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County Commission addresses countywide staffing concerns, facilitates development of senior housing in Rupert

By Adam Pack



Delegate Mike Honaker

The Greenbrier County Commission has appointed Paula Brown as the interim director of the Homeland Security and Emergency Services Agency at their regular meeting earlier this week. This comes as the result of the resignation of Delegate Mike Honaker, who had served as the director of the agency since 2018. After his appointment to the seat in the state House vacated by Barry Bruce for the 2022 legislative session, Honaker was elected in the subsequent election. Honaker had hinted at the possibility that we would have to resign, and has yet to reveal any further plans.

Brown has served as the Deputy Director of the agency for a number of years and was well touted by the commission for her dedication, focus, and commitment to making sure that the agency “runs smoothly and is prepared to step up in the case of an emergency.” The commission noted that this is only an interim position done to comply with state law, and that the agency may still “communicate with state and other agencies for disaster planning purposes” despite not having a full time director. A detailed job description was posted to the Greenbrier County Courthouse’s Facebook page on Tuesday, July 25. Interested parties are encouraged to apply.

The County also dealt with matters regarding County finances, namely, the consideration of the Capital Asset Policy and the 2023 Financial Statement Proposal. Clerk Robin Loudermilk explained that the financial statement proposal “is a state mandated reporting of my office’s work to balance the budget between myself and the county’s auditor. We have to be in step with the books kept by the county and once we get everything balanced it’s up to the commission to approve that report.” The Capital Assets Policy is a report of all assets under ownership by the county and their values, including the movement of assets within the county via sale, lease or otherwise. The commission noted that Loudermilk takes great care with the county’s finances and compliance with the law in regard to them, and approved the report and Capital Assets Policy.

Moving to the Meadow River Valley Association, the county heard from Britt Ludwig as to the MRVA’s request to serve as the HUD Responsible Entity for the former Rupert Elementary School. The former school, now in possession of the Meadow River Valley Association, will be converted into a facility of the Robert C. Byrd Clinic on the first floor, with the second and third floors being reserved for senior and low income housing. Ludwig explained that “a series of environmental studies,” were required for the site, “none of which were interior in this instance, but to do with the surrounding area. [...] No issues in need of remediation were found,” but the building must be given status as a HUD Responsible Entity by the relevant governmental agency. The

Greenbrier County Commission being the relevant governmental agency, the commission approved the above designation, with each commissioner speaking in turn as to the asset that they feel this project will be to the Rupert/Rainelle/Meadow River Valley area.

A handful of county-wide positions were filled at the commission’s meeting, as well, including the approval of the Sheriff’s request to hire B.P. Walls. Walls has “survived our background check” and other vetting procedures and will require training at the West Virginia State Police Academy before officially starting. Sheriff Sloan also mentioned that the Sheriff’s Department See “Co. Commission”



In the works for the old Seneca Health/True Value site are several townhouse/brownstone living quarters with garages, along with apartments, storefronts, and public parking. Final plans have yet to be nailed down, but the developers are working closely with the Historic Landmarks Commission, city officials, and local utility companies to finalize the details.

Lewisburg Council hears downtown development plans, water pump troubles

By Sarah Richardson

At the latest meeting of the Lewisburg City Council, spearheaders of the True Value/old Seneca Health building site project updated councilmembers on their plans for the lots, which have already been announced will including public and private parking, housing, and businesses. Tag Galyean said that while they haven’t fully nailed down a final plan due to “unknowns in the topography” as they’ve removed structures, the intent is for the Lewisburg Foundation to develop this space so there will be 30 parking spaces, six with electric charging stations with Tesla equipment, and “quite a bit of green” with an estimated 25 trees. He said there are plans for there to be one entry for cars off of Court Street and another off of Foster Street.

As for the amount of public parking spaces, Lewisburg Mayor Beverly White asked how many of the 30 planned spots will be for residents of the apartments

planned for the site, and how many will be available for public use. Tag said that the Lewisburg Foundation will “own the 30 spaces,” and that there will be a “townhouse/brownstone section” on Church Street with four units, each with a garage and separate parking space, and an additional “eight or nine that are behind that on their property. So they’ve got parking spaces to work with.” In addition, six apartments are planned to be installed above the old Greenbrier Printing building, and possibly more above the remaining True Value structure, and then two retail spaces. Due to a sinkhole under the old printing building, a carefully-executed and expensive foundation is planned. The Historic Landmarks Commission has already approved the design and intent of the project.

City Manager Misty Hill said that Lewisburg ordinances address parking spaces for apartments with new See “Lewisburg City Council” Page 2

GEHS parking lot to be paved; Greenbrier Co. Board of Education selects contracting company

By Adam Pack

The Greenbrier County Board of Education met for a brief meeting on Monday, July 24 to select a paving company to undertake the complete paving of the parking lot at Greenbrier East High School.

With design drawings prepared by The Thrasher Group, Chief Business Officer for the Board Dave McClure informed attendees that the apparent low bidder was Asphalt Contractors & Site Work of LaVallette, WV. In deciding to go with Asphalt Contractors over Southern WV Paving of Beckley, the only other bidder, McClure explained that, “they [Asphalt Contractors & Site Work] are the apparent low bidder, but we also have contracted them before to do some work at Smoot Elementary and they did good work there. They specialize in parking lots as well, so it makes sense.”

McClure explained that the designs for the lot were generated by Thrasher Engineers, which added time onto the project. “We wanted to be very clear with the people involved in maintaining the soccer and



softball fields, and assure them that those are protected and going to be okay, and also to help those same people coordinate with us and with any contractors involved in their fencing project which they also have coming up.”

The bid placed by Asphalt Contracts was in the See “GEHS Parking Lot” Page 3

Greenbrier County music club serves as ‘homecoming to the Ukulele’

By Jeffrey Kanode, RealWV

On Tuesday afternoons, the inimitable melodies made by ukuleles emanate across the flowered lawn of Carnegie Hall. Inside, the Greenbrier River Optimistic Ukulele Players (G.R.O.U.P.) are jamming. The ensemble also performs throughout Greenbrier County, including a recent concert in the Katherine Coleman Johnson Building of the

White Sulphur Springs library.

Bob DuCharme created G.R.O.U.P. as an outgrowth of his volunteer work at Carnegie Hall. He taught a guitar class, and he decided the ukulele might be an easier way to teach guitar to older people. DuCharme’s students talked him into starting a ukulele club. He came up with the name. DuCharme’s wife Sue was among the original play-

ers and founding members of G.R.O.U.P. Sadly, Sue died a few weeks ago after a long illness.

“Sue and I were both professors,” DuCharme said, as he moved his hands across his ukulele case. “She was a PhD in finance and I was a math professor. We moved here sixteen years ago. We didn’t know ‘nobody from nobody.’”

DuCharme approached Carnegie Hall soon af-

ter he and Sue moved to Greenbrier County. Carnegie became the conduit by which they found community, and an outlet to contribute their time and talent to the community. In fact, DuCharme has received Carnegie Hall’s Volunteer of the Year award.

His passion for music, his vibrant life force, and his easygoing teaching style become evident

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buildings. “We can require a brand-new build to have two parking spaces per bedroom, but when you’re trying to develop a historic area that doesn’t have the capability to hold that much parking, that’s where the administration and the Planning [Commission] can waive some of those requirements to change them, not waive them completely, but to change them to where it would be more feasible to have only three parking spaces per apartment as opposed to six.”

“Terradon shot elevations at all the critical points, and until we get that information out to the power company we have to stay a little flexible,” Tag explained. The power company will have to determine locations for power poles and lines, so they must work around the utilities. The Lewisburg Foundation will be using their endowment funds to pay the bills, which will then be reimbursed by the Peyton Foundation.

“The aim is to make it really nice,” said Tag. “We think this is the biggest change in downtown Lewisburg to happen certainly in my lifetime. It’s changing a lot of things, and all for the better, I think.”

Mayor White closed in saying, “We know it’s going to be an awesome parking lot, the best one in the state, and we’re looking forward to that.”

In other news:

- Council voted to table an Arts and Humanities funding request from Carnegie Hall for TOOT Festival promotional funding pending further information, and motioned to approve a \$3,500 Arts and Humanities funding request for Carnegie’s upcoming 40th anniversary celebration. The monies will be going directly to artists presenting at the event.

- City Manager Misty Hill reports that the new water plant project is still on track, but that they have been waiting for weeks for filters to come in. “We are almost a year behind on getting the filters, but on track where we are with construction,” said Hill. “So it’s not really a big hiccup for us, but a slight concern that’s been a conversation.” A foundation is being poured for the new, larger tank that is going to be installed at the Yates water tank location, which will replace the use of the Yates tank. Bulk water will also soon have an ATM-like system for purchasing, rather than going inside of the plant to buy

bulk water as done previously. Hill said this new system will accept credit cards and cash, and will close that traffic going in and out of the plant during construction.

“We really didn’t share this with the community, but we’ve been on a wing and a prayer for about three weeks on not having water for the entire community,” said Hill. “Our pumps have been down. They’ve not been wanting to pump. As soon as we’d get them primed up, another pump would go down. This has truly been a fight for the water distribution, but also our plant operators trying to stay around the hour getting these pumps. We finally found the issue, we had a hairline crack in one of the pumps, that’s why it wasn’t priming, but we have a whole new pump and one coming in that’s a backup.”

She said that they chose not to share this information with the community as they “didn’t want to cause a large panic, and we were still on track with holding water.”

