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Literary Fest comes to Lewisburg this weekend



The Lewisburg Literary Festival is returning to Lewisburg this weekend, Aug. 4 and 5, for a weekend of celebrating literary in the Greenbrier Valley. Event speakers this year include Lynda Rutledge, author of the bestselling novel *West With Giraffes*; 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.

Joy Callaway's presentation will take place at Greenbrier Valley Theatre on Friday, Aug. 4, at 7 p.m., however, this event has no more tickets available! Saturday's schedule at Carnegie Hall features Eric Eyre in conversation with Lewisburg attorney Derek Teaney at 1 p.m.,

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Rising country music star and American Idol alum Alex Miller set to perform at State Fair



Alex Miller

By Matthew Young, RealWV

"I love going out on stage and making people happy, that's the way I look at playing music. "It's making folks forget their problems so they can be at the show and have a good time. That's what I like doing, and, if I'm able to lighten someone's life, then I feel like I did something right."

That's what up-and-coming country music artist Alex

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State Fair of West Virginia to begin this Thursday, August 10

See inside this edition for Mountain Media's annual Fair Guide!



By Sarah Richardson

The 98th annual State Fair of West Virginia is returning to Fairlea for ten days, Aug. 10 through Aug. 19, with live music, free entertainment, agricultural events and education, fair food, carnival rides, and more! This year's theme is "Cue the Fun," which is easy for the whole family to do with something for everyone throughout the sprawling fairgrounds.

The concert lineup this year starts out this year with Yung Gravy on Aug. 10 at 8 p.m., Nelly on Aug. 11 at 8 p.m. (low ticket warning), Hardy on Aug. 13 at 8 p.m. (sold out), Lainey Wilson on Aug. 14 at 8 p.m. (sold out), Wilson Fairchild on Aug. 15 at 7:30 p.m., Zach Williams on Aug. 16 at 8 p.m., Riley Green on Aug. 17 at 8 p.m., Whiskey Myers on Aug. 18 at 8 p.m., and Ludacris on Aug. 19 at 8 p.m.

To purchase concert tickets, visit <https://statefairfwp.com/events/> to purchase online, or call Etix directly at 1-800-514-3849.

Gate Admission and Rides (sales tax included in all gate tickets):

- Adult GATE Age 11 and over - Advanced Sales: \$10, Day of Sales: \$13
- Youth GATE Age 10 and below - Free every day
- Mega Pass Valid for 12 hours of unlimited rides

11 a.m. to 11 p.m. - Good on any day of the fair (Gate admission sold separately). Advanced Sales: \$25 + 6% WV sales tax. Day of Sales: \$30 + 6% WV Sales Tax

Fair Week Specials:

- Thursday, Aug. 10 - Opening Day - \$7 (sales tax included) for those age 11 and over.
- Thursday, Aug. 10 - Opening Day Ride Special - \$25 + 6% WV Sales Tax (all ages)
- Monday, Aug. 14 - Magic Monday - \$8 (sales tax included) for those age 11 and over.
- Monday, Aug. 14 - Discount Day Ride Special - \$25.00 + 6% WV Sales Tax (all ages)
- Tuesday, Aug. 15 - Senior Citizen's Day - 55 and Older \$7.00 (sales tax included)
- Tuesday, Aug. 15 - All Day Ride Special - \$20 + 6% WV Sales Tax (all ages)
- Wednesday, Aug. 16 - Dollar Day Special - \$1 Gate Admission before 2 p.m. only for those age 11 and over.
- Thursday, Aug. 17 - Military Day- \$7 (sales tax included) with Valid Military or Veterans ID
- Aug. 15, 16, 17 - Afternoon Special - \$7 after 4 p.m. through closing for those age 11 and over.

See our Fair Guide inside this edition for more information!

Carnegie Hall 40th Anniversary Block Party a hit

On July 29, Carnegie Hall celebrated their 40th year anniversary with an open house and block party event. The free block party was held on Church Street outside of Carnegie Hall and the street was closed for traffic. The community enjoyed dancing, good food, live music, and great weather together.

Lewisburg Mayor Beverly White (left) and Carnegie Hall CEO Cathy Rennard (right) enjoyed the 40th Anniversary Celebration summer block party at Carnegie Hall. (Copy and photo

Karen Cohen)



More than 200 EMS agencies, fire departments ask Gov. Justice for support through special session call

More than 200 fire departments and EMS agencies throughout West Virginia have joined together to ask Gov. Jim Justice to include a bill intended to help stabilize local emergency services on the call for the upcoming special session.

Members of the West Virginia EMS Coalition and the West Virginia State Firemen's Association have individually signed a letter to the governor asking him to allow lawmakers to act during the planned August special legislative session. The proposed bill will provide vital funding to support fire departments and ambulance agencies

that save lives and property when medical emergencies, fires and car wrecks occur.

Action is necessary during the special session to ensure availability of timely ambulance response in rural areas, said Chris Hall, executive director of the West Virginia EMS Coalition.

"EMS personnel have to be ready 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year including holidays," Hall said. "Round-the-clock preparedness comes at a cost. West Virginia is the only state in our region where lawmakers haven't dedicated a permanent funding source to aid EMS. This

lack of financial support is contributing to a growing number of closures and longer response times in many communities."

About 85% of the state's 1.79 million citizens depend on more than 400 volunteer or part-volunteer fire departments, said Romney Fire Chief G.T. Parsons, who serves as President of the West Virginia State Firemen's Association.

Only 11 West Virginia communities support full-time paid fire departments; 21 partly paid departments depend on volunteers. The rest of the state's more than 400 fire departments depend on volunteers and support from their com-

munities, Parsons said.

"Volunteer fire departments can no longer depend on ice cream socials and bingo to pay their bills," Parsons said. "West Virginia volunteer firefighters urge state leaders - our governor, legislature, and state fire marshal - to work together with VFDs to find a solution. Realizing growth in tax revenue, the state appears positioned to support emergency organizations that are essential to the health of our communities, citizens, and businesses."

The West Virginia Legislature is scheduled to be in Charleston between Aug. 6 and 8 for interim commit-

tee meetings. The governor has told media outlets that he anticipates calling the Senate and House of Delegates into a special session while in Charleston to consider appropriations and other bills.

Fire departments and EMS agencies are counting on the governor and legislature to finish a compromise on a bill that died during the last night of the 2023 Regular Legislative Session.

The bill, House Bill 3153, would have annually split about \$12 million in funding between EMS agencies and fire departments.

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Bradley Parker Walls took his oath of office as the newest member of the Greenbrier County Sheriff's Department. The oath was administered by Circuit Judge Jennifer P. Dent.

New Sheriff's Deputy sworn in

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Becoming a law enforcement officer is the fulfillment of a career goal and is another avenue of service that he looks forward to. Parker also serves in the West Virginia National Guard. Upon achieving this goal Parker stated, "If you have a goal in sight, never give up on it."

