Mountain Messenger nets multiple **WVPA** awards

The West Virginia Press Association has released the results of their 2023 Newspaper Editorial and Advertising Contest, which they host annually. Newspapers from across the state compete with other publications in their circulation division in multiple editorial and advertising categories.

This year, Mountain Messenger Head Editor Sarah Richardson was awarded first place in the Best News Feature category for her piece "Local Dancer Pursues her dreams in California," published April 9, 2022.

Richardson also won second place in two categories: Best Business, Economic, or Labor Reporting and Best Governmental Affairs Reporting for her pieces "Stardust Café Changes Hands" and "Lewisburg City Council Votes 4-2 to Remove Banners From Lampposts."

Mountain Messenger staff also placed first in the Best Special Section category for the 2022 State Fair of West Virginia Guide, and swept the category Best Front Page with a first, second, and third place win for front pages throughout 2022.

All articles and e-editions are available to read online at www.mountainmessenger.com.

Harmony Ridge Gallery announces closure

By Sarah Richardson

Last week, Monica Maxwell announced that one of downtown Lewisburg's staple stores, Harmony Ridge Gallery, will be closing. Monica and her husband Aaron have operated Harmony Ridge for nearly 20 years, and have been heavily involved in organizing downtown events such as Girl's Day Out, First Fri-

After working retail all these years, the Maxwell's put out feelers earlier this year for selling their building, and say they got a good offer very quickly. With 5,000 sq. ft. of upstairs space and just as much in the basement, it's no surprise it was snapped up by Jody and Kate Wooten, who have yet to make an announcement on their plans for the space.

"We decided to take this opportunity to take a break from retail after 30 years, even though it's a job that we absolutely love," said Monica. "It's bittersweet. It's really hard to leave."

She reports that since they broke the news on Facebook they have had a strong influx of early Christmas shoppers, and visitors who want to make some final purchases. While they plan to stay open until mid-September, that will depend on how much inventory is left in the upcoming weeks. "We are still fully

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Monica and Aaron Maxwell have announced the closure of the Harmony Ridge Gallery, but say they look forward to staying in the area and enjoying Lewisburg from a different point of view.

It's Fair time in the **Greenbrier Valley**



Virginia State Fair, which runs until Aug. 19 this year. There are plenty of jam-packed days ahead with live demonstrations, carnival rides, fair food, and concerts. Anticipate heavy traffic around town both before and after Grandstand concerts, which start between 7 and 8 p.m. each evening, with doors opening for concert-goers at 6:30 p.m. With several sold-out shows this week, plan your evening errands accordingly. Visit www.statefairofwv.com for more information.

Board of Education celebrates proclamation of Freedom Week

By Adam Pack

The Greenbrier County Board of Education met briefly on Tuesday, Aug. 8, to declare that the week of Nov. 6 will be "Celebrate Freedom Week." An initiative coming as the result of legislation recently passed by the state legislature states that county boards of educations shall, "establish a week recognized as 'Celebrate Freedom Week' during the regular school year. The purpose of 'Celebrate Freedom Week' is to educate students about the sacrifices made for freedom in the founding of this country and the values on which this country was founded."

The declaration goes on to specify that this will include instruction centered around The Constitution of the United States, The Declaration of Independence, and The Emancipation Proclamation, with special emphasis on "firmly establishing the historical background leading to the establishment of the provisions of the Constitution and The Bill of Rights by the Founding Fathers for the purpose of safeguarding our Constitutional Republic."

The Board approved the declaration and look forward to Celebrate Freedom Week in Greenbrier County later this year.

The board was also treated to a brief "meet and greet" with new Greenbrier West High School principal Adam Young. Young spoke about his upbringing in Nicholas County and career experience, which included a stint in the State House of Delegates while teaching Social Studies at Nicholas County High School and the assistant principal position at Webster County High School. When asked if there was anything he would change, Young replied that "coming into a place and changing everything on day one is a very bad decision, generally speaking" in his view. Instead, he said that he was more interested in watching and waiting, listening all the way to the needs and opinions of his staff. He praised his staff for keeping "a wonderful facility, both from the sports side and the campus side."