- The City is still working with the Mills Group on preparing wayfinding signage for the downtown area, and are continuing development renderings of those plans and locations for a kiosk and signage. Welcome signs coming into Lewisburg are also under discussion, with Hill presenting that to council “soon.”

- Resolution 526 was discussed by councilmembers, which deals with funding the Lafayette sidewalk replacement project on the hill from Cooper Gallery to the Warner Music School corner. Lewisburg was requested to supply 20 percent of the cost in matching funds, which totals \$92,786.81. However, council already approved over \$28,000 in funds for this project when it was first discussed. Therefore, the city must only pledge to pay the difference.

“The DOH has been sitting on that money that Lewisburg paid,” said Councilmember John Little. “So, when we approve this motion to pay this amount, we’re really not paying the \$92k, we are paying the \$63k unpaid balance.” Hill explained that the bids for the project came back higher than expected, and since it was bid out twice the City cannot put the project out to bid again. The total cost for the project is \$463,934.04. Hill said that the project is too big of an undertaking to be done by Public Works, but they have tried to explore other options.

As utility cost burden increases, West Virginia counties look to Community Solar



By Nadia Ramlagan for WVNS

Interest in community solar is on the rise, as a greater share of West Virginians’ household incomes go toward utility bills.

Federal data show electricity rates are increasing in the Mountain State, and major utilities are proposing more rate hikes for next year.

Danny Chiotos, development manager for Chaberton Energy, explained community solar is emerging as an alternative.

“As a general rule, community solar generation subscriptions are subscribed to at a rate lower than the electricity that it is offsetting,” pointed out. “If you’re paying, say, 11 cents for your electricity now per kilowatt-hour, you can generally subscribe

to a community solar facility at nine cents or 10 cents.”

Community solar lets individuals, businesses and organizations buy a “share” in community solar panels - usually anywhere between five and 60 acres per site - and in exchange, receive a credit on their monthly electric bill.

Two bills introduced by West Virginia state lawmakers this year, Senate Bill 627 and House Bill 2159, would have made it easier to implement community solar projects.

Critics say solar farms take up space, and point out community solar users often are not eligible for state-based incentives.

Chiotos countered that state-level legislation is needed to ensure companies providing community solar can do so cost effectively.

“As a trend, we’re seeing that there’s increasing energy burden on homes,” Chiotos observed. “Community solar is the best way to reduce electric rates in the face of the quickest-rising electric rates in the country.”

At least 18 states nationwide have passed legislation changing how local utilities are regulated in order to approve community solar.

Bella’s struck again seven days after latest hit

Bella the Corner Gourmet was struck yet again by a turning semi truck earlier this week. This hit brought even more damage to the already-defaced corner, and further pushed the bollard into the side of the structure. Bella’s reported on social media that the driver was ticketed

after coming to a stop further down the hill, near Hill and Holler. City officials report that they are currently working with the Department of Highways to work on finding a permanent solution to prevent this from reoccurring, as the roadway is state maintained.



PICK OF THE LITTER



VANYA

Vanya is a one year old female shepherd mix and weighs 41 pounds



OREO

Oreo is a two year old male domestic shorthair

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

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

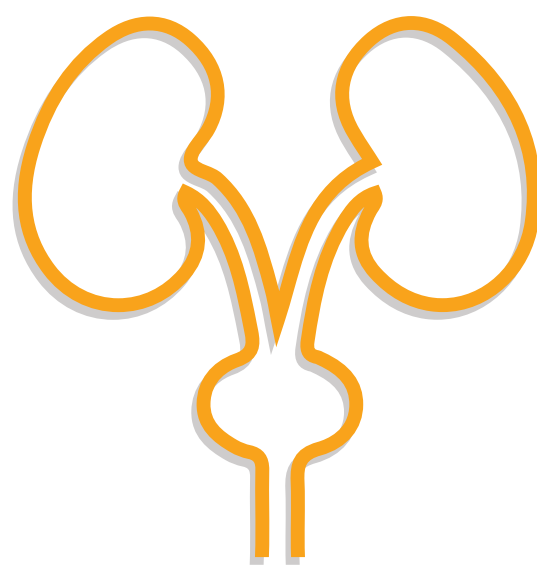
Their dog adoption fee is \$85 and covers spay/neuter surgery, first dog vaccinations, rabies vaccine, de-worming, toe nail trim, flea bath and flea treatment.

Call 304-645-4775 for more information.

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

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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.

American Heritage Music Hall, Inc.

located at 496 Island Park, Ronceverte, is open to the public, all welcome, handicap accessible. Listeners and tourists welcome. Admission \$7 Tuesday nights, \$10 Saturday - Audience provides food. Doors open at 7 p.m. Jam & Dance every Tuesday 7 to 10 p.m. **Dance Saturday, Aug. 26 will feature Country Pride Walter & Richard 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.

AG Morrissey applauds US Supreme Court's lifting of block on Mountain Valley Pipeline

West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrissey on Thursday praised the U.S. Supreme Court decision overturning a lower court's hold on the construction of the Mountain Valley Pipeline.

"I am pleased the Supreme Court recognized the importance of this project not only for West Virginia, but for the nation," Attorney General Morrissey said. "The Mountain Valley Pipeline is vital to the survival of American energy independence and affects thousands of jobs in West Virginia - its completion is also critical to our national security - the urgent need is for it to be completed as soon as possible."

Attorney General Morrissey this week filed an amicus brief urging the Supreme Court to lift the stay.

The Supreme Court decision vacated the order that came down from the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit - that order stopped the pipeline construction of a 3.5-mile stretch in the Jefferson National Forest in Virginia, as well as several stream crossings in West Virginia.

The pipeline begins from the gas fields in northwestern West Virginia then heads into interstate connections in Virginia - the Atlantic Coast region.

Read a copy of the order: <https://bit.ly/44IPDG4>

New courthouse annex now open to public



The new addition to the left side of the Greenbrier County Courthouse is now open to the public. While several departments are still in the process of being moved from the original building into the new wing, members of the public must now go to the new entrance to access the county planning and zoning department, the County Commission office, and the fiduciary supervisor's office.

Once the move is complete, the new annex will house all county offices, while the judicial offices will remain in the main building. County offices moving to the an-

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is still looking for more deputies. "We are still short one officer, and have one leaving in a month," he said. The county also approved the hiring of Kristen McCoy as the Prosecuting Attorney's Victim Advocate upon the request of Prosecuting Attorney Via, appointed Ed Robinson to the vacant board position on the Greenbrier County Public Service District Number One Board of Directors, and appointed Paula Brown as the interim director of the Homeland Security and Emergency Services Agency.

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 Email submission to News@mountainmedianews.com
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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 Maxwellton. The public is invited to attend. Call 304-520-3221 for more information.

Renick Town Council

will meet Monday, Aug. 7 at 7 p.m. at Renick Town Hall for their regular monthly meeting. Agenda items include:

- Community comments
- Approval of Minutes
- Financial reports
- Old business
- New business
- First reading of ordinance setting forth the rates, fees and charges for service to customers of the water system of the town of Renick, first reading of Ordinance No. 11 - Section 1 An Ordinance to Increase the Rates, Fees, and Charges for Service to Customers of the Water System of the Town of Renick
- Committee reports
- Other business

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amount of \$571,994.45, and the board will discuss financing and payment at their next regular meeting, but will receive a contribution from Greenbrier East itself in the amount of \$30,000 over five years (\$6,000 per year).

Members of the board are excited about getting this project underway, which has been something they have wanted to do "for many, many years now" according to Board President Jeanie Wyatt. She went on to say that the board "feels like it will really finish up and bring together that whole complex."

The Greenbrier County Board of Education will meet again on Aug. 8, at the Kyle & Ann Fort Arts and Science Center at 1 p.m. The public is encouraged to attend. Interested parties should call 304-647-6470 to confirm meeting time, date, and location prior, as they are subject to change.

Greenbrier County Magistrate Court Convictions

Braden Lane Bragg, Alderson, speeding, GP, fine \$10
 Noble Harold Humphrey, Rupert, driving while license revoked - DUI, NCP, fine \$100, jail 45 days - Home Confinement 45 days
 Chelsea Hope Fogus, Frankford, obstructing officer, NCP, jail 90 days - suspended and placed on 12 months unsupervised probation
 Roger Dale Denson, Lewisburg, 1) distracted driving use of electronic device w/o hands free device, GP, fine \$100; 2) driving while license suspended or revoked, fine \$100
 Larry S. Martin, Meadow Bridge, possession of controlled substances, NCP, fine \$100
 Triston Daniel Crookshanks, Maxwellton, no proof of insurance, NCP, fine \$200
 Holly Ann King, Crawley, 1) possession of a controlled substance, NCP, fine \$100; 2) improper use of evidences of registration, fine \$25
 Aquilero Martinez, Beltsville Md, speeding, GP, fine \$20
 Ethan D. Armstrong, Hillsboro, speeding, NCP, fine \$10
 Michael Jared Moore, Lewisburg, no insurance, GP, fine \$200
 Jeffrey Shane Justice, Renick, no proof of insurance, NCP, fine \$200

Suits

In Re: The Marriage of: Jeana Lynn Haines and Aaron Michael Haines

Marriages

Austin Lee Kast, Lewisburg to Hanna Marie Williams, Ronceverte
 Jeffrey Michael Shawver, Maxwellton to Cheyanne Lea Alexander, Lewisburg
 James Merrill Kelly, Lewisburg to Jessica Ryan Flanagan, Charmco
 Connor Michael Smedley, Colorado Springs, CO to Virginia Sue Thrasher, Colorado Springs, CO
 Steven Virgil Damon, Ronceverte to Lenti Michelle Cole, Ronceverte