Sheriff Sloan commented, "Parker is a welcome addition to our department, and he is eager to begin his new career. Although he will not be working independently until his graduation from the State Police Academy and completion of his field training probationary period, we expect him to be a tremendous asset to our department and the county. We look forward to his service with the Greenbrier County Sheriff's Office and his commitment to public service for the citizens of Greenbrier County."

The Greenbrier County Sheriff's Department is currently accepting applications for the position of Deputy Sheriff with a scheduled Civil Service testing date of Sept. 9.

Interested individuals should contact the Greenbrier County Sheriff's office at 304-647-6634 or visit the Greenbrier County Sheriff's Office Facebook page for additional information.

Alex Miller

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Miller told RealWV just days ahead of his first ever performance in West Virginia.

In 2021 - at just 17-years-old - Miller made it to the top 64 "Showstoppers" round on the hit television competition-show American Idol. While Miller did not win the season, he did receive an invitation to perform one day on the Grand Ole Opry from celebrity host, Luke Bryan. Alex has performed the last two years on the Grand Ole Opry stage as a part of CMA Week's special event called, "Sunday Morning Country."

Now 20, the native-Kentuckian will make his way to Sutton on Saturday evening for a performance at the Braxton County Fair. The free show begins at 7:30 p.m., and will serve as Miller's introduction to Mountain State music-lovers less than two weeks before he takes the stage at the State Fair of West Virginia on Aug. 18.

"I've heard a lot about it, I've heard it's a great big fair," Miller said of the State Fair. "It's similar to Kentucky, but a little bit different. It's gonna feel like home."

Miller has come a long way since his 2020 American Idol audition. In just three years, the baritone-crooner has opened shows for mega-stars such as Brooks & Dunn, Hank Williams, Jr., Sawyer Brown, and Diamond Rio. His debut album, "Miller Time," was released in January 2022, and his monthly radio show of the same name premiered on European country music station, CMR Nashville.

"It's pretty wild," Miller said. "My mother signed me up for it (American Idol). I would've never done it myself. When I auditioned, I did Johnny Cash's 'Folsom Prison Blues,' and some older country. That kinda struck them (judges) because I was such a young guy doing that stuff."

"They just liked me,

I don't know how else to say it - they just liked me," Miller added. "Then I did my song, 'I'm Over You, So Get Over Me,' that I wrote, and they really liked me then."

After a successful audition, Miller was quickly on his way to the bright lights of Hollywood.

"I'd never been to California before in my life," Miller said. "That was a wild experience, but it was cool. They (American Idol judges, production crew) were about as nice of folks as you could ask for - treated me just like I was one of them."

Miller's songs, often written about relationships - more often written about relationships devoid of a happy ending - carry emotion that is seemingly beyond the years of their author.

When writing, Miller said, he draws inspiration from the experiences of his youth, as well as the experiences of his brief and early adulthood.

"The place I go is always to my childhood," Miller noted. "I draw from that a lot, as well as my personal experiences relationship-wise."

"Being an entertainer and trying to hold a relationship is very, very tough," Miller added.

However, it is more than those life experiences which Miller draws on. In his professional life, Miller has found both a friend and a mentor in award-winning songwriter, Jerry Salley.

"He's one of the best I've ever written with," Miller said. "He wrote for Reba (McEntire), John Anderson, you name it. He's even got a song on Chris Stapleton's 'Traveler' record that he wrote."

"When you sit down and write a song, you always bring in two or three ideas that you think people will like," Miller continued. "Whenever I went in to write with Jerry, everything clicked - everything just seemed natural and right. It was

74th annual fair draws crowds to Williamsburg

The 74th Annual Williamsburg Fair was celebrated with food, fun, and friends. The community of Williamsburg wishes to thank all those who worked diligently to make the Williamsburg Community Fair a huge success, and to all those who came from far and wide to enjoy our fair.

A particular thanks to those who donated door prizes to the fair: Dave's Farm Supply, Jenny McClung, Rural King, Jo Long, Carnegie Hall, Theatre of WV, Shelby Cremeans, Martin & Jones, Ellen Driggers, Beauty Transitions/Lishia Williams, TNT Auto, The Big Wheel, C&M Service Center, WV Rock Shop, Good Road Bake House, State Fair of WV, Food & Friends, The Meeting Place, Sparks of Ink, Frankford Veterinary Hospital, Blue Ridge Farms, Dutch Haus, Pomona Salt Cave & Spa, Mountain State Computer, Rev. Keith DeLatte, Samme Gee, Allison Galford, Williamsburg Community Action, Robin Blough, Bones & Cones, Greenbrier Valley Aquatic, Rodgers Fairlea Equipment, Tri County Produce, BMS Rescue Gear, WV Woodburners Association, Tractor Supply, Satch's Automotive, Jennifer Long, Jennifer Clutter, and Bob Evans.



The Williamsburg Ruritans float featuring Ali-sha Hedick and Lorelei Eagle, the recipients of the Jack Goodman Scholarship.

Trees for Lewisburg

If you are a landowner in Lewisburg and have a place for a significant new tree, contact the Lewisburg Foundation before Sept. 15. The Lewisburg Foundation has committed to plant up to 20 nice trees every November for ten years. All purchase and professional installation cost will be paid by the Tree Replacement Fund of the Lewisburg Foundation. Locations on private property as well as public property can qualify. To apply contact Rod Curry via email at rjc4872@gmail.com, or by phone at 304-647-3520.

like I was writing with an old friend."

"Jerry writes in such a way that he gets everything out of a song," Miller added. "He has the ability to make stories come out of nowhere. That's what I like about him, he's a great storyteller."

But for Miller, the true test of a song is the crowd's response to hearing it played.

"A lot of the songs that I've recorded were things that I had written or that I was working on," Miller said. "What I would do is play them at shows and see how people reacted to them. There were a few songs on the record (Miller Time) that I didn't get to play live, and I was a little nervous about that. The way I look at it is, if it doesn't work at a show, it's not gonna work on a record either."

"I can tell which ones people like and which ones they don't," Miller added. "The way I can tell is by people's feet - if they're tapping their foot, nine times out of ten they like the song."

To music fans in West Virginia, Miller said, "Come on out and see my show!"

"It's gonna be a good one," Miller added. "If you like country music - specifically if you like good cornbread country music - then you're at the right place with me, I guarantee it!"

For more about Alex Miller, including his merchandise store and a complete schedule of upcoming performances, visit alexmillercountry.com. For information about Miller's Aug. 18 performance at the State Fair of West Virginia, visit state-fairfwwv.com.

PICK OF THE LITTER



SALLY
Sally is a six-month-old female lab mix

MARTHA

Martha is a seven-year-old female domestic medium hair



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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Renick's new walking trail



The Renick Community Center announced earlier this week that a new walking trail has been completed and is now open to the public. The trail, which is a gravel loop, boasts views of the surrounding countryside and wraps around the community center's property. The project was funded thanks to the Greenbrier County Arts & Recreation Fund and joins the Center's outdoor fitness center and playground at the site.