The Greenbrier County Board of Education will meet again on Sept. 12 at the Kyle & Ann Fort Arts and Science Center. As this is the first meeting within the 2023/24 school year, the meeting will be moved to 6 p.m. The public is encouraged to attend. Interested parties should call 304-647-6470 to confirm meeting time.

Missing man found deceased

On Monday, Aug. 7, the Lewisburg Police Department announced that they were actively investigating a missing person, Jarred David Shultz, 39, of Barboursville, after he was reported missing by a friend at 2:05 a.m. on Aug. 6.

"We were informed that Mr. Shultz had been visiting the Lewisburg area to attend a golf tournament and that he was last seen at approximately 11:40 p.m. in the area of Coleman Drive in Lewisburg," stated the

Hours later, police reported that a deceased body of a male believed to be Mr. Shultz was located "in a wooded area near I-64 and Route 219 in Lewisburg."

The released noted, "There is no foul play suspected in this incident at this time. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Mr. Shultz family and friends in this very difficult time."

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County Commission suspends COVID-19 employee policy

By Adam Pack

The Greenbrier County Commission met Tuesday, Aug. 8, to align their policies with the situation regarding COVID-19. Britt Ludwig, Legal counsel for the county, informed the Commission that, "As a result of COVID, we were allowing employees to take extra sick days when those days were related to COVID-19." With the Governor lifting the State of Emergency earlier this year, Ludwig recommended that the Commission rescind those extra sick days for county employees. The Commission did so, approving a return to a pre-COVID sick leave policy. Ludwig made the Commission aware, as well, that "if COVID were to reemerge or see a resurgence, the county could reinstate the former policies, as this is technically a suspension."

In other news, the Commission heard from two different local organizations. First, Ruthanna Beasly of the Greenbrier Valley Economic Development Council (EDC) briefed the Commission on the recent work of the EDC. The EDC was happy to announce their recent reception of a "AA" grading for biomass from the lumber and timber industries in Greenbrier

County. This is significant as, "it helps busi-

nesses who produce biofuels like biogas and

biodiesel that we have the infrastructure, the timber assets, and other assets recognize that this is a great place to do business. And it really does do that because we are the first region in the state to receive this grading, and only the fourth in America to do so, so we're very excited about this." Beasly also discussed issues facing the EDC. Chief among them are the lack of housing for potential workforce, with shortterm rental properties "constricting" the housing market in the area, and a lack of land zoned for manufacturing and or warehousing. Beasly also requested that Jennifer Mason be appointed to the council to replace the outgoing Steven Keadle, for a term ending on June 30, 2027. The Commission approved this request and instated Mason to the seat on the Greenbrier Valley Economic Development Council. The Commission also reappointed Jeff Davis to the Greenbrier County Planning Commission for another term, which will also end on June 30, 2027

The Commission then heard from the Greenbrier County Farmland Protection Bureau,

represented by Amy Maloney, Director of the

Greenbrier County Farmland Protection Board.

Maloney began by reminding the Commission

and public that her organization has existed

since 2000, offering landowners the opportunity to have their land protected, "primarily from subdivision and soil disturbance" via selling it to the Bureau in order to have that land designated as a "conservation easement." Since that time the Bureau has worked with state, local, and federal agencies as well as the County Commission to protect roughly 3,000 acres of farmland. Maloney requested the approval of purchase of a conservation easement on property offered by the McCormick Family. The property, 92.6 acres in the Irish Corner District, would cost \$112,000. The Commission approved the purchase of this conservation easement. Commission also transferred

\$1,816.20 to the Greenbrier County Airport Authority as a result of a Potential Noncompliance Dismissal Letter from the Federal Aviation Administration and approved the hire of Lucinda Hanna for the 911 Dispatch Center. She was described by Commissioner Tammy Tincher as, "an interested applicant with a very good work history."