For the Record

Deeds

Kathleen I. McClung to Erin Rebecca LaFluer, Lots Nos. 37, 38, and 39, Osborne Addition to the Town of Rainelle, Meadow Bluff District
 John C. Marshall to Joshua Adamo and Abney Adamo, 9.173 Acres, Lewisburg District
 Marilyn K. Cooper to Quoin Stone Properties LLC., Lot No. 1, 0.105 Acre, City of Lewisburg
 Gary C. Morgan to Gary C. Morgan and Lisa R. Morgan, Lot No. 5, Section No. 5, The Graham Addition, City of Lewisburg
 Kathryn M. Schulberg and Arnold L. Schulberg to Kathryn M. Schulberg, 1.91 Acres, Anthony Creek District
 James Robert Herod to Keith Reynolds and Elizabeth A. Reynolds, Lot No. 14, Fort Spring District
 W. Marston Becker and Katharine B. Becker to Gregory R. Darby and Darlene L. Darby, Lot No. 358, Creekside Neighborhood of Greenbrier Village, Phase III, White Sulphur District
 Jandy Hanna and Sean Brain to Roger Lolly and Kristen Lolly, 0.781 Acre, Frankford District
 Blanche L. Knicely to Dena M. Knicely Wilcox, Hannah F. Knicely Burns, and Kenneth Butcher, 0.166 Acre, Williamsburg District

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OPINION



Glad All Over... Sort of

By Karen Cohen

This is my first year growing gladiolus. I bought the bulbs with the understanding that I would “lift” them out of the garden soil before the frost hit early winter. That may prove more work than I want to put in, but this tall spiky and colorful plant produces a multitude of blooms per stalk, about 6-8 flowers which make lovely cut flower arrangements. Drama is what gladiolus offers.

Known as a “sword” lily,” these flowering plants are part of the iris family and have about 180 species of corm bearing plants. They grow wild in Africa, the Mediterranean and the Arab countries, all warm climates. Gladiolus symbolize moral integrity and sincerity so you will find them on display at funerals. They keep well as cut flowers and give height to any floral bouquet.

I made my agreement to myself to remove them from my garden in the winter months because I live in zone 5-6. Last year, our temps dove below freezing and hit sub zero numbers. Brrrrrr... my butterfly bush, fig tree, and rosemary plant froze. This year, I have vowed to cover my in-ground fig tree and butterfly bush with even more straw and burlap than last year, and to carry my rosemary potted plant to the root cellar and place inside a cardboard box for safe storage till spring hits. Wish me luck!

Gardeners who live in zones 8-10 can keep their glad bulbs in the garden all year round. Covering them up with some straw mulch or chopped leaves as a blanket in the colder months is still a good idea.

Before my gladiolus bloom and eventually fall over, I will stake them. Using garden twine, I gently tie each stalk to a stake placed deep in the ground. Glads love full sun and lots of water, don’t let them go dry. Once the blooms are finished, allow them to stay in the garden soil until an early frost is predicted.

Then the next step is to cut the greenery off leaving about 3 inches sticking out from the bulb that you lift carefully out of the soil, and place them in a cardboard egg carton. That’s the perfect size storage for each little bulb to sleep away the winter months. The following spring, I will sprout them early by placing them either under a grow light or on a sunny, south facing window and spray each one with a bit of water to initiate growth. When all danger of frost is gone, I can place them in pots outside or directly in the soil with markers for identification. A little marker goes a long way. Relying on memory with dozens of various plants going into the garden each season is usually a complete waste of time in my experience.

Right now, I am growing my gladiolus in pots as well

as in dedicated garden spots. The pots will allow me to lift out the corms and store them safely from frost. Or I can take the whole pot and mulch it heavily in straw bales and keep it dry, stored in a root cellar or basement.

So here’s my sad news. Last week, I was thrilled to see the first blooms, coral in color, shooting out from the green stalks. I wondered out loud if any four-legged friends would be as excited as I, though with a different reason. Would the flowers be eaten? Need I say anything more? Not only my first blooms were nipped right at the buds but also the nearby flowering rose of Sharon “roses” on lower branches were nibbled away. Some branches were even broken off. So deer, once again, had made their nightly visit munching along up and down my driveway in the dark. Shame on them!

Last night we heard some rustle outside the bedroom window around 11pm. My husband got the flashlight and lit the outside bushes with it from the 2nd story. Lo and behold we saw about eight eyeballs, lit up red, staring right back at us. They were sleeping in our driveway. The nerve! We clapped our hands loudly and they ran off. But for how long?

Hummingbirds love to flit in and out of the trumpet shaped flowers to gather nectar. Dogs and cats, however, find gladiolus bulbs toxic, just like morning glories, and if they eat any part of the plant, they may vomit and display symptoms of lethargy. Keep the stored corms away from critters who might want a sample or two. Contact your vet right away if you suspect a pet has eaten your bulbs. I wonder if the deer have the same reaction?

Insect problems come from thrips, tiny insects who hide in the leaves and will overwhelm your gladiolus, irises, and freesias. Make sure your plants are getting plenty of sun and cut back any foliage shading them, and the bugs may disappear. If you see more thrips, spraying them and the leaves briskly with the garden hose can wash them off and drown them. Make a simple spray solution from 4 tablespoons of liquid dish detergent with clean water, shake, and spray directly on the leaves. This spray can be used for roses, orchids, tomatoes and boxwood, too.

Gardening is a constant experiment and an act of hope, and it seems nothing is 100% guaranteed. Go with the “flow” and garden with abandon and joy!

(Karen Cohen practices organic methods for growing plants, veggies, and flowers. Please send your comments, tips, and questions to natureswaykaren@gmail.com. And Happy Gardening!)

Commentary

Cat on a Hot Tin Roof

By Larry Smead

On a spring trip to New York City, we had the pleasure of seeing an off-Broadway performance of Tennessee Williams’ Cat on a Hot Tin Roof. We were there to see Adam Dodway, a native of Lewisburg. Adam began his acting career at the Greenbrier Valley Theatre and has since gone on to perform in several productions in New York such as Brigadoon, Guys and Dolls, Fiddler on the Roof, and Look Homeward, Angel.

The play was performed at the Theatre at St. Clement’s, a small Episcopal church on 46th Street converted into a theater venue that holds around 150 people. The theater has hosted many notable productions and many notable actors such as Faye Dunaway, Dustin Hoffman, Nathan Lane, and Al Pacino, while maintaining the comfortable atmosphere of a community theater.

Cat on a Hot Tin Roof was first performed on Broadway in 1955, winning the Pulitzer Prize for Drama. It has since been revived in movies and theater productions throughout the world. The dialogue is intense, and the themes are woven with ambiguity and layered with illusion, lies, repressed sexuality, greed, and disappointment. Each production is different, and given the current social and political climate, producers and directors feel pressure not to offend audiences that still prefer that Lucy and Ricky Ricardo sleep in separate beds.

The play portrays the interactions of the Pollitt family who have gathered at their Mississippi Delta home to celebrate Big Daddy’s birthday. Central to the play is the relationship between Brick, the younger son, and his wife Maggie, the eponymous cat.

Brick, overwhelmed with grief and guilt, has become a heavy drinker since the suicide of his close friend Skipper. Maggie spends much of the play trying to seduce Brick, who refuses to sleep with her. It is not clear whether she loves Brick or if she wants to secure her future with children. Maggie suspects that either Brick and Skipper had a passionate relationship or that out of shame, Brick has repressed his true feelings for Skipper.

Brick is Big Daddy’s favorite son and comes closest to self-realization in a moving conversation with his sympathetic father. In his youth, his father was a caretaker for the plantation when it was owned by two old men who “shared a tenderness that was uncommon.” They had no children and left the plantation to Big Daddy.

Understanding Cat on a Hot Tin Roof is troublesome because the text has been constantly edited, no more so than

the movie version of the play starring Elizabeth Taylor as Maggie and Paul Newman as Brick. The movie was released in 1958, and because of Hays Code restrictions, any references to homosexuality were removed. The result was that the complex relationship between Maggie and Brick was diminished, and Big Daddy’s tolerant understanding of his son was diluted. The highlight of the movie was not Brick’s touching revelations to his father, but Elizabeth Taylor in a satin slip.

The recent production at St. Clement’s came closer to Williams’ original intentions. The distinguished cast included Courtney Henggeler, who is Amanda in Cobra Kai and was Sheldon’s twin sister Missy in The Big Bang Theory, as a sizzling Maggie. Big Mama was played by Alison Fraser, a two-time Emmy Award nominee; and Matt De Rogatis was a physical Brick. The role of Gooper, Brick’s

greedy older brother, was played convincingly by our own Adam Dodway. Adam’s Gooper was petty and selfish, a perfect Kendall Roy, never missing a chance to portray his brother as an alcoholic, childless incompetent. Adam was so convincing that one can see why Big Daddy loves Brick best, and it was a pleasure to see Adam on a stage with such distinguished actors in such a distinguished venue.

Cat on a Hot Tin Roof is one of the America’s greatest plays. It is Tennessee Williams’ best, and as time passes, the topic matter becomes more relevant, and open discussion becomes more necessary. The dialogue is provocative, but as Maggie says to Brick, “Laws of silence don’t work. It’s just like shutting a door and locking it on a house on fire in hope of forgetting that the house is burning.” Williams’ masterpiece would be a worthy production for the Greenbrier Valley Theatre.