"This wonderful addition to our community aims to promote health, well-being, and a stronger sense of togetherness among all of us," the center said in a social media post. "The walking trail will wind its way around the perimeter of our property, providing a serene and peaceful space for everyone to enjoy. Whether you are a fitness enthusiast, a nature lover seeking a refreshing stroll, or a family hoping for an enjoyable walk, this trail is for YOU."

Visit the Renick Community Center Facebook page for more information.

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The legislation had broad support from lawmakers with the House of Delegates passing the bill 82-11 and the Senate voting 33-0 to support the measure, but the bill died when lawmakers could not resolve differences involving amendments to the bill in the final hours.

Since then, members of both the West Virginia EMS Coalition and the West Virginia State Firemen's Association have been encouraged by legislative action to keep the measure alive.

In May, members of the Joint Committee on Volunteer Fire Departments and Emergency Medical Services adopted a motion to send an agreed upon version of HB 3153 to Senate President Craig Blair, R-Berkeley, and House of Delegates Speaker Roger Hanshaw, R-Clay, and have them recommend the bill for a special legislative session call by Gov. Justice.

In the letter sent to the governor, 211 first responder organizations are asking Gov. Justice to add the measure to his anticipated call for a special legislative session. Additional agencies and departments have since joined the initiative.

"When West Virginians experience life and property threatening emergencies, they can't wait for help. Every minute is precious," first responders state in the letter sent to the governor Tuesday. "Likewise, EMS agencies and fire departments cannot wait long for the help needed to survive this existential emergency. That means not delaying action until the next legislative session in January but calling legislators into special session this summer."

Gov. Justice announces WV Sales Tax Holiday August 4 - 7

Gov. Jim Justice recently announced that West Virginians in need of materials for the upcoming school year will be able to save money this weekend during the state's back-to-school Sales Tax Holiday.

During the holiday, certain back-to-school items are exempt from sales tax, such as clothing, school supplies, school instructional materials, laptops and tablets, and sports equipment.

The Sales Tax Holiday will begin on Friday, Aug. 4, and will continue through Monday, Aug. 7, at 11:59 p.m.

To learn more about what can and cannot be purchased tax-free during this time period and for additional information about the Sales Tax Holiday, visit <https://tax.wv.gov/Business/Pages/SalesTaxHoliday.aspx>.

The average customer will save at least 6% on every qualified purchase and up to 7% if they purchase the item in a municipality that has imposed a local sales tax.

During the holiday, the following items are exempt from Sales and Use tax:

- Certain clothing with a purchase price of \$125 or less
- Certain school supplies with a purchase price of \$50 or less
- Certain school instruction material with a purchase price of \$20 or less
- Certain laptop and tablet computers with a purchase price of \$500 or less
- Certain sports equipment with a purchase price of \$150 or less

Items purchased for use in a trade or business are not exempt under the sales tax holiday.

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.

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

WGHS to host Bingo August 12

The Western Greenbrier Historical Society (WGHS) is pleased to announce the next session of Bingo games in the western portion of the county. The first one, held on June 3, was quite a success; and they are hoping the next one will be even better. The next Bingo event is scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 12, from 4 to 8 p.m. with the doors opening at 3 p.m., at the Clintonville Community Center, 18904 Midland Trail West (beside the Clintonville Volunteer Fire Department on Route 60), Clintonville.

There will be food and drinks for purchase, door prizes, jack pots, Fifty/Fifty, and many other surprises and fun events. Admission is \$15 for a multi-part Bingo card, and there will be prizes awarded for each game. Unfortunately, the State of West Virginia, does not permit youngsters under the age of 18 to participate, but there will be an activities table in the event you want to bring your children.

Proceeds will benefit the Western Greenbrier Historical Society; and the public is cordially invited to attend.

The WGHS is dedicated to preserving and documenting the history of the coal and timber industries and the towns which grew up around those industries. We solicit any memorabilia and documents you may have which will help to tell the stories of Western Greenbrier County and its people. You can find further information on the Society's Facebook page by the same name, and the event is listed under events there. You can also call the President of WGHS, Irma Smith Cadle, at 304-771-8814 for additional information.

Literary Fest Continued from Front Page

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, and all ticketed events are free to the public. However, some events may "sell out." Please fill out the form on the Lewisburg Literary Festival's website to have your tickets available for pick up at the Greenbrier Valley CVB in Lewisburg. Ticket requests are capped at six tickets per request. Upon confirmation, tickets can be picked up anytime between now and the day before the event. Visit www.lewisburgliteraryfestival.com/request-tickets to register.

Non-ticketed weekend events at the Greenbrier Valley Visitor's Center include the Literary Festival Bookstore which features regional authors; the LLF antique typewriter exhibit; free writing workshops in the Rahall Room (Friday at 6 p.m., and Saturday at 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.); the starting point for the children's book scavenger hunt, allowing kids to read an entire book by following the pages at different downtown retailers; and where you can contribute a Six Word Autobiography to the Literary Laundromat display.

Schedule of Events:

Friday, Aug. 4

- Friends of the Library Used Book Sale at the Greenbrier County Library. 12 noon to 6 p.m.

- Festival Bookstore at the Greenbrier Valley Visitors Center. 5 to 9 p.m. Meet and greet with authors, regional publishers, featuring book sales and signings.

- If I Kept One Book interactive exhibit in the Green Space. 5 to 9 p.m. If you could keep one book forever, what would it be? This community chalkboard is a literary fest staple!

- Joy Callaway at Greenbrier Valley Theatre. 7:30 to 9 p.m. SOLD OUT. The popular author of the books *The Grand Design*; *A Novel of Dorothy Draper* and *All The Pretty Places*; *A Novel of the Gilded Age* is in conversation with longtime historian of The Greenbrier, Dr. Bob Conte.

Saturday, Aug. 5:

- Friends of the Library Used Book Sale at the Greenbrier County Library. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

- Eric Eyre at Carnegie Hall. 1 to 2:30 p.m. Ticketed event. The Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist discusses his book *Death in Mud Lick*. In conversation with Derek Teaney.

- Silas House at Carnegie Hall. 3 to 4:30 p.m. Ticketed event. National best-selling author and former commentator for NPR *All Things Considered*, in conversation with Eric Fritzius.

- Lynda Rutledge at Carnegie Hall. 7 to 9 p.m. Ticketed event. The author of the runaway bestseller *West with Giraffes* is in conversation with Shaye Godomski.

- Afterparty at Briergarten. 9 p.m. to midnight. Enjoy our afterparty at The Briergarten in downtown Lewisburg.