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Summersville Lake to become WV's newest State Park

177 acres on the state's largest lake to become the 36th West Virginia State Park

Gov. Jim Justice announced this week that West Virginia will soon be opening its 36th state park, Summersville Lake State Park. The northern shore of the state's largest lake in Nicholas County will be transformed into a premiere outdoor adventure park in one of West Virginia's most iconic spots.

A bill that will officially designate the land as a state park was sent to the West Virginia Legislature by Gov. Justice. Once the bill is passed by the Legislature and signed by the Governor, new recreational opportunities at the park will be opened to the public. As the state's first new park added in more than 30 years, this designation is symbolic of the recent growth in West Virginia's tourism industry.

"I couldn't be more proud to announce our newest State Park." Gov. Justice said. "Summersville Lake is an iconic place in our beautiful state filled with a lot of special memories that span generations of families. Now. all those who travel to Summersville Lake will be treated to the greatest outdoor adventure park in the country on the shores

of our state's largest lake. "The opportunity to add another State Park is a testament to the major impact that our investments in tourism and in our parks is having in West Virginia. I thank the Legislature for agreeing with me and supporting these investments, and I thank all those that work hard every day to operate our parks and market our state to the world. I can't wait to see people from far and wide enjoying Summersville Lake

State Park very soon." such as hiking, biking, and The 177-acre park is picnicking. The new park perched on the northern also includes an additional shore of the state's largparking lot for those coming to enjoy the incredible est and most picturesque views and world-class lakes. The lake has been a

> The site is slated to be developed through a public-private partnership and the amenities will make it the greatest outdoor adventure park in the country. Planned amenities include additional climbing and bouldering opportunities, hiking and biking trails, water activities,

outdoor recreation.

sports, camping, cabins, and more. The Division of Natural Resources will host a public meeting in the near future to receive input from the public.

This development comes on the heels of a historic investment in our state park

system. State Parks are completing more than \$150 million in improvements, which include upgrades at every single state-operated lodge and every cabin across the state. Last year's state park revenue was the fourth year of record-

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breaking revenue, showing growth both in in-state visitation and out-of-state visitation.

An event will be held in the near future to officially designate the park and open it to the public.

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Gunshots reported in Fairlea

On Monday, Aug. 7, at approximately 6:56 a.m., members of the Greenbrier County Sheriff's Office responded to a 911 call of damage to a vehicle and a residential home in Fairlea. Upon arrival officers determined that the sustained damage resulted from gunshots.

Officers have determined that an altercation occurred between multiple individuals and gunfire subsequently ensued. NOTE: Gunshots were reportedly heard at approximately 8:47 p.m. on Sunday evening, Aug. 6. The affected homeowner was unaware of the damage to their home until the discovery on the 7th. The homeowner is

> an innocent party with no involvement or connection to the altercation.

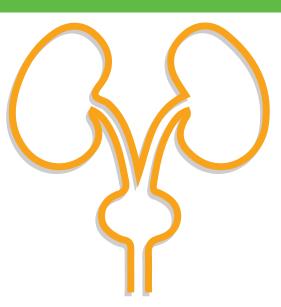
Members of the Greenbrier County Sheriff's Office Crime Scene Team are processing the scene for evidence and investigators are currently canvassing the neighborhood and

conducting interviews. Anyone with any information regarding this incident is asked to contact the Greenbrier County Sheriff's Office at 304-647-6634 or the Green-

brier County 911 Center. The area of occurrence is the C and W Road #2 in Fairlea, which is located on the 219 South side across from the IGA and Frontier building.

Corporal Seth Havens, of the Greenbrier County Sheriff's Office, is the lead investigating officer. See "State Park" Page 3

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Three anniversaries noted at Greenbrier East Spartan Band Camp last week

Members of the Class of 2024 of Greenbrier East High School's Spartan Marching Band are shown with the cornerstone of the first building constructed 70 years ago at the Greenbrier County Youth Camp at Anthony, denoting the date of August, 1953. The first building was a combination of cafeteria, kitchen, restrooms and assembly hall.

Holding their 45th annual Greenbrier East Band Camp Jul. 30 through

Aug. 4 at the Youth Camp, the students also noted that this was the beginning of the 25th year with Mr. James Allder as director of instrumental music at GEHS.