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OBITUARIES

Carolyn Sue Long Bailey



Fairlea-Carolyn Sue Long Bailey, 81, passed away Monday, July 24, 2023 at Peyton Hospice House. Carolyn was born Sept. 15, 1942 at Ronceverte to the late Lola and Walter Long. Carolyn was retired from Greenbrier Valley Medical Center as a LPN and was a member of the Fort Spring Missionary Baptist Church. Other than her parents, she was preceded in death by daughter, Melinda Sue

Judy; sons, Roger Judy and Michael Bailey; sister, Lovetta Wooten; and brothers, Floyd Long and Keith Long.

Survivors include her husband, Ronald Gene Bailey of Fairlea; daughter, Madonna Erskine and husband Randy of Stamping Ground, KY; son, Michael “Snowball” Judy and wife Kathi of Ronceverte; 13 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

A graveside service was held on Thursday, July 27, at the Adwell Cemetery where Pastor Joey Morgan officiated. There was no visitation.

The family would like to send their sincere appreciation to the doctors, nurses and staff at the Greenbrier Valley Medical Center, Stonerise Nursing Home and Peyton Hospice House for their care.

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

U.S. Capitol Christmas tree selected from Greenbrier Range District on Monongahela National Forest

The staff of Monongahela National Forest is excited to announce that a 63-foot Norway spruce from the Greenbrier Ranger District has been selected to serve as the 2023 U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree this holiday season.

The tree was selected by Jim Kaufmann, director of the Capitol Grounds for the Architect of the Capitol, and is one of eight candidate trees that he personally visited on the Forest recently.

“Selecting a tree to adorn the West Lawn of the U.S. Capitol comes with very specific requirements,” said Jim Kaufmann, director of Capitol Grounds and Arboretum at the Architect of the Capitol. “Thanks to the pre-planning of Monongahela National Forest staff, we were able to select a very traditional and graceful Norway spruce to represent Monongahela National Forest and wild and wonderful West Virginia at the U.S. Capitol during the holidays this winter.”

The People’s Tree will be harvested from the Greenbrier Ranger District, which was home to the very first Christmas tree provided from the Forest Service to the U.S. Capitol in 1970, also a Norway spruce. A red spruce was provided from the Gauley Ranger District in 1976.

“It’s a great honor for our district to once again provide the People’s Tree,” said Jack Tribble, district ranger for the Greenbrier Ranger District. “Our staff is excited to be a part of the project, including the harvest and packaging of the tree, to ensure it has a safe trip to Washington, D.C., this fall.”

The tree will be harvested in early November before making its journey through communities in West Virginia before heading to Washington, DC, arriving at the U.S. Capitol in late November. The precise location of the tree is



confidential until the harvest in early November.

The Architect of the Capitol’s team will decorate the tree with thousands of handcrafted ornaments from the people of West Virginia. The tree will be lit sometime after Thanksgiving during a ceremony with the Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, part of a long-held tradition.

Nonprofit project partner Choose Outdoors, along with presenting sponsor 84 Lumber and a host of partners, sponsors, and volunteers, are contributing funding and in-kind support of this project and its theme, Endlessly Wild and Wonderful.

“We are grateful for our shared partnerships and engaged community partners and look forward to representing them on a national stage in DC with this locally grown Norway spruce, which will make the perfect U.S. Capitol Christmas tree,” said Shawn Cochran, forest supervisor for Monongahela National Forest.

Norway spruce are an introduced species in West Virginia and have become naturalized

across the state. These trees are often raised and sold on Christmas tree farms.

The Forest Service first undertook large scale reforestation projects in Monongahela National Forest starting in 1925, just five years after the Forest was established. Norway spruce were often planted, along with other non-native and native species, as they were known for their rapid growth rate. More recently, the Forest Service has worked closely with partners such as The Nature Conservancy, Green Forests Work, and the Central Appalachian Spruce Restoration Initiative to restore native red spruce ecosystems across the national forest.

About the U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree

The U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree initiative is a 53-year tradition in which one of America’s 154 national forests provides a tree for the West Lawn of the U.S. Capitol for the holiday season. The project is made possible with support from partners including non-profit Choose Outdoors along with cash and in-kind contributions from companies large and small as well as volunteers locally and across America.



“Ukulele”

CONT. FROM FRONT



The Greenbrier River Optimistic Ukelele Players put on a show at the Katherine Coleman Johnson Building in the White Sulphur Springs Library. From Appalachian folk to rock-and-roll, the “ukes” offer a rich variety of music. (Photo by Penny Frondelli)

when Bob DuCharme takes his G.R.O.U.P. “on the road.” The concert in the White Sulphur Springs Library was filled with an eclectic blend of music, informative commentary between songs from DuCharme, and light, funny banter between the group leader and his players.

In a little over an hour, the strings of the ukuleles traversed a diverse musical landscape, traveling from Carl Perkins and “Blue Suede Shoes” to Ray Charles and “Hit The Road, Jack,” to the Beatles’ “With A Little Help From My Friends” and Creedence Clearwater Revival’s “Bad Moon Rising.” The set included an original composition from local musician John Wyatt of Rainelle, West Virginia’s own Hazel Dickens and “West Virginia My Home,” and concluded with two of West Virginia’s official state songs, “The West Virginia Hills” and John Denver’s global hit, “Take Me Home, Country Roads.” The Optimistic Players also performed “Sixteen Tons,” made a hit by Tennessee Ernie Ford in 1955, a piece written by Kentuckian Merle Travis in 1946, and clearly, as DuCharme says “an Appalachian song...an actual coal mining song written by an actual coal mining family.” Merle Travis had family, deep roots running through the coal mining community.

“There are three songs you have to play if you play ukulele,” DuCharme playfully told the crowd, “and we’ll do them all this evening.” G.R.O.U.P. opened up with the first, “Aint’ She Sweet,” later covering number two, “Five Foot Two Eyes of Blue (Has Anyone Seen My Girl?)” and presented that third essential ukulele song about halfway through the show, “Tiptoe Through the Tulips.” One of the most famous ukulele players of all, the late Tiny Tim, made that one famous on one of his appearances on The Tonight Show With Johnny Carson.

According to DuCharme, the ukulele gained enormous popularity in the United States during the Great Depression. Many musicians or aspiring musicians couldn’t afford a guitar during those trying economic hard times, making the much smaller “uke” an affordable option for them to still pursue their musical

dreams. Arthur Godfrey continued the ukulele’s spike in popularity on his radio show in the 1940s and on both his radio and television shows in the ‘50s. DuCharme says the ukulele has seen resurgence in the last decade.

“It’s been the best selling instrument in the world for the last ten years,” he said. DuCharme also noted that there are currently - as far as he can determine - 10,000 ukulele clubs in the world, “and we’re the only one in West Virginia, so far as I know,” he said with a smile.

Before the Covid-19 pandemic, there were twenty-four members of G.R.O.U.P. Today, sixteen people regularly attend the weekly jam sessions, from two o’clock to three p.m. at Carnegie Hall. For some of the Optimistic Players, the G.R.O.U.P. provides a return to an instrument they once played but set aside during the ebb and flow of life - the sessions and concerts are an ongoing homecoming to the ukulele. Other members have come to the ukulele for the first time through Bob DuCharme, a fresh, new experience of learning and joy.

Diana Harmon played the ukulele in high school. Her mom bought the instrument for her, and she loved it. Still, she set her ukulele down for fifty years. She picked it up again eight years ago when she moved to the area in retirement, and saw a notice in a local newspaper about the Carnegie ukulele opportunity.

“We all love Bob,” Harmon said, “and this group has become like a family. We’ve been together seven, eight years. We share triumphs and heartaches.”

Eight or so years ago, Robin Spence noticed a picture posted on social media of her daughter with a ukulele. The little instrument captured Spence’s imagination and she decided she wanted to play. “I reached out to Bob and I started lessons. We first played ‘King of the Road,’” she recounts with a grin. She and her husband Richard Dulee joined G.R.O.U.P. shortly after those lessons.

Bob DuCharme and his Greenbrier River Optimistic Ukelele Players welcome all to join them. It promises to be an experience of great music, fun learning, lasting friendship and authentic community building.

Capito announces support for substance use disorder treatment program



U.S. Senator Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV), Ranking Member of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, today announced federal funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine (WV-SOM) Clinic, Inc. in Lewisburg, W.Va. to support the Rural Communities Opioid Response Program (RCORP)-Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Access Program.

“The addiction crisis continues to impact far too many through a multitude of factors. As a result, our response must be direct and individualized based on the needs and challenges that specific communities face. I am glad to see HHS invest in this program that aims to help those struggling with

substance abuse disorder through services available at our West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine. This funding will strengthen treatment available at WVSOM and help put West Virginians on a path to recovery and ultimately reach their full potential,” Ranking Member Capito said.

The award includes:

- \$1,000,000 for the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine Clinic (WVSOM), Inc. (Lewisburg) to support the RCORP-MAT Access Program, which aims to reduce the morbidity and mortality of substance use disorder (SUD), including opioid use disorder (OUD), in rural communities. The purpose of this program is to improve health care in rural areas by establishing new MAT access points and increasing the capacity for sustainable MAT service provision in rural areas.

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A Look Back

Dear Recycle Lady,
What are nurdles? They must have something to do with plastics.

Confused

Dear Confused,

Nurdles are totally plastic. They are the very tiny plastic pellets that are the building blocks for manufacturing plastic products. Nurdles are a microplastic as they are between 2 and 5mm in size. It takes over 600 nurdles to make one small plastic bottle. Not only are nurdles in everything plastic, they are everywhere – inside marine life, wildlife, birds, soil, vegetables, rain, snow, and human bodies. Millions of them wash up on coastal beaches, riverbanks, and lakes every year and will remain in the environment for centuries.