Greenbrier County

Magistrate Court Convictions

Charles O. Fink, Ronceverte, failure to maintain control, NCP, fine \$15

Casey Enox, Fairmont, failure to appear, NCP, jail 6 months - suspended and placed on 12 months unsupervised probation

Lauren T. Hanna, illegal possession of wildlife, NCP fine \$25

Jennifer R. Danley, Alderson, expired registration, GP, fine \$50

Nicholas Richard Dunbrack, Lewisburg, 1) possession of a controlled substance, NCP, jail 90 days - suspended and placed on 12 months probation; 2) DUI, jail 10 days - suspended and placed on 12 months probation

Chad J. Carter, Williamsburg, possession of a controlled substance, NCP, jail 90 days - suspended and placed on 12 months probation

Gavin Michael Doss, Lewisburg, shoplifting, NCP fine \$100

Hayley Renee Casto, White Sulphur Springs, shoplifting, NCP, jail 30 days - suspended and placed on 12 months probation

Amelia Dawn Loudermilk, Charmco, trespassing, NCP, jail 30 days

Gavin Michael Doss, Lewisburg, domestic assault, NCP, jail 90 days - suspended and placed on 18 months probation

Darrell L. Fulton, Lewisburg, domestic assault, NCP, jail 30 days with credit for time served

Matthew Douglas Bergman, non-aggravated DUI, NCP, fine \$200

Meghan R. Meagley, Lewisburg, speeding, GP, fine \$18

Charles Samuel Angle, Leivasy, driving impaired, NCP, fine \$100, jail 5 days - suspended and placed on 6 months probation

Public Notice

Asbestos management plan

The Greenbrier County Board of Education has completed an asbestos management plan for each school in the county. The management plan outlines the location and condition of asbestos-containing materials in each school.

The management plans are on file at The Greenbrier County Board of Education office, 653 Church Street, Lewisburg, and each school. They are available for public inspection.

The EPA requires that public notice be given concerning asbestos.

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NATUREWAY

The Answer is Blowing in the Wind
By Karen Cohen



Well, we might have noticed the lack of colorful, frolicking butterflies this year in our garden. I noticed immediately because last year, my butterfly bush was filled with, guess what? Butterflies galore! We intentionally grow milkweed for the butterflies, and those plants appeared in abundance in our fields, went to seed, and then died down, all without any visits from monarchs. I noted two yellow swallowtail butterflies flitting about on two different days.

Apparently, many butterflies have taken a vacation. Let's hope it is not a permanent one.

According to the Center for Biological Diversity's March 2023 report, their annual count of migratory monarchs showed a decline of 22% from last year. That adds up or counts down to ¼ less monarchs. The monarchs, with their easy to identify black and orange wings, are snow "birds" of sorts since they winter in Mexico. This report uses the dreaded E word- extinction. Monarchs are being added to that extinction list as of 2024 unless a drastic improvement in their population occurs, and quickly.

At the end of every summer, the monarchs make their journey from the northern United States and southern Canada all the way to the forests in central Mexico. What have we done to halt this migration? Spraying insecticides doesn't only kill the bad bugs, remember that! It kills caterpillars, too. Then there's the herbicides, like the chemicals used along roadways, which kill everything in its path and turn all sprayed plants brown, dried up, and plain dead. This results in a loss of habitat, breeding, and food for insects. According to this Center, about 165 million acres of monarch's "stomping grounds" have been destroyed by herbicides and development. Extreme weather, such as high windstorms and torrential rainstorms along with wildfires all contribute to destroying vegetation and animal and insect habitats.

Research also tells us that smoke can "choke" plants. The tiny particles that float in the air during fires can land on plants and block their openings that are used to basically breathe. Plants need to be free of ash and dust to inhale carbon dioxide and release oxygen. On the pro side for fires, studies show that soil fertility can be raised by low intensity fires. Some agricultural methods farmers use involve fire as a means to remove weeds to prevent disease and pests. Farmers also burn

their orchard trimming of branches and vineyard prunings to kill off disease. In many US farmlands and even in the mountains and national forests of West Virginia, controlled fires help to remove dead grass and plants that can spread wildfire when not under control.

So what about climate change? How is that affecting the monarchs? Monarchs hibernate in the winter. We've had some very low temperatures and then a heat wave mid winter in 2023 and the cold blooded butterflies, caterpillars, and their food source, milkweed, can't survive that swing of temps. When the degrees drop to below freezing, the butterflies also freeze. Check out this website for some tips on feeling monarchs and which ingredients to use. Fresh fruit in small chunks is the best, natural food for insects and even humans!

Visit <https://monarchwatch.org/space/maintaining-monarchs.html> for an educational, printable flyer containing information on maintaining adult monarchs.

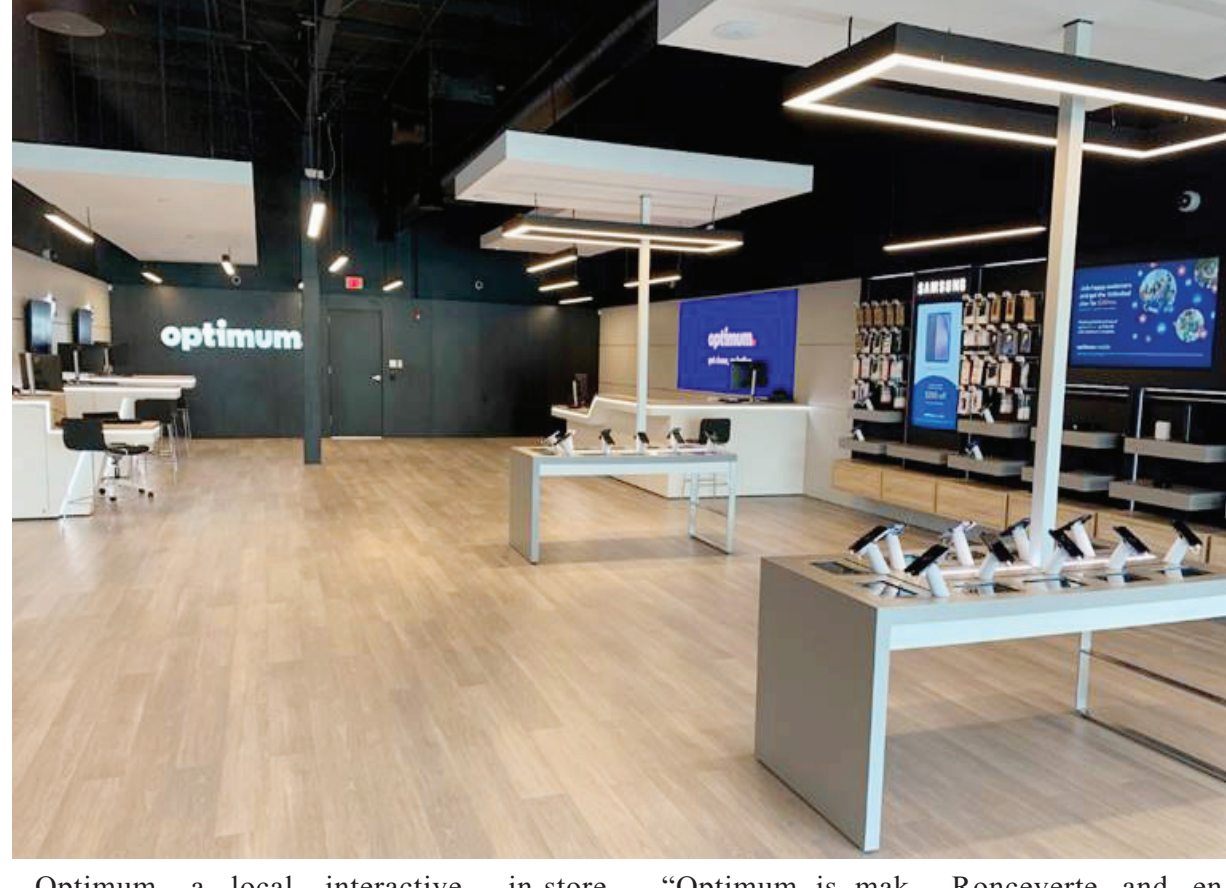
What can we do to help the survival of monarch butterflies?