The 60 high school band members spent the week striving towards learning the 2023 band's competition show which is based on "The Greenbrier Ghost." Assisting Mr. Allder with the some of the music was Cathy Sawyers Burtram who is the former director of the Greenbrier Valley Theatre and along with her late husband, Joe Burtram, composed the music for the stage production of "The Greenbrier Ghost."

In addition to four times a day practice, the students also participated in two campfire programs, a talent show, game night and vesper programs with the members of the Class of 2023 leading the candlelight welcoming ceremony for the Class of 2026.

The support group, the Greenbrier East Music Boosters, provided over night and day time chaperones as well as a nightly snack between the evening practice and

The Spartan Band will be presenting the introduction to "The Greenbrier Ghost" at halftime of the football game with Bluefield on Sept. 8, the first home game for the Spartans.

State Park

WV Legislative Interims: Committee on Children and Families hears presentations on affordable housing issues and food insecurity **By Autumn Shelton**

West Virginia Press Association

During their Monday interim session, members of the West Virginia Legislative Joint Committee on Children and Families heard presentations on both affordable housing issues and food insecurity in the Mountain

The first speaker, Craig Petry, executive director of Community Works West Virginia, an organization designed to create housing and community development solutions through a network of organizations, discussed affordable housing issues.

"It's become very much a hot button topic across the

According to Petry, some of the affordable housing issues in West Virginia include the increased cost of goods, which makes it difficult to develop housing, as well as aging homes that are in need of rehabilitation, high interest rates and a general increase in home prices.

County, and in the Davis and Thomas areas.

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

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special camp type activity.

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Works West Virginia, an organization designed to

country," Petry said.

The state is also seeing an increase in the number of short term rental units, which has "squeezed out" affordable housing," Petry said, adding this is primarily occurring in the high tourism areas surrounding the Hatfield-McCoy Trail, the New River Gorge region in Fayette

Greenbrier County

Logan Jeffrey Camp, White Sulphur Springs, driving revoked for DUI - 1st offense, NCP, fine \$100, jail 45 days to be served on Greenbrier County

William H. Herndon, Rainelle, 1) no operators, GP, Jack Marcus, Renick, expired motor vehicle in-

spection, GP, fine \$10

GP, fine \$50; 2) no insurance, fine \$200

Marriages

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Adam Ray Lester, Frankford to Rebecca Ruth Brown,

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Richardson, Alderson

Christopher Michael Hawver, Ronceverte to Taylor Diane Harrison, Ronceverte

create housing and community development solutions through a network of organizations, discussed affordable housing issues.

This is also something that Sen. Patricia Rucker, (R-Jefferson), said she witnesses in her district.

"In my area of the eastern panhandle, the rising cost has literally driven people out of their homes," Rucker stated, adding that, "Unfortunately, those rising costs are those from outside the state, so a lot of those homes are turning into vacation homes or rentals and the folks in the actual area, who live and need to live there to work, can't afford it."

She continued that a lot of the homes are privately owned, but the homeowners, often retired, cannot afford the cost of rising taxes.

"I, of course, have advocated to increase our homestead exemption, which has not been taken up, but is there any program to help folks to keep their homes?" Rucker asked.

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"Under the Governor's leadership, West Virginia State Parks just finished another record year, and I'm just thrilled to see us add another 177 acres into our state parks system," said Director of the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources Brett McMillion, who oversees the State Park system. "We are looking forward to adding Summersville Lake as our 36th park and spending the next couple of months hearing from West Virginians on the amenities they'd like to see added in Nicholas County."

"Summersville Lake already has internationallyknown amenities, and we are looking forward to greatly enhancing the visitor experience with this park," said Secretary of the West Virginia Department of Commerce James Bailey, who oversees the Division of Natural Resources. "With Governor Justice's vision, we're going to develop this site to make it the nation's premier outdoor adventure park."

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By Karen Cohen

What do you put in your garden beds when they are empty? When the tomatoes are done producing or the salad greens have halted their growth in the summer heat, what takes their place? Why not add something that will give back to the soil which may be depleted from all that growing? Cover crops, that's the way to go.