Dear Recycle Lady,

Do we recycle bottles with the caps on or do we recycle bottles with the caps removed? I have a plastic bottle that has a top with the message "Recycle cap with bottle." I have always been told to remove the caps before putting the bottles in recycling. Is it really important to remove caps from plastic bottles?

Just wondering

Dear Just Wondering,

Locally, it is critical to remove the caps from plastic bottles before recycling. Large cities often have processing equipment that separates the caps from the bottles before sending them off to the next level of recycling, but our Recycling Center doesn't have this equipment. There are several reasons why bottles and caps should be separated. First of all, bottles and caps are made from different kinds of plastic. When two kinds of plastic are mixed, one kind contaminates the other kind, reducing the value of the recyclable material. Locally, it takes extra time for workers to separate caps from bottles before processing. This is necessary because if the caps are left on the bottles, they could jam the processing equipment. Also, a capped bottle might explode under pressure, becoming a safety hazard for workers.

Dear Readers,

Amazon has just announced that they are phasing out plastic padded shipping envelopes and replacing them with recyclable options. As Amazon

is the world's largest online retailer, this is a big step forward in getting rid of unnecessary single-use plastic packaging. According to Environmental Actions tens of thousands of supporters signed the petition that was given in last week's column. Kudos to all of you who signed this petition. Although this announcement is an important step in the right direction, Amazon still needs to commit to a set timeline for phasing out these plastic envelopes and replacing them with something that is sustainable. Environmental Action is continuing to put the pressure on Amazon to "put our planet over plastic."

Good News: Siquijor, the first zero-waste province in the Philippines, demonstrates that an entire community can commit to sustainable practices. This lush island that is teeming with biodiversity, has implemented zero-waste solutions despite being a remote island with over 100,000 residents. For more information see: www.freetheocean.com/journal/the-dream-of-a-plastic-free-world-is-becoming-a-reality-for-many.

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



By William "Skip" Deegans

Shown above is an undated photo of Greenbrier County's Issac Thomas Mann who, in short order, became one of West Virginia's most successful entrepreneurs. Born in 1863 and the son of Mathew and Elizabeth Mann, he was raised on a farm in the Fort Spring area. He became a teller at the Greenbrier Bank in Alderson and went on to organize a bank in Bramwell, West Virginia. He reached Mercer County at a time when the Guyandotte River coal field was developing. In addition to the Bramwell bank, he controlled several regional banks, and by 1902 was a director of the Bank of Richmond (Virginia). He built a commodious home in Bramwell and organized the building of the Bramwell Presbyterian Church (both are still standing and can be seen on the Bramwell walking tour).

Mann became president of the Pocahontas Fuel Company and opened a coal mine and camp in 1916 near the mouth of Barkers Creek that he named Itmann. The Itman company store and offices were designed by the Bluefield architect Alexander Mahood. The building still stands and exemplifies the exceptional coal field stonework by Italian masons. Mann started a shipping company, and in 1917 he commissioned construction of the Issac T. Mann cargo ship that transported coal from Norfolk to New England.

Mann was a major player in West Virginia Republican politics. In 1908 and 1916 he was a delegate to the Republican National Convention, led William Howard Taft's presidential campaign in West Virginia, and made an unsuccessful run for the U.S. Senate in 1912.

In the mid 1920s, Mann began investing heavily in Chicago real estate. Before the stock market crash in 1929 his property holdings were valued at \$86 to \$100 million (\$1.5 to \$1.7 billion in today's dollars). Evidently, Mann lost most of his fortune in the crash. In addition to his home in Bramwell, Mann and his family had a home in Washington, DC, where he died in 1932.

Photo: Courtesy of the West Virginia University Regional History Center.

Sources: "Bramwell - The Diary of a Millionaire Coal Town," The Washington Post, The Boston Globe, Hinton Independent Herald.

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Notice: FREE 2 old firing kilns. Both need repairs. 304-647-4106.

LEGAL

Abandoned Vehicle
There has been a 1998 Chevrolet S10 Blazer left sitting at A1 Used Auto & Detailing LLC, for the past year. The customer had us install a transmission. We have made numerous attempts and tried numerous methods to get in contact with the owner and he will not answer the phone nor return calls.

LEGAL

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
Balance June 30, 2023	\$ 14,743.55

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LEGAL

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF GREENBRIER COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
CHANGE OF NAME FROM Civil Action No. _____
Roberta Anne Owens to Anne Rodgers Owens
LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
CHANGE OF NAME

Order of Publication
Circuit court of Greenbrier County, West Virginia
Notice is hereby given that on the 30th day of August, 2023 at 3:30 o'clock p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, Roberta Anne Owens will apply by Petition to the Circuit Court of Greenbrier County, West Virginia for the entry of an order by said Court changing Petitioner's name from Roberta Anne Owens to Anne Rodgers Owens, at which time and place any interested party may appear and be heard, if they so desire. Further, said hearing may be rescheduled without further notice or publication. A copy of said Petition can be obtained from the undersigned Clerk at his/her office.
Entered by the Clerk of said Court this 17th day of July, 2023.

Jamie Baker
Circuit Clerk by deputy *Doree Claxton*

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!

Stitch

BETAS

Trimmer

WORME

Lump

BUGLE

Cape

ALMOND

"Where Henry's _____ goes—I go!"

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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Super Crossword

SHE'S OUT

ACROSS

1 Crux
9 Denver gridders
16 Butte relative
20 "Later!"
21 1990s Oldsmobile
22 "Downhill" star Novello
23 Going just the way one begged for it to go? [Curry]
25 Medieval peon
26 Scrawny
27 Former Common Market abbr.
28 35mm camera abbr.
29 Uruguay's — del Este
30 Tarzan actor Ron
31 Palme — (prize at Cannes)
33 "You could hear — drop"
37 Property appraiser
39 Rabbit action
40 Reputation as a great pilot? [Salonga]
42 "You're on!"
46 Be a snitch
47 Fleeceable females

48 Late-night host Jimmy's collection of TVs? [Zadora]
50 Kissing target
52 Martini liquor
55 Tire trouble
56 Leafy recess
57 Proscribe
58 Hot-air bath
60 Tokyo cash
61 Family guy
62 "Happy Days" actor Scott
64 Luggage-screening official, for short
67 Headline after a Harley stalls? [Meyers]
71 Waits on hand and foot
73 Not yet final, legally
74 Family guy
75 Lincoln-to- Topeka dir.
78 Surrounded by
79 '16 Olympics site
81 Group of sub-sub-athletes
83 Retort to "You weren't!"
84 Tear

85 Bit of change
87 Comparably dense to the one here? [Arden]
89 Bamboozle
91 "Later!"
93 Guaranteed-to-succeed
94 Weep while excavating fossil fuel? [Ortiz]
99 Ballplayer Ripken
100 It's turned to go in and out
101 Designer Saarinen
102 Buddhist sect
103 Rep.'s rival
106 Tools with teeth
107 "Angie" actor Stephen
109 "No more seats" abbr.
111 Mrs., in Madrid
112 Take — view of (frown on)
113 Cook another egg after cooking a dozen? [Tarbell]
119 French film theater
120 Demigods
121 Traditional Chinese drink

122 Saloon casks
123 Not too soft, as pasta
124 2014 Ben Affleck thriller that would make a good alternate title for this puzzle

DOWN

1 Cabinet wood
2 Ear-relevant
3 Twisted wit
4 Nape's place
5 "— found it!"
6 Female rabbit
7 Marine duck
8 R&B singer India.—
9 Valise, e.g.
10 Rival of LG
11 "Ex's & —" (Elle King hit)
12 Light bites
13 Bottom level
14 Exceed, as a proper limit
15 Bummed out
16 Treats badly
17 Nevertheless
18 In a sense
19 Kennel noise
24 Raleigh loc.
29 Certain toy dog, for short
31 Knucklehead
32 Sign of total acceptance
34 Longtime New Yorker cartoonist

35 March day to "beware"
36 Packers' org.
38 Tools with teeth
39 Go no further
40 League
41 Pueblo pot
42 Uncertain
43 Narrative
44 Like desks with sloping covers
45 Intrinsically
49 1930s-'40s pitcher Newsom
51 The "I" of ILO: Abbr.
52 Question asked while covering someone's eyes
53 Hotel cousin
54 "King" Cole
57 Singing group for lads
58 Verbalized
59 Get ripper
61 Arctic floater
63 French "here"
65 Crooner Neil
66 Unwillingness to yield
68 Cackling bird
69 Singer Amos
70 — Field (Mets' home)
71 Uber arrival
72 Pal, in Paris
76 Je ne — quoi

77 "To be," to Augustus
80 Cuzco native
82 "Behold," to Augustus
83 "— never fly!"
85 Tribal bunch
86 Holliday-Earp gunfight site
87 Docile
88 Lee of Marvel
89 Some ancient warships
90 Pen fillers
92 Dot in la mer
94 Dated music display case
95 Band gofer
96 Joining, as oxen
97 Fell in line
98 Light bite
102 Mark-leaving swordsman
103 "— know it!"
104 Set foot in
105 Taj —
108 "Look — now!"
110 Diana of "The Avengers"
111 China's — Xiaoping
113 Rx org.
114 Sweetums
115 Suffix with exist or differ
116 Philosopher Lao- —
117 Half of twenty
118 Wide shoe width

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Hair is longer. 2. Vase is added. 3. Apron is removed. 4. Arm is raised. 5. Infeels are missing. 6. Bush is taller.