1. Do not use pesticides. Pesticides are a substance used for destroying insects or other organisms. Chemicals that kill mosquitoes, for example, kill many other types of bugs.
2. Do not use herbicides. Herbicides are substances used to control and kill or inhibit plant growth.
3. Allow milkweed, goldenrod, wild asters, and milk thistle to grow freely. Insects use these plants to lay their eggs and as a source of nectar.

Why do we need monarch butterflies? The biggest factor is that they are important pollinators. Pollination directly affects our own food sources. Unless you want to get out in the fields or your own backyard garden to pollinate your blueberries, sunflowers, potatoes, or apple trees with your own hand, then realize that we need flying insects like bees, butterflies, and even birds to do their pollination chores to keep our supermarket shelves stocked with produce. It's not an arbitrary choice on our part; it is mandatory.

(Karen Cohen is a chemical free gardener and welcomes your tips, comments and ideas. If you would like to join the Greenbrier County, local home garden tours held every month, please contact: natureswaykaren@gmail.com, and Happy Gardening!)

Optimum opens new retail store



Optimum, a local provider of internet, mobile, TV and phone services, has announced the opening of a new retail store for residents in Greenbrier County, located at 244 Red Oak Shopping Center in Ronceverte.

The new state-of-the-art retail store offers a modern and interactive in-store experience where customers can explore the complete line of Optimum connectivity offerings. Customers who visit the store can register for service, shop the latest mobile devices and accessories, pay bills, and receive assistance from a retail associate.

"Optimum is making significant strides to expand our retail presence throughout the state of West Virginia," said Morgan Collins, senior vice president of Consumer Sales at Optimum. "We are excited to welcome existing and new customers across Greenbrier County to our new location in

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Mary Catherine Hall



Frankford-Mary Catherine Hall (Vandervort) 94, departed this earth on Saturday, July 29, 2023 at the Seneca Trail Healthcare in Fairlea, WV.

She was formerly from Prince Frederick, MD. Born Nov. 4, 1928, in Renick, to the late Dr. Madison King and Willie Ann Boggs Vandervort. She was the oldest girl of 7 children and last surviving, Marvin, Austin, June, Donald, Nina Blumberg and Helen Callison all preceded her in death.

She was married in 1955 to the late Thomas Hutchins Hall, Sr. of Prince Frederick, MD.

She worked at The Greenbrier Hotel as a telephone operator in White Sulphur Springs, then for C & P Telephone in Baltimore, then retired from the A & P Grocery Store, in Glen Burnie, MD in 1984. She was a very hard working woman, devoted to her family. She enjoyed baking, cooking and canning food from her garden. She loved to entertain at Holiday's with her family. She loved her many pets over the years, especially Teddy.

She had five children; Vicki Whitt of Lewisburg, Jerry Hoover (wife Paula) of Frankford, Mary Catherine Bloom of Severn, MD, Thomas Hutchins Hall, and Cynthia Marlene Shields and husband Hal L. Shields from Frankford; nine grandchildren, Pamela Ooten, Annie Hoover DeMoss, Heather Whitt, Tammy Whitt Barrett, Jason Booker, Joseph Thomas Bloom, Marvin Edward Bloom, Catherine V. Prola, and Sarah Marie Bloom; 18 great-grandchildren and 7 great-great grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life for Mrs. Hall will be held Saturday, Aug. 5, at 2 p.m. at the residence (189 Buchanan Street, Frankford, WV 24938).

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

Caroline C. Simmons

Fairlea-Caroline C. Simmons passed away on Friday, July 21, 2023 at Peyton Hospice House in Fairlea from a short illness. She was 84 years old.

She was born in Hinton to Arnold and Blanch Callahan.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband of 54 years, Carlis Simmons; son-in-law, Robert (Tony) Myers; and infant daughter, Lisa Carol Simmons.

She was married to a Navy man for 54 years. She was a very proud and patriotic wife whose favorite holiday was the 4th of July and she loved

decorating for the 4th of July. Everything was red, white, and blue.

She enjoyed yard sales, was a Civil War and WW2 enthusiast, and she loved to shop. Everything had to match perfectly from her head to her toes. That was a running joke in our family for years. She will be missed by those who knew her and loved her. She was a 1957 Graduate of Hinton High School. Carlis and Caroline both were long standing member of Mt. Zion Primitive Baptist Church.

Caroline worked for Dr. Julian Meadows DDS for almost 20 years, as the office manager. She loved working for Dr. Meadows. She was people person and loved being around people and helping them anyway she could. She never met a stranger.

She is survived by her daughter, Traci Myers; grandsons, Levi Myers and Ivy Reynolds of Bridgewater, VA; two brothers, Arthur and Ruthann Callahan of Richmond, TX, and Bert and Carol Callahan of The Villages, FL. Also, two other young men who loved and called her Grams were Austin Dilly and Nicholas Boiteau; sister in law, Clara Bennett of Covington, VA; brother-in-law, Willis Simmons of Virginia Beach, VA; along with many nieces and nephews. Last but not least, her precious dog, Gabby.

She's safe, healthy, and with her loved ones again. She's with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ and she has her angel wings.

I love you mom *me did* There will be no memorial service held per Caroline's request.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made in her memory to the Charleston Chapter of Alzheimer's Association or the charity of your choice.

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

Linda Lee Trevail

White Sulphur Springs

-Linda Lee Trevail passed away on Sunday, July 30, 2023 at the White Sulphur Springs Center.

She was the daughter of the late Weldon and Bertie Burns Hinkle.

Linda had been a bookkeeper for The Greenbrier Hotel for 22 years.

Surviving are her loving and faithful husband, Frederick W. Trevail; brother, Randy Hinkle (Cookie) of Greensboro, NC; niece, Tameran Asbury (Scott) and family of Lewisburg; and nephew, Jason Hinkle (Jennifer) and family of Abilene, TX.

