend the whole day. It's enjoyable for all ages!"

The nature center is located 14 miles west of Marlinton and 23 miles east of Richwood at the intersection of State Route 39/55 and Forest Road 150 (Highland Scenic Highway). The nature center is open Thursday through Monday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. through fall. Closed Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

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Irresistible Groove

Carnegie Hall to celebrate 40th Anniversary with free Block Party on Church Street

Carnegie Hall's 40th Anniversary Celebration Open House & Block Party will take place on Saturday, July 29, from 5 to 9 p.m. The Open House starts at 5 p.m. and will feature live art demonstrations, performances by local musicians, and archival exhibits throughout the Hall. The Block Party begins at 6 p.m. and will take place on Church Street adjacent to Carnegie Hall. The outdoor festivities will feature food, drinks, local beer, and wine vendors and music by Irresistible Groove presented by the James F. B. Peyton Fund. The event is free and open to the public.

Irresistible Groove is a highly awarded, critically acclaimed live-event band based in the Raleigh/Durham/Chapel Hill, North Carolina area. The band has been featured in Martha Stewart Weddings Magazine, Southern Bride Magazine, The Knot Weddings Magazine, Town and Country Weddings Magazine, and many more. Carnegie Hall Fantasy Gala attendees will remember the band from the last two previous events.

Irresistible Groove has been the winner of the coveted The Knot's "Best Of" multiple times, as well as the winner of Wedding Wire's "Bride and Couples Choice" for five years running. These awards are reserved for the industry's top five percent. Over a decade of success has made the band one of the most in-demand party bands in the nation.

"Our band has everything you could want for your event including a horn section, six vocalists, full rhythm section and the largest most diverse song list of any band in the Raleigh area - and the country," states the band. "Add all of this to our stellar reputation and happy client reviews and you can understand why we are the most sought-after live band in North Carolina," it adds. "Hear our band and rest assured you will have yourself a party!"

The Block Party will also feature food vendor options by The General Lewis Inn and Kitchen 304, and beer, wine, soft drinks, and water will be available for purchase. More information to

come.

Just added, The Greenbrier River Optimistic Ukulele Players (GROUP) will be performing on the front steps.

Carnegie Hall CEO Cathy Rennard notes that, "Carnegie is excited to celebrate 40 years of bringing the arts to life with a grateful nod to past visionaries, leaders and stakeholders. We are anxious to join our community in marking this occasion and as we embrace the exciting things the future holds for the arts in our region."

Church Street will be closed in front of Carnegie Hall from 4 to 10 p.m. on Saturday, July 29. The alley south of Carnegie Hall will be open to access the Hall's handicapped parking.

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

Greenbrier County Public Library Book Sale upcoming

The popular book sale will coincide with the Lewisburg Literary Festival



The annual Greenbrier County Public Library Book Sale will take place on Friday and Saturday, Aug. 4 and 5, in the community room in the basement of the library.

The sale will feature more 15,000 books, according to Library Director Ann Farr. Adult fiction and nonfiction, children's fiction, and audio/visual materials are featured in the sale. A plus for book lovers is that the sale coincides with the Lewisburg Literary Festival taking place downtown that same weekend.

The sale opens at 152 Robert W. McCormick Drive in downtown Lewisburg at noon Friday, Aug. 4, and runs until 6 p.m. On Saturday, Aug. 5, the sale starts at 9 a.m. and closes at 2 p.m. On Friday, books will be priced at \$2 for hardcov-

ers and \$1 for paperbacks. Saturday shoppers can buy books for \$5 a bag. (The bags are supplied by the library.) The book sale accepts credit cards and checks, as well as cash.

Shoppers are advised there is no elevator service from the first floor to the book sale in the library's basement.

This annual fundraiser is sponsored by The Friends of the Greenbrier County Public Library. The group started in 1979 as an organization dedicated to promoting awareness of services provided by public libraries. Proceeds from the sale support library activities, services and programs.

More information is available by calling the library at 304-647-7568.

Carnegie Hall Calendar of Events



Thursday, July 27: West Virginia Jazz Orchestra - Carnegie Hall's 2023 Ivy Terrace Concert Series continues Thursday, July 27, at 6:30 p.m. with the West Virginia Jazz Orchestra playing favorites from the big band era. Ivy Terrace Concerts take place outside in front of Carnegie Hall and are free to the public. Concertgoers are encouraged to bring

a lawn chair or blanket and pack a picnic. The concerts are over at 8 p.m.

Saturday, July 29: 40th Anniversary Celebration - Join Carnegie Hall for its 40th Anniversary Open House & Block Party Saturday, July 29, from 5 - 9 p.m. The Open House (5-7 p.m.) will feature artist demonstrations, live music, history presentations, galleries, and more. The Church Street Block Party (6-9 p.m.) will feature live music by Irresistible Groove, food/beer/wine vendors, etc.

Thursday, August 10: John Ellison and The Carpenter Ants

- Carnegie Hall's 2023 Ivy Terrace Concert Series continues Thursday, Aug. 10, at 6:30 p.m. with John "Some Kind of Wonderful" Ellison and The Carpenter Ants. Ivy Terrace Concerts take place outside in front of Carnegie Hall and are free to the public. Concertgoers are encouraged to bring a lawn chair or blanket and pack a picnic. The concerts are over at 8 p.m.

Carnegie Hall is open Monday - Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, please visit carnegiehallwv.org, call 304-645-7917, or stop by 611 Church Street, Lewisburg.

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Class of '73

The Greenbrier East High School Class of 1973 will celebrate its 50-year class reunion the

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