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BUSINESS

Seeing results in increased paving, WVDOH is training more crews



The West Virginia Division of Highways (WVDOH) is seeing results in paving more miles in all 10 WVDOH districts by using its own crews in addition to contract paving.

In 2022, state forces paved 349 miles of roadway totaling \$44.9 million, averaging \$128,547 per mile compared to 88 paved miles of contract paving totaling \$63.7 million which averages \$728,814 per mile.

Through the first six months of 2023, state forces paved 48 miles of roadway totaling \$7.4 million, averaging \$154,354 per mile. Contract paving completed in the first six months of 2023 totaled 105 paved miles equaling \$34.9 million, which averages to \$333,923 per mile.

The West Virginia Department of Transportation (WVDOT) continues to emphasize safety and education as it trains WVDOH employees on maintenance equipment.

Recently, a group of WVDOH workers within heavy maintenance in District 6 completed training on a WVDOH paver. WVDOH began paver training in 2020

when new pavers were purchased and 49 WVDOH employees around the state have learned the equipment since.

The training is conducted by the WVDOH's Equipment Operator Training Academy, factory representatives from the paver manufacturer, and various maintenance assistants in the WVDOH.

Training depends on the needs of the WVDOH's 10 districts. Paver training occurred in all of the WVDOH districts in 2020 and numerous districts have had additional training since then based on workforce needs.

The recent training for District 6 included a group that will be assigned to strictly paving. All WVDOH workers in attendance for the training learn the safety, maintenance, and operations side of the paver.

The WVDOH paver requires three workers to operate it at the same time including an operator for direction, and workers who secure the asphalt and make sure it is spread evenly.

WVDOH conducts training on every piece of equipment in its fleet.

Grand Opening set for Joe and Peg Greenlee Rural Health Clinic at Pocahontas Memorial Hospital

Pocahontas Memorial Hospital is pleased to announce the upcoming ribbon cutting and grand opening of their new Joe and Peg Greenlee Rural Health Clinic. The event will take place on Wednesday, Aug. 9, beginning at 11 a.m. on the hospital campus, located at 150 Duncan Road, Buckeye, WV.

The Joe and Peg Greenlee Rural Health Clinic stands as a testament to the enduring commitment of Pocahontas Memorial Hospital to serve the healthcare needs of our rural community. The clinic, named in honor of esteemed philanthropists Joe and Peg Greenlee, has been made possible through their generous donation, alongside significant support from the local community and our valued partners.

During the ceremony, speakers will deliver brief remarks culminating in the official ribbon cutting. In addition, a very special announcement is expected

to be made by one of our visiting dignitaries. The public is invited to tour the facility and enjoy refreshments following the ceremony.

The first hospital for Pocahontas County was completed in 1906 in the town of Marlinton, known as Marlinton Hospital and Infirmary. In 1926, citizens petitioned the county court to designate the hospital as a county facility and name it a Memorial Hospital in honor of the county men and women who served in World War I. The re-named Pocahontas Memorial Hospital has been, and continues to be, dedicated to delivering compassionate and high-quality care to both the residents and visitors of our county and surrounding areas.

For more information about Pocahontas Memorial Hospital or the Joe and Peg Greenlee Rural Health Clinic, please visit www.pmh-wv.org or our social media channels @pmhwv.

CLUB & CHURCH

Annual Ketron Church and Community Homecoming

Date: Sunday, Aug. 6, 2023 at 11 a.m.

Please join us once again to celebrate the legacy of Ketron Church, worship, and reunite with old friends. The speaker this year will be Mayford Witt of Charleston. Following the worship service will be gather at the Frank Whanger Picnic Shelter for a Carry-in lunch and a brief business meeting. Everyone is invited to attend. Paper products and utensils will be provided. Please notify Karen West of any persons you would like added to the memorial list.

Because the Homecoming was cancelled in 2020 due to COVID-19 and recent attendance has been sparse, contributions have been very low. Your donations for the upkeep of the church and cemetery are urgently needed. Current repair issues with the church must be addressed without delay. If you have loved ones buried in the Ketron cemetery and cannot attend, please consider mailing a generous donation to Ketron Church in care of the Ketron treasurer at the address listed below. Masks will be provided. We look forward to seeing you! Stay safe!

President: Doris Lovelace, 272 Lovelace Drive, Ronceverte, WV 24970

Treasurer: Karen West, P.O. Box 251, Ronceverte, WV 24970

Secretary: Judy Reaser Merrill, 35 Bells Ridge Drive, Stafford, VA 22554

Ketron Church is located on Rockland Road, Ronceverte.

Church Bulletin

Promised Land Quartet at First Baptist Church

You are cordially invited to a southern gospel concert featuring The Promised Land Quartet at the First Baptist Church located at 345 7th Street in Rainelle on Sunday, July 30, at 7 p.m. There is no admission fee; a love gift offering will be taken. There will be a social time afterwards in The Fellowship Hall. Contact Juanita Keeney with questions at 304-646-0293.

West Point Baptist Church

You are cordially invited to the annual Ice Cream Social at the Asbury Community Building across from West Point Baptist Church. The event will start at 6 p.m. on Sunday, July 30. Entertainment will be provided by New Horizon and a love offering will be taken later in the evening. If you have any questions about the event, feel free to call Karen Lemons at 304-645-6286. Please bring a chair and your appetite. Hope to see you there!

Annual Homecoming at First Baptist Church of Trout

Homecoming on Sunday, Aug. 6 - Special singing to start service with lunch served after singing. Service starts at 11 a.m. Pastor Roger Williams welcomes everyone to come and enjoy the day.



Reverend Julie Olt

Old Stone Presbyterian Church names 17th Pastor

The Old Stone Presbyterian Church in Lewisburg announces the Call of The Reverend Julie Olt to be the congregation's 17th pastor. Reverend Olt comes to Old Stone after serving as pastor of Cynthiana Presbyterian Church in Cynthiana, KY.

The daughter of the late Reverend Dr. James H. Rucker and Margaret Kagin Rucker, Olt was reared in Ashland, KY. She is a graduate of Paul G. Blazer High School in Ashland, Centre College of Kentucky and Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. Olt served as Executive Director of the Ashland Community Kitchen and Ashland Area Presby-

terian Ministries before serving churches in Indiana and Kentucky. "I am so excited to start my ministry with Old Stone and look forward with delight to see what God is calling us to in this time and place," stated Olt.

Olt is married and has two children and four grandchildren.

The public is cordially invited to attend the installation service for Reverend Olt on Sunday, July 30, in the sanctuary of Old Stone Presbyterian Church. More information about Old Stone Presbyterian Church can be found on the church website, www.oldstonechurch-wv.com.

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. Wonderful News! We have had so many generous donations from fellow classmates that the mixer on Friday night at the Brier Patch at Quality Inn, and Saturday's catered dinner and dance at the WVSOM Alumni Center are now FREE. 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

2023 Hodges/O'Brien Reunion

Descendants of James H. Hodges and Jeremiah O'Brien will enjoy a reunion Sunday, Aug. 20, at noon with dinner at 1 p.m. We will meet at the First Church of God Fellowship Hall, North Avenue, Ronceverte. Bring pictures, family tree information, past reunion information, and other memorabilia to share. Also bring addresses for family members that have moved so we may add them to our mailing list. The descendants are dying and we, the reunion committee, need for you and your family to help in continuing this RICH tradition. Please bring anyone and COME enjoy the FINE food and GOOD fellowship. Come and catch up on family news and reminisce about the good old days. Please share this announcement with family members and relatives who may not be on our current mailing list. If your address has changed, we need your new address. Please call Nancy Hodges at (home) 304-647-3451 or (cell) 304-520-1754 with changes in your address. Hope to see you there!

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SCHOOL

Greenbrier Historical Society introduces new book scanner to preserve local history



GHS's new i2S Copibook OS A2 Book Scanner

The Greenbrier Historical Society (GHS) is proud to announce the acquisition of the cutting-edge i2S Copibook OS A2 Book Scanner, a revolutionary addition to their preservation efforts. To mark this milestone, GHS will be hosting an exclusive event on Wednesday, Aug. 23, from 3 to 5 p.m., inviting local historical societies and partner organizations to witness the scanner in action and explore its diverse applications.

The event will take place at the North House Museum, located at 814 Washington Street W in Lewisburg, where attendees will have the opportunity to witness firsthand how the scanner will play a pivotal role in safeguarding the Greenbrier Valley's mate-

rial culture and historical heritage.

GHS Archivist Karly Watts expressed her excitement about the new acquisition, stating, "This scanner will be a helpful tool for the preservation of Greenbrier Valley material culture and history. Technology like this allows us to preserve ledgers and books from businesses and community organizations of the past, and going forward. It will also make this information more widely available to our community and to researchers interested in our history."

The i2S Copibook OS A2 Book Scanner sets a new standard in digitizing precious historical documents, books, and manuscripts. Its advanced features enable the preservation of delicate and aging materials without compromising their integrity, ensuring they remain accessible to future generations. By investing in this state-of-the-art technology, the Greenbrier Historical Society demonstrates its unwavering commitment to protect and share the region's rich historical legacy.

The event on Aug. 23 will serve as an educational opportunity for local historical societies and partner organizations to familiarize themselves with the scanner's capabilities. Attendees will also gain valuable insights into the innovative techniques employed by GHS to enrich historical research and encourage community engagement with the past.