There will be a private family service.

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Greenbrier Valley issued BDO Zone

'AA' rating for woody biomass

'AA' Rating to Unlock Underutilized Feedstock and Ignite Biobased Investment



The BDO Zone Initiative has issued a 'AA' rated BDO Zone designation for Greenbrier Valley, West Virginia for 850,000 green tons per year of woody biomass.

The Greenbrier Valley Economic Development Corporation and Ecostrat are pleased to announce the issuance of a new Bioeconomy Development Opportunity (BDO) Zone designation for woody biomass. The Greenbrier Valley BDO Zone is rated 'AA', or very low risk, attributed to its consistent and abundant production of biomass, supported by a proficient and well-established forest industry that is keen on utilizing woody biomass. Additionally, the zone boasts four well-equipped business parks, making it an ideal location for industrial projects focused on biomass utilization.

Situated within a 75-mile driving distance from the Town of Renick, the zone yields an impressive annual output of 850,000 green tons of woody biomass.

"We are thrilled that this rating will help leverage some of our biggest assets - the existing sawmill, transportation, and forestry industries - into increased investment for economic growth of the region," says Ruthana Beezley, Executive Director for the Greenbrier Valley EDC. "This data is vital in promoting sustainability, business attraction, and adding additional opportunities for our existing companies."

The Greenbrier Valley BDO Zone has achieved a significant milestone by becoming the first in West Virginia to earn an 'AA' rating. This recognition positions the region as a frontrunner in the bio-based industry showcasing its leadership and potential for other communities across the state. The 'AA' rating underscores the zone's significance and sets the stage for exciting progress and development, particularly in the expansion of the forestry sector throughout the state.

Jordan Solomon, Chairman of the

BDO Zone Initiative added, "We extend our congratulations to Greenbrier Valley for achieving a well-deserved rating for woody biomass and infrastructure utilization. This accomplishment showcases Greenbrier Valley's commitment to sustainability and forward-thinking initiatives that not only address environmental concerns but also pave the way for lucrative investment opportunities. With the 'AA' BDO Zone Rating, Greenbrier Valley solidifies its position as a prime destination for new biobased facilities."

To see the full BDO Zone Rating for Greenbrier Valley, visit www.bdozone.org.

About the Greenbrier Valley Economic Development Corporation:

The Greenbrier Valley Economic Development Corporation is the local economic development authority for Pocahontas, Greenbrier and Monroe Counties in southeast West Virginia. The agency, formed in 1994 by state legislature, assists in business retention and expansion, supporting entrepreneurship and attracting outside business and talent investments to the region. The authority partners closely with local and state partners to ensure that businesses have access to the resources they need. The Greenbrier Valley EDC is also a partner with communities and government to ensure adequate infrastructure and resources are available to support its residents while planning for smart growth.

For more information about the Greenbrier Valley Economic Development Corporation, visit www.yesgreenbriervalley.com. The BDO Zone Local Development Leader (LDL) is Ruthana Beezley, Director (rbeezley@gvedc.com).

Carnegie Hall Calendar of Events

Thursday, Aug. 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.

Thursday, Aug. 24: The Spanglers – Carnegie Hall's 2023 Ivy Terrace Concert Series continues Thursday, Aug. 24, at 6:30 p.m. with The Spanglers, a not-so-typical family band from West Virginia. 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.

Friday, Sept. 1: Carnegie Hall Fantasy Gala: Rubies & Rhododendrons – Special Event Fundraiser at The Greenbrier on Sept. 1, at 6 p.m. The event includes an evening of live music, dancing, dinner, drinks, and both live and silent auctions.

Rotating Galleries:

Old Stone Room Gallery—"A Sense of Place" by Ellen Fisher.

Museum Gallery—"Earth and Sky" by Jorn Mork, Nan Morgan, and Donna Toney.

Lobby Gallery—"A Watercolor Journey" by Jeanne Brenneman.

These exhibits will have an opening reception Friday, Aug. 4, from 5 to 8 p.m., in conjunction with Lewisburg's First Fridays after 5, and will be on display through Oct. 27.

Permanent Exhibit:

Arts From The Ashes: The History of Carnegie Hall—The exhibit features memorabilia, photographs, artifacts and more of Carnegie Hall since its construction in 1901. New location is in the Board Room located on the first floor adjacent to the auditorium. Free admission

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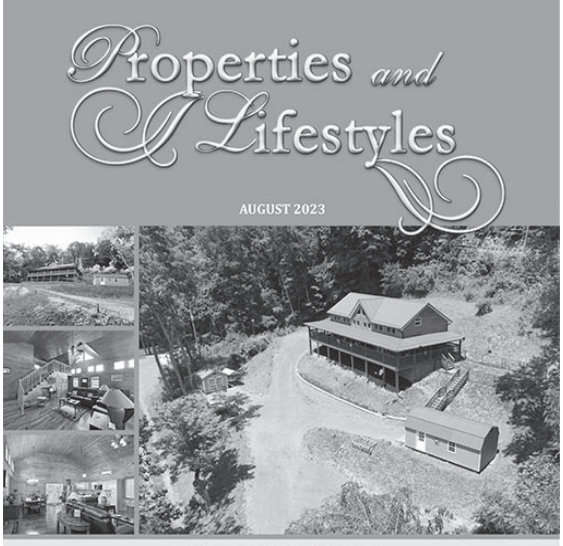
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Dear Recycle Lady

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When cleaning out my garage I found several rusty steel cans. Are they still recyclable?

Cleaner Garage

Dear Cleaner Garage,

Yes, rusted cans can be recycled. In fact, that is the best thing to do with rusted metal. When rusty cans are thrown in the trash, they end up in the landfill. Metal does not break down, so it takes decades, and sometimes centuries for it to break down into smaller pieces. Regardless of how small the pieces are, they are never absorbed by the soil as they are not biodegradable or compostable. But they are harmful to the environment and, according to osha.gov, metals may build up in biological systems and become a significant health hazard.

Dear Recycle Lady,

I understand that aerosol cans can be recycled if they are completely empty. What about a can of PAM cooking spray made with olive oil - does the olive oil prevent the can from being recycled?

Happy Chef

Dear Happy Chef,

No, the olive oil in an aerosol can does not prevent the can from being recycled with steel cans. According to earth911.com, aerosol cans are used to store everything from food to bathroom products to paint. Regardless of their content, all of these aerosol cans can be recycled. Because they are made of either aluminum or steel, aerosol cans are a high-value metal for recycling as aluminum and steel can be repeatedly recycled into new products. To recycle an aerosol can, first remove the large cap on the top of the can, which unfortunately, can't be recycled locally. Do not attempt to remove the spray nozzle. Be sure the can is as empty as possible by spraying the contents in a bag or waste can. Never puncture a hole in the can as the can will explode and hurt you. All aerosol cans, both steel and aluminum, are recycled with steel cans. Recycling aerosol cans is safer than throwing them in the trash as the cans can explode unexpectedly when crushed in a landfill.