There are five recommended seeds that can help soil with nutrients that build. They are: brassicas, cereals, legumes, grasses or chenopods.

Here some examples of each category:

- Brassicas are the cabbages and mustard family plants also named cruciferous.
- Cereals and grasses are rye and wheat and oats.
- · Legumes are as crimson clover, hairy vetch, and
- Chenopods are spinaches, chards, and lambsquarters, for instance.

These cover crops are planted from seed. You can dig a simple furrow and plop the seeds in that alongside garden beds that are almost finished for the summer and might still have some stalks and vines growing. No need to pull those out, just plant right into the bed or next to it with your cover crop seeds. Usually, watering is not necessary to get the seeds sprouted and growing. The most drought resistant crops would be alfalfa and red/ white clover.

If the word "crop" confuses you, just think of it as the "blanket" of nutrient rich plants that keep your garden soil intact, open up the soil with complex root systems, and shade it from baking in the sun. Another benefit: weeds are crowded out. Every garden should be covered with some type of plant as it heads into winter. It just

When spring comes, you can take a pitchfork and turn the cover crop over and let it break down into the soil on its own. No need to bury it. It is best to turn it over before anything goes to seed after flowering. That prevents new seeds from sprouting when you don't want any more of that growth. The plant matter of stems, stalks, leaves, etc. all break down into the soil with help from worms and other "digesters." Everything turns into fertilizer at that stage and it's just what your garden needs after a

summer burst of growth.

Red clover can be planted in winter or spring also. I throw my clover seeds directly on snow in the winter months and it will sprout when the time is right and the soil temps are perfect. Because I believe covering your soil at all times with either mulch, compost, or living crops is best for healthy produce, I never like to see barren garden beds. All that soil needs time to refresh itself and you can help it along. If you don't, the top soil starts to wash away with heavy rains or it dries up and blows away. You want to keep it all intact while continually adding nourishment.

Another method to improve soil aeration and soil nutrients is to use the "no till" method. Tilling with a walk along rototiller or a big plow compacts your dirt. The weight forces out air pockets which can ultimately hold water and worms. We create walking paths/rows with wood chips alongside the planting rows and avoid walking directly where we plant. If I have to get into a section to pick tomatoes or grab a zucchini, I use a wooden plank that supports and evenly distributes my weight underneath it. The garden beds stay fluffy and light, air filled, worm infested, and roots roaming freely. Try this method and you will see an improvement.

So many gardeners believe they have to strip their garden beds after summer production and then will till in all the spent vegetable matter. Easier ways can be smarter for you and your garden. Use a pitchfork, turn over and under plant matter unless it is diseased, and then throw on your cover crop seeds. Or just throw some cover crop seeds right onto the beds. Hay or straw can cover beds all winter long, too, keeping in moisture. Some weeds will come no matter what method you use because birds or animals carry seeds and drop them, sometimes right in your garden. Fall is a time to get your garden ready for a long sleep; you get to rest, too. But first, a bit of work will give you the best results for the new planting

(Karen Cohen is a chemical free gardener living in Greenbrier County, WV. Please email your tips and comments to natureswaykaren@gmail.com. And Happy Growing!)

WVSOM graduate plans to balance medicine with farm living



Savannah Keffer, D.O. Not much makes Savan-

nah Keffer, D.O., happier than being outdoors with her three dogs and tending to her three beehives and her chickens. The only thing that compares is learning about rural health care and working to become a family medicine physician in a rural area. The West Virginia School

of Osteopathic Medicine (WVSOM) Class of 2023 graduate recalls that as a child she remembers saying, "I want to be a doctor like dad." Her father, Scott Keffer, is a 1996 graduate of WVSOM.