In the coming future, the Greenbrier Historical Society welcomes all history enthusiasts, researchers, and community members interested in the preservation of local heritage to attend this special occasion and witness the unveiling of the i2S Copibook OS A2 Book Scanner.

Prahalath Anbu Bharathi named to Dean's List at Tufts University

Tufts University student Prahalath Anbu Bharathi of Lewisburg, Class of 2023, was named to the Dean's List for the spring 2023 semester. Dean's List honors at Tufts University require a semester grade point average of 3.4 or greater.

Tufts University, located on campuses in Boston, Medford/Somerville and Grafton, Massachusetts, and in Talloires, France, is recognized among the premier research universities in the United States. Tufts enjoys a global reputation for academic excellence and for the preparation of students as leaders in a wide range of professions. A growing number of innovative teaching and research initiatives span all Tufts campuses, and collaboration among the faculty and students in the undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs across the university's schools is widely encouraged.

FastForward courses for in-demand healthcare careers scheduled at MGCC

Mountain Gateway Community College's division of Workforce Solutions and Community Education is offering several training courses for in-demand careers in healthcare this fall. There is limited space available.

All of the courses are eligible for tuition assistance through the FastForward program, and students who complete the coursework are eligible to sit for nationally recognized certification exams. Eligible students may be able to train at no cost due to a variety of financial assistance funding sources available.

The Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) course is scheduled to begin Aug. 21; the Clinical Medical Assistant (CMA) program begins Aug. 22; and Phlebotomy Technician, Sept. 5. All three are hybrid courses, combining in-person labs meeting on the MGCC campus in Clifton Forge, as well as online lectures.

Massage Therapy, Nurse Aide and one of the CMA classes are already full.

The EMT class will

meet on Monday and Wednesday evenings and on several Saturdays, through Dec. 11. Instructors are Kayla Cahoon and Kelby Smith. The 164-hour EMT program trains students to provide basic life support care.

The CMA class will meet on Tuesday and Thursday evenings and on several Saturdays, through Jan. 6, 2024. The CMA program, which includes 144 contact hours, prepares students to assist physicians with patient care management.

The 115-hour Phlebotomy Technician class trains students to collect blood specimens from patients for laboratory analysis. The class will meet on Tuesday and Thursday evenings with several Saturday labs, through Dec. 12. Kristie Evans is the instructor.

For more details on each course, check the MGCC website at www.mgcc.edu/workforce.

To register or for more information about tuition assistance, contact FastForward Career Coach Robin Jennings at 540-863-2899 or email rjennings@mgcc.edu.

National Association for Agricultural Educators awards local teacher Turn the Key Scholarship

Agricultural education is continually faced with a shortage of qualified teachers. Unless those who have been trained enter and remain in the profession for a period of several years, the shortage of qualified teachers will prevail. In 2003, The National Association for Agricultural Educators (NAAE) developed the Teachers Turn the Key program as a means of encouraging young teachers to remain in the profession and to support and recognize participation in professional development.

Since its inception, the program has impacted over 600 teachers across the United States. Only the top participants in each state are selected for this prestigious award. Participants are challenged to improve their teaching and classroom management, develop time management skills, and immerse themselves in professional development

activities that will support their professional goals. Agriculture teachers who have applied for this program will be evaluated at the state level. The most qualified applicant will receive a full scholarship for airfare, lodging and registration fee to attend the NAAE convention. This year's recipient was recognized by WV for her exemplary performance and dedication to Agriculture Education.

This year's recipient is Mrs. Emily Dunkle teaching at Greenbrier East High School. Mrs. Dunkle grew up on a small farm in Raleigh County, WV where her love for agriculture began. She then went on to join her local FFA chapter and pursued a degree in Agricultural and Extension Education. Now running her own farm, she strives to advocate for agriculture and educate her students about the importance of it. She incorporates many different teaching

methods in order to meet the needs of her students. Dunkle is currently teaching Animal Production, Livestock Production, Small Animal Care, Natural Resources, Floriculture and Introduction to

Agriculture. In the future she hopes to incorporate a meats science class into the schedule and overall grow the program through the needs and interests of her students and community.



Mrs. Emily Dunkle

U.S. Department of Labor grant provides stability and expansion for WV apprenticeship programs

The West Virginia Department of Economic Development (WVDED) and the West Virginia Department of Education (WVDE) are pleased to receive a U.S. Department of Labor (USDOL) grant to support the state's K-12 Teacher Registered Apprenticeship Program (T-RAP). The USDOL recently announced that West Virginia is among 45 states to receive a total of \$65 million to enhance the National Apprenticeship system. The Mountain State will receive \$465,113 with annual renewals available for an additional four years.

Registered Apprenticeship Programs (RAPs) are federally recognized, high-quality career pathways that offer paid, on-the-job learning that is supported by coursework. The K-12 Teacher Preparation program in West Virgin-

ia is a USDOL-recognized RAP. It removes barriers to economic opportunity and time for high school students interested in a teaching career.

West Virginia implemented the Grow Your Own Teaching Pathway in the 2022-23 school year. Seven Grow Your Own counties have committed to implementing a teacher apprenticeship program. To date, nine high school students have been hired by their counties as teacher apprentices.

"This grant not only recognizes the current work in our state to address workforce needs through student preparation, but it also identifies funding that allows us to continue to grow and build the next generation of our state's great workforce," said Secretary of the West

Virginia Department of Economic Development Mitch Carmichael. "This will be of tremendous assistance to the WVDED team as we continue to support West Virginia's current and future workforce needs."

"This support will allow us to expand and sustain the work that has already begun in West Virginia," said State Superintendent of Schools Michele L. Blatt. "We continue to explore ways to extend opportunities to our students while also addressing workforce demands. This grant will assist these efforts and have a significant impact for years to come."

The award provides planning funds to states, such as West Virginia, that have committed to increasing sustainability and substantially increasing the number and diversity of RAPs among

in-demand industries. This allows the state to evaluate options to expand this federal distinction to other fields such as nursing, tourism and culinary industries.

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STEPPIN' OUT

Carnegie Hall's Summer Art exhibits open August 4



Ellen Fisher (left), Jorn Mork, Jeanne Brenneman

Carnegie Hall's Galleries reopen Friday, Aug. 4, with Summer Exhibits by Ellen Fisher (Old Stone Room), Jeanne Brenneman (Lobby Gallery), and Jorn Mork, Nan Morgan, and Donna Toney (Museum Gallery). There will be opening receptions at 5 p.m. in conjunction with Lewisburg's First Fridays after 5.

The Old Stone Room, located on the ground floor of Carnegie Hall, will feature "A Sense of Place" by Ellen Fisher. She is a fine art painter, teacher, and writer about art with an M.F.A. from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago.

Jeanne Brenneman's "A Watercolor Journey" will exhibit in the Auditorium Lobby Gallery. She is a signature member of the West Virginia Watercolor Soci-

ety and a founding member of the Greenbrier Artists, a local group who have painted together weekly since 1974.

The Museum Gallery (adjacent to the Hamilton Auditorium) will feature "Earth and Sky," by Jorn Mork, Nan Morgan, and Donna Toney. The exhibit will feature paintings by Jorn Mork, a collection of poetry by Donna Toney, and a celestial collection of rocks by Nan Morgan.

The exhibits are free and open to the public, Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The exhibits will run through Oct. 27. For more information, please visit carnegiehallwv.org, call 304-645-7917, or stop by the Hall at 611 Church Street, Lewisburg.

Miller to display art at General Lewis Inn



Josh Miller

Area artist Josh Miller will showcase his artwork at the General Lewis Inn in Lewisburg with an opening Tuesday, Aug. 1. He will feature a small collection of his work in the lobby with all artwork available for immediate sale. Additional exhibiting artists at the General Lewis are Mariam Todd and Lynn Payne.

Miller is from Lewisburg and began creating artwork in 2005. That was when he made his first drawing of his friend's house in Morgantown, and he has gone on to create many more fun works of art since then.

Miller's original artwork is sold at various art shops including Young at Heart in Lewisburg and Taylor Books in Charleston, WV. His art is in the private collections of Governor Gaston Caperton, Homer Hickam, and

WV folk art collector, Harvey Peyton.

There will be a meet and greet the artists event

on August 26 from 5 to 7 p.m. with Josh Miller, Mariam Todd, and Lynn Payne in person at the

General Lewis Inn.

Miller's exhibit will run from Aug. 1 through Oct. 3.

GREENBRIER EAST HIGH SCHOOL

50th Reunion



The Greenbrier East High School Class of 1973 will celebrate its 50-year class reunion the Weekend of October 6-7, 2023

Wonderful News! We have had so many generous donations from fellow classmates that the mixer on Friday night at the Brier Patch at Quality Inn, and Saturday's catered dinner and dance at the WVSOM Alumni Center are now FREE. The registration deadline is August 15th.

Contact Donna McDaniel Bahorich at (832) 303-9091, or donna.gehs1973@gmail.com

Online registration: www.eventcreate.com/e/gehs1973reunion.

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Join us on August 4 for First Fridays After 5 when Literary Festival kicks off

This weekend in downtown Lewisburg, enjoy free activities, find exclusive shopping specials, meet local artists, and more!

Free Music In the Greenspace: The one and only Jim Synder will perform from 5 to 8 p.m.