Dear Recycle Lady,

I have a plastic item that I think is a bottle, but my friend says it is not. Is there a way to determine if an item is a bottle before recycling it?

Is It a Bottle?

Dear Is It a Bottle,

Since the Recycling Center recycles only #1 and #2 plastic bottles and jugs, determining if an item is a bottle is important. There is a very simple test to do this. First of all, check the size of the top of the item. To be a bottle, the top of the item must be smaller than the bottom of the item. However, it doesn't matter whether the bottom is round or square. There is also one more requirement when recycling bottles: they must be at least three inches tall, otherwise they are a problem for the equipment.

Good News: Spectators of the aquatic events in the 2024 Paris Olympics will be sitting on more than 11,000 chairs made from 100 metric tons of repurposed, recycled city plastic collected in recycling bins from around the area. It's part of making it the greenest Olympics yet!

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

A Look Back



By William "Skip" Deegans

Shown in this photo from the early 1900s is one of two terminuses of the Lewisburg & Ronceverte Railway (L&R) that linked Lewisburg to the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway's main line in Ronceverte. In the background is the Williams-Neely building (Ted Knight's law office). A ticket office for the railway was in or behind the Williams-Neely building.

The tracks ran behind the Mt. Tabor Baptist Church and in front of what is the former True Value Hardware Store. On the left spur of the tracks box cars can be seen. Lewisburg has several kit homes that were sold by Sears & Roebuck, Montgomery Ward, and other manufacturers. Those kits may have been delivered by box cars on the L&R.

The other terminus of the L&R was on Echols Lane. The depot from that site was recently moved to Feamster Road. Originally steam operated, the railroad was electrified in 1913. The L&R operated from 1907 until 1931. It was nicknamed the Loose and Rickety.

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WV senators successfully earmark \$6M in federal funding for WVSOM science building addition



West Virginia's U.S. senators included \$6 million for a major addition to the Fredric W. Smith Science Building on the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine (WVSOM) campus in a federal appropriations bill approved recently by the Senate Appropriations Committee.

"The West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine is rapidly adding innovative research and community engagement projects to its medical student experience," said James W. Nemitz, Ph.D., WVSOM president. "U.S. Senators Joe Manchin and Shelley Moore Capito - both serving on the Appropriations Committee - are helping us in a multitude of ways to enhance medical education

and upgrade the skills of our students."

The \$6M U.S. Department of Health and Human Services appropriation, if enacted, would help construct and equip a research addition to the existing science building on WVSOM's Lewisburg campus. The current facility, built in 1991, will be modernized and expanded to offer adequate space for faculty and student research. The project will provide approximately 15,000 square feet of additional space on two floors for research labs, clinical and translational science, and support services. The project will support 110 construction jobs and 25 faculty and staff jobs.

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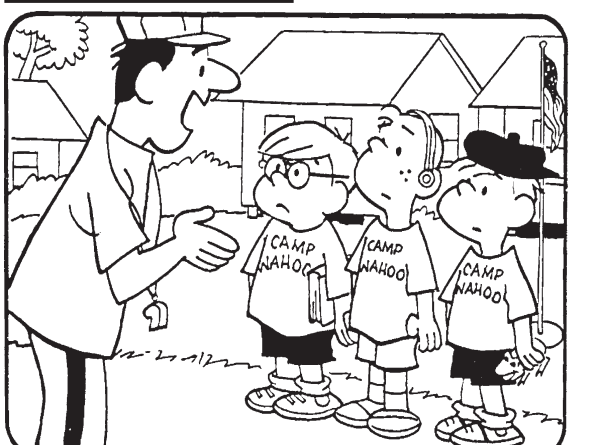
Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gap!

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 Stab:
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 Belief:
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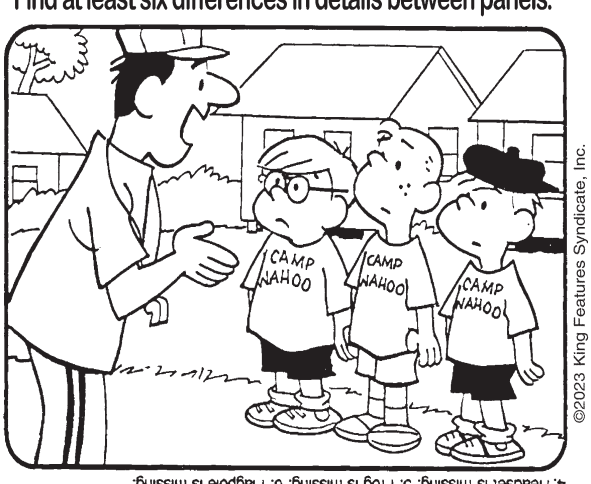
"I think I'm _____ - I ate a whole bunch of those cookies I love!"

TODAY'S WORD

HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Whistle cord is shorter. 3. Stripe is different. 3. Book is missing. 4. Headset is missing. 5. Frog is missing. 6. Flagpole is missing.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
 ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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Super Crossword COOLING TREND

ACROSS

- 1 Didn't move any closer
- 11 Swedish retail giant
- 15 Frets
- 20 Book you can't stop reading
- 21 Pupil's book
- 22 Palmer of golf, to fans
- 23 Additional person called on to peruse something
- 25 Ebbed and flowed, as water
- 26 Premaritally named
- 27 Rarity in golf
- 28 Curative stuff
- 30 Fills with a crayon, say
- 35 Feel hopeless about
- 38 - Grande
- 39 Bring to ruin
- 42 Authorize to
- 43 Tony winner Bernadette
- 44 Longtime "Masterpiece Theatre" host
- 49 Increases
- 50 Corporation combination
- 51 Malicious
- 52 Start for historic
- 53 "I'm outie!"
- 57 Practice exam, maybe
- 59 Legendary title figure of a 1999 horror film
- 63 Granola bit
- 65 Invalidate
- 66 Bards' Muse
- 67 Some schoolkids' judged constructions
- 75 Startle
- 76 D.C. VIPs
- 77 Outback bird
- 78 Bit of jewelry with a single diamond
- 83 English class concern
- 89 Skirt borders
- 90 Hagen of the stage
- 91 Egg, in Paris
- 93 "Lawrence of Arabia" star
- 94 '60s hallucinogen
- 95 "Main Street" novelist
- 98 How silverware is often sold
- 102 Hip-hop producer Gotti
- 103 String after J
- 104 O'Hare abbr.
- 105 Times of trouble with tresses
- 108 Has a helping of humble pie
- 112 Explosion fragments
- 113 Qty.
- 116 Pi-sigma link
- 117 "I - Say No" (song from "Oklahoma!")
- 118 State flower of Iowa
- 126 Sporting site
- 127 - about (circa)
- 128 Foldaway bed or table, e.g.
- 129 - -arms (old soldier)
- 130 Gps. such as Oxfam and CARE
- 131 Ducted cooling system (and what nine answers in this puzzle have)