"Throughout high school, my dad had a farm with different types of animals. We had horses, pigs, chickens, everything you could imagine. I fell in love with farming, being outside, taking care of pets and watching things grow," Keffer said. "I had my heart set on going to vet school because I loved showing horses. I loved everything about animals. I loved getting

Keffer, who split her youth between Greenbrier and Fayette counties, took a particular interest in wound care for

gritty, and I liked gross stuff."

summer internship at her local veterinarian's office. After learning that wound care was an option for physicians as well, she decided to pursue a career as a physician. She received an under-

animals after completing a

graduate degree in exercise science from Marshall University. She graduated a semester early and received early acceptance to WVSOM, the only medical school to which she applied. "Being able to attend

medical school in a place like this was really a draw. From the first moment I attended an open house and walked on campus, I thought, 'This is awesome," Keffer said. "The campus tour really sunk it for me." Throughout medical

school, Keffer was a member of WVSOM's Rural Health Initiative (RHI), designed to enhance the rural and underserved primary care curriculum. Students in the program participate in unique

experiences to learn about industries specific to West "RHI, for me, was the

most incredible experience

ever. Getting to see all these different careers that people around me in rural areas do - I know people mine coal, I know people timber, I know they do all these things, but I never knew what the jobs involved. Getting to immerse myself in those careers opened my eyes. You hear about coal miners having bad backs, but why? Until you're underground and having to walk hunched over, you don't understand what the environment is like for them," Keffer said.

One of the most eye-opening experiences for Keffer was when RHI participants visited a chicken processing plant to learn more about the poultry industry. Even having grown up around chickens on her family farm, Keffer said, it was interesting to learn about the factory-work environment and the repetitive motion of workers.

"When I was in high school, we had meat birds that we slaughtered ourselves, and it was very oldschool: Do the deed, dunk it, pluck it. None of it was automated," she said. "Everything they were doing at the plant was automated and it was really cool for me to Keffer's love of living on a

farm and tending to animals has continued. In December, she and her boyfriend purchased 2 1/2 acres of land adjacent to her boyfriend's family's 400 acres of cattle farm property in Alderson. Since February, when her fourthyear clinical rotations ended, she has been taking time to enjoy the outdoors and work with animals.

"I've been baking, gardening and raising chickens, and it's been incredible. I'm enjoying my life right now where the most stressful thing that happens to me is figuring out if I'm going to get three eggs that morning or four," she said. "I don't relax the way most people do. Relaxation for me is pulling

weeds in the garden, or mak-

ing bread, or I made cheese

this winter, which is one of the strangest things I've ever done, or walking my dogs ... It's exactly what I needed before I start residency."

Keffer will complete a family medicine residency at CAMC Greenbrier Valley Medical Center in Ronceverte. She is confident she will be able to manage her new career as a physician while continuing her farm life.

"I'm positive that if I chose any other specialty, this would not be possible to balance," she said. "Family medicine is a magical specialty of getting to have the day job of being a physician and taking care of people, but if you set it up correctly, you can still go home and have a great life and do all the things you want to do. I want to be able to drive an hour and go to my little brother's football game on a Friday night or go to church with my grandma on Sunday. That's what fills my cup up."

Keffer also hopes to complete a fellowship or receive training in wound care so she can be a local resource in addition to offering family medicine appointments. While there are wound care facilities in Beckley and Pocahontas County in West Virginia and in Roanoke, VA, that service is unavailable in Lewisburg.

More than anything, Keffer is looking forward to her career as a new physician where she will fulfill not only patients' needs but her own personal needs.

"If I had gone to any other school in the country, I wouldn't have been at home. I think WVSOM is doing a great job of helping students be able to balance life like you would while having a career," she said. "It's not all work and no play. I think I'm a good example of that. During medical school, I developed hobbies that I enjoy. I am doing exactly what I wanted to do, and I think the opportunities I received here

allowed me to do that and

stay true to myself."



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BITUARIES

David Leroy Thrasher

Lewisburg-David Leroy Thrasher, 68, passed away Tuesday, Aug. 1, 2023 at Brian Nursing and Rehab Center.

David was born Jan. 16, 1955 in Amarillo, TX, the late Leroy C. Thrasher, Jr. and late Joan Wardrop Thrasher.

David was a retired Mechanic and Chief worked in the Oil and Gas Industry.