Patina offers a half price book sale from 4 to 8 p.m.! The selections include everything from popular modern novels to vintage children's favorites. There will also be traditional Celtic music by Patrick O'Flaherty and complementary refreshments. (1046 Washington Street, 304-520-4962 @patina.lewisburgwv)

The **Greenbrier Valley Visitors Center** will be buzzing this weekend as the Lewisburg Literary Festival comes to town! During the festival, the Visitors Center transforms into the Literary Town Square. Stop in to pick up tickets, meet local and regional authors, enjoy live readings, purchase books, attend free writing workshops and view a vintage typewriter display. And even you can become an author as you write your life story in a 6-word biography in the Literary Laundromat. August's Art in the Valley features "Poetry Inspires Art," a show of paintings and poems created by Greenbrier Artists. Various members compose poetry and the artists choose one that inspires them to create a work of art. Don't miss out on this enlightening array of literary activities! (905 Washington Street W, 304- 645 1000)

The Hub will host an informal Back To School event. The flyer describes the mini tables we will have which include: library card applications, a mystery book based off a "dating profile" of the villain, goodie bags and unique writing prompts that will spark imagination! We will also have information about our free tutoring program. Limited quantities of materials. (232 Lee Street Building C, 304- 647-4994 @thehubstudentcafe)

Stop by the **Shoe Box** on Court Street and get ready for Back to School! Shop our backpacks and shoes! While you're at it, bring your youngsters by for a "Shoe Tying Mini-Workshop" Follow us on Facebook & Instagram for more details! (847 N Court Street 681-318-3377 @theshooboxwv)

MerryWeather's on Court Street is still enjoying summer! See what's new and what's on sale! Open until 8 p.m. every First Friday. (850 Court Street, 681-318-3300 @shopmerryweathers)

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Wolf Creek is having a Fairy Hair fundraiser! Susan Vlajk from the Child and Youth Advocacy Center will be joining us that evening as your sparkle fairy! Come add sparkle to your life/hair and sparkle to the lives of children residing in Greenbrier, Pocahontas and Monroe counties. Fairy Hair is a synthetic/silk blend "tinsel" strand that is gently tied into one hair one at a time. It is subtle and sparkling and temporary (it can stay in your hair 24 hours up to three months) and provides serious joy! It is best to have it applied when your hair is clean, dry and well brushed- ideally without any product in it (Fairy Hair not recommended for children under 8 as their hair does not hold it well.) There is a minimum amount for donations of \$10 for five strands of Fairy Hair. Cash is preferred. All proceeds will go to the Child And Youth Advocacy Center. (304-645-5270 @downtownlewisburgwv)

Sweet Cedar will be bringing back one of their bestselling fall candle scents: Vintage Bookstore! This candle smells like aged pages on winding wooden bookshelves. We are @sweetcedarandco on Instagram. (975 Washington Street, 347-450-7837)

Harmony Ridge will be serving up your choice of tasty wine at \$4 a glass. Open until 8 p.m.! (886 Washington Street West, 304-645-4333)

A **New Chapter** bookstore invites you to enjoy wine, books, and free tarot readings! (922 Washington Street West 681-318-3501 @newchapterbookswv)

Little Black Box will be open late. Free bra fittings! Spend \$150 or more and receive a free gift. Always open until 8 p.m. every First Friday! (818 Jefferson Street S, 304-645-6646. @littleblackbox Happy Summer!)

Edith's Store will be sampling out Ben and Jerry's iconic ice cream and offering to buy one get one free pint while they last. (1035 E Washington Street, Lewisburg, WV 24901 304-645-7998 @edithshealthstore)

Stardust Café is always excited for Prime Rib night personally prepared by Chef Dan Perry, every First Friday. Stardust is working with Mountain Steer to bring some of the best Greenbrier Valley has to offer. (1023 Washington Street E, 304-647-3663)

Come for the food and drink, stay for the nightlife at **The Asylum** (339 E Randolph 681-318- 3515)

First Fridays is sponsored by City National Bank and the shops and restaurants of downtown Lewisburg. For more information check us out online: facebook.com/firstfriday-safer5, instagram.com/firstfridaysafer5, and visitlewisburg-wv.com.

CYAC hosts summer community events



Vote for your local favorites in the 2023 Best of WV contest

Who is the best of the best? It's time to nominate your favorites around the state in our annual Best of West Virginia Awards!

Each year, West Virginia Living showcases the best places to eat, drink, and be merry, from the tippy top of the state to our most southern borders. Not only is the Best of West Virginia an important recognition for our small businesses and destinations, but it's an incredible resource for readers. Looking for new places to visit, best spots to shop, or an amazing barbecue sandwich? We'll bring you our readers' favorites in 98 categories in WV Living's Winter issue!

Weigh in by nominating your favorites July 19 to Aug. 1, and then vote on the finalists from Sept. 25 to Oct. 15. You can nominate and vote once per day per category. Only the top nominations in each category will move on to the final voting round, so nominate daily to make sure your favorites advance.

Visit <https://wviving.com/best-of-west-virginia-2023/#/> to nominate and vote for your favorite local businesses in travel, culture, food, towns, shopping and services, and more!



The CYAC participated in the Greenbrier County Parents as Teachers Summer Fun Day in Rupert on June 17. Fifty community members and children were served.

We provided outreach during the Greenbrier Valley PRIDE event in Ronceverte on June 24, which was a huge success, approximately 400 people were served!

Mountain State Spotlight explains: How needle exchanges work in WV

Here's what needle exchanges are, how they operate in the state and how they've affected communities



Volunteers collect used needles for safe disposal and distribute sharps containers during a harm reduction program in Charleston. Photo by Kyle Vass

By Allen Siegler, for Mountain State Spotlight

With West Virginia's multiple recent HIV outbreaks and overdose crisis that has impacted residents for decades, many health experts believe the state is in dire need of needle exchange programs. But for the last few years, its politicians have questioned whether the programs are effective and whether they've made communities more dangerous.

Often, elected officials share anecdotes about rising crime and finding drug-related litter in community spaces to support decisions that make it harder to exchange used needles for clean ones. But decades of research have found that needle exchanges are an effective tool to support communities' health and, if anything, decrease litter and crime.

Here's what needle exchange programs are, why public health practitioners use them, how they've affected communities and how they're being used throughout West Virginia.

What are needle exchanges? Why do they exist?

Needle exchanges, also known as syringe service programs, have been around since at least the 1980s, a few years after scientists first determined HIV could be transmitted by sharing needles. They were initially set up in cities like San Francisco and Boston - swapping used syringes and needles for clean ones to protect people who inject drugs from the virus.

Now, they've evolved to be one component of broader harm reduction programs that often offer a variety of health services like HIV testing, hepatitis vaccinations, fentanyl test strips and substance use disorder treatment referrals. All of the services are aimed at keeping people from overdosing, protecting people from diseases and connecting those who might not be comfortable in a hospital with medical providers.

As HIV has spread to more rural areas, needle exchanges have followed. In 2014, when a large rural HIV outbreak emerged in Scott County, Indiana, it was illegal to operate a needle exchange in the state. A few months later, then-Gov. Mike Pence and the state

government took steps to legalize the operations, allowing Scott County's health department to create a program.

Are needle exchange programs effective? What happens if they go away?

There are many ways syringe service programs can be run. But as a whole, public health researchers have found them to be effective tools for keeping people who use drugs safe and healthy. Programs not only prevent the spread of blood-borne diseases like HIV and hepatitis C but also can lead people who use drugs to start substance use disorder treatment.

The Scott County, Indiana program showed that syringe services can have a lot of success in rural settings as well. Shortly after it opened and HIV treatment options became more available, HIV cases declined dramatically. Epidemiologists who've studied the outbreak have also found evidence that had the syringe service program been opened earlier, there may have never been a crisis in the first place.

Scientists have also researched what needle exchanges don't do. As

a whole, syringe services do not lead to increased crime, drug use or litter in communities where they operate.

Kanawha County has recently experienced the effects of what happens when a needle exchange goes away. In the years since the state Department of Health and Human Services suspended the local health department's syringe services in 2018, the county's HIV cases multiplied, leading to an outbreak.

In a report on the closure, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said making it easier for Kanawha residents to access clean needles would be crucial for reducing the spread of the virus.

How do needle exchanges work in West Virginia?

At the end of 2022, there were nine authorized syringe service programs in West Virginia, according to state data. Most of them are in permanent locations but a few, like the Fayette County Health Department, have begun run-

ning mobile operations to reach more people. The programs cannot use federal dollars to buy syringes or needles and seek out private funding for those supplies.

There used to be more programs in West Virginia; reports show that in 2019, there were twice as many operating throughout the state. But a number of programs shut down after state legislators passed Senate Bill 334, a law that added many restrictions to how West Virginia needle exchanges can be run and who can access them.

What is and isn't allowed in West Virginia?

SB 334 puts limits on how syringe service programs can be run. All programs, both ones that existed prior to the law's passage in 2021 and ones that were created afterward, must receive approval from both the city council and county commission where they operate. Either government can revoke a program's license or deny applications for new ones.

The bill also requires each syringe service pro-

gram to offer or refer participants to 10 different types of health services that range from education about infectious disease transmission to birth control.

Anyone who would like to use a syringe service program must be at least 18 and prove West Virginia residency with a state-issued ID card or utility bill. SB 334 also requires the program's administrators to try to take back as many needles as they give out.

West Virginia's law runs contrary to the recommendations of the U.S. Office of National Drug Control Policy. In its model law for how states should govern syringe service programs, it writes that programs should be able to distribute "quantities sufficient to ensure that hypodermic needles, syringes, and other supplies are not shared or reused." The document cites West Virginia's SB 334 as an example of a law that creates barriers to running successful harm reduction programs.



The syringe access program in Morgantown is operated out of a free clinic that provides medical and dental services to the uninsured. Photo by Chris Jones