DOWN

- 4 Like some simple questions
- 5 Old anesthetic
- 6 Swindles
- 7 Lingerie top
- 8 Darth Vader, as a boy
- 9 "Juno" actor Michael
- 10 McDonald's honcho Ray
- 11 Suffix with Gotham
- 12 Essential
- 13 Off the hook
- 14 Really baffled
- 15 Lampoons
- 16 Ribbed cloth for dresses
- 17 Option for bitter greens
- 18 Frankfurter
- 19 Jewish feasts
- 24 Nourished
- 29 Ladle
- 30 Runner's pain
- 31 OPEC vessel
- 32 Tours' river
- 33 Dictator Amin
- 34 Average
- 36 Wapiti
- 37 Witness
- 40 "Rhyme Pays" rapper
- 41 Ark "captain"
- 45 Mil. bigwig
- 46 Masters peg
- 47 Fiery felony
- 48 A unified goal for the future
- 49 Mentalist Geller
- 52 GI's chaplain
- 53 Mag. sales stat
- 54 "Leave - that"
- 55 Doesn't delay
- 56 "Well now!"
- 58 Tic-toe link
- 60 Div. of NYC
- 61 Cup's edge
- 62 Minuscule
- 64 - cotta
- 67 Gin flavorer
- 68 Not flustered
- 69 Camera part
- 70 CPR teacher, maybe
- 71 Service cost
- 72 Rainy mo.
- 73 "U can't b serious!"
- 74 Hearer of court evidence
- 75 Fire residue
- 79 Texas capital
- 80 "- be a pleasure"
- 81 Guitar part
- 82 Aquatic bird
- 84 Ocean off Fla.
- 85 A Stooge
- 86 It cuts grass
- 87 Samuel of justice
- 88 Cut again, as lumber
- 92 Star status
- 94 Pounced on
- 95 Lady of Sp.
- 96 Climbing vine
- 97 - funk (sad)
- 98 1978-80 FBI sting
- 99 African desert
- 100 Best Actor winner Brody
- 101 "Pacific Blue" actress Moakler
- 102 Like engines in neutral
- 106 Took back, as one's title
- 107 Sticky stuff
- 109 Hearer of court evidence
- 110 Tom Jones' " - Lady"
- 111 Reef material
- 114 Richie's mom, to Fonzie
- 115 Sticky stuff the pond
- 120 OR workers
- 121 John, across the pond
- 122 Sales check: Abbr.
- 123 Female cells
- 124 Six, in Italy
- 125 Go astray

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Monroe Health Center Hosts Mental Health First Aid Training



Pictured from left to right Monroe Health Center's certified MHFA instructors, Alicia Walker, Licensed Psychologist, Brandy Lester, MHFA Program Coordinator, and pediatrician Dr. Jennifer Bailey, D.O., FAAP.

Monroe Health Center recently hosted three Mental Health First Aid training sessions. Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) is a skills-based training course that teaches participants about mental health and substance-use issues. Certified MHFA instructors, pediatrician Dr. Jennifer Bailey, D.O., FAAP, and Alicia Walker, Licensed Psychologist, facilitated the sessions that taught how to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental health and substance use challenges experienced by our youth.

The course covers common signs and symptoms of mental health including: Challenges in this age group, including

anxiety, depression, eating disorders, attention deficit hyperactive disorder (ADHD), behavior disorders, and psychotic symptoms; Common signs and symptoms of substance use challenges; How to interact with a child or adolescent in crisis; How to connect the youth with help; and expanded content on trauma, substance-use, self-care and the impact of social media and bullying. The course is relevant to any adults who interact with youth such as educators, school staff and administrators, coaches, camp counselors, youth group leaders, members of faith communities, first responders, health and human service

workers, medical professionals, parents, and caring citizens. This program can be applied to a range of adult learning styles and presentations can be tailored to a wide range of audiences. The course includes population-focused information and follows a tested core model.

Dr. Jennifer Bailey, D.O., FAAP, stated, "As a pediatrician and certified MHFA instructor, I am excited to have the opportunity to build mental health literacy and be an advocate to reduce negative attitudes about mental illnesses among youth. Those who complete the course will leave with tools to assess risk, offer encouragement, and ap-

ply support strategies to various situations."

Monroe Health Center plans to have additional opportunities for this dynamic program in the future. The training session involves brief 10-20 minutes of class preparation in advance of the in-person session which typically lasts about 7 hours and includes the option of a weekday or Saturday session. If you or members of your organization would be interested in attending a future MHFA training session or would like more information about this program, please contact Brandy Lester at 304-772-3064 x124 or email b.lester@monroehealthcenter.com.

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Reunions

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!

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

Church Bulletin

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.

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. Ketron Church is located on Rockland Road, Ronceverte.

Discover your roots: Greenbrier Historical Society & North House Museum present Intro into Genealogy Research

The Greenbrier Historical Society and North House Museum are thrilled to announce an exciting event for all history enthusiasts and those curious about their family heritage. Join GHS for an Intro to Genealogy Research workshop, a beginner's workshop designed to unlock the secrets of your ancestry and how to use the resources at your disposal. This event will take place on Saturday, Sept. 30 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. upstairs in the historic Law Library, located on Courtney Drive, Lewisburg.

During the workshop, attendees will be guided through the fundamental principles of genealogical research, including:

- **Genealogy 101:** The workshop will give attendees an overview of genealogy, explain its significance, and highlight the value of understanding our ancestors' stories. Participants will learn the basics of family tree construction and the process of tracing lineage.
- **Getting Started:** This session will guide attendees through the initial steps of genealogical research. From gathering information within the family to organizing data, participants will learn to create a solid foundation for their genealogical journey.
- **Exploring Resources:** The Greenbrier Historical Society's genealogy experts will share valuable insights into a wide array of resources available for re-

search. Participants will learn about online databases, historical archives, and other valuable repositories of genealogical information.

• **Q&A Session:** The workshop will conclude with a Q&A session, where participants can seek advice from the archivists and address any specific challenges or queries they may encounter during their research.

Attendees will also have the opportunity to interact with fellow genealogy enthusiasts, share stories, and exchange ideas. This workshop is the first of a planned series, with more advanced research strategies and techniques to be covered in later sessions. Participants are encouraged to take notes and give feedback on future workshops they would like to see.

Spaces for this workshop are limited, so early registration is encouraged. This workshop is taking place on the top floor of a historical building that is not ADA compliant - please let us know if you will need special accommodations, as this location requires stairs and is not wheelchair accessible. This event is free to the public, though donations are encouraged. To secure your spot, please visit forms.gle/QUWkLEbUxpmKi5W8, contact the Greenbrier Historical Society at 304-645-3398, or visit the GHS Facebook page.

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