Other than his parents, David was preceded in death by his wife, Nora Strahan Thrasher.

Survivors include his daughter, Leslie Thrasher (Collins) of Orlando, FL; grandchildren, Austin and Shailey Collins of Orlando, FL; brothers, Kevin R. Thrasher of Perry, NY and Larry C. Thrasher of Lewisburg.

Please send online condolences by visiting www. WallaceandWallaceFH.

Danny Edward Morgan



Ronceverte-Danny Edward Morgan, 63, passed away Sunday, Aug. 6, 2023, at the Peyton Hospice House following an extended battle with dementia.

Born Feb. 21, 1960, he was the son of the late Elizabeth Jane Morgan. Danny was best known for preaching the word of God and his love for the Lord.

In addition to his mother, he was preceded in death by two sisters, Daisy Koepp, and Becky Buzzard.

Survivors are his loving wife of 42 years, Stella Morgan; son, Jonathan Morgan (Julie) of Ronceverte; daughters, Stephanie Morgan (Jeremy Rickard) of Alderson, and Kali Morgan (Justin Musick) of Lewisburg; brother, Billy Morgan and sister, Elizabeth Munson, both of Alderson; grandchildren, Adalynn, Benjamin, Caraline, James, Willow, Lena and Sammie; and several nieces and neph-

Funeral service will be Friday, Aug. 11, at 12 noon at the Graystone Baptist Church, Skylar Drive, Lewisburg, with Pastor Darrell Wilkins and Pastor Youel Altizer officiating. Burial will follow the service in the Morgan Cemetery, Roncev-

Visitation was held Thursday evening at the church.

Online guestbook may be

signed at www.morganfh. net. Arrangements by Morgan Funeral Home, Lewisburg, WV.

William Lee Dillon



Ronceverte-William Lee Dillon, 81, passed away Friday, Aug. 4, 2023 at GVMC following a short illness.

Bill was born on June 28, 1942 in Ronceverte, the son of Robert and Dallas Dillon. He was preceded in death by his parents and a twin brother, Bobby.

In 1963 Bill married Carol Hale of Waiteville and had two children, Terri (Larry) of Lewisburg and Todd (Chastity) of Hollywood.

Bill retired from Westvaco in 2004 after 38 years of service and was a Deacon at Ronceverte Christian Church. He loved hunting, fishing, golf, and playing cards with his family. He also loved his best buddy, "Pepper" who was always at his side.

Other than his wife and children survivors include his grandchildren, Ryan Dillon (Eisha) of Lewisburg; Britney Bucklen La-Fon of Lewisburg; Cody, Olivia, and Olin Dillon of Hollywood; great-grandchildren, Gabe, Ireland, Kadem, Aiden, and Arabella of Lewisburg, and Kori and Jack LaFon of Lewisburg. Also, a special friend and neighbor, Kim Erskine who cared for him deeply.

Bill will be fondly remembered and missed by his family and many friends who treasured time together with him. At his request, there will be no funeral or memorial service.

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

Dwayne Darin **McLaughlin**

Fairlea-Dwayne Darin McLaughlin, 56, passed away on Sunday, Aug. 6, 2023.

Born Mar. 28, 1967, in Marlinton, he was a son of the late Roger Lee McLaughlin and Margaret Ann White McLaughlin.

Other than his parents he was preceded in death by a son, Kevin McLaughlin and a sister, Sara Mor-

He worked as an assembler for Four Jaks Manufacturing in Fairlea.

Survivors include sister, Denise Jones of Hampton, VA; and brother, Kevin White of Renick, WV.

There will be no service. Please send online condolences by visiting www. WallaceandWallaceFH. com



Public invited to review flood maps in **Monroe County**

FEMA is proposing updates to the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) for Monroe County, West Virginia. Community partners are invited to participate in a 90-day appeal and comment period.

The updated maps were produced in coordination with local, state and FEMA officials. Significant community review of the maps has already taken place, but before the maps become final, community partners can identify any corrections or questions about the information provided and submit appeals or comments.

The 90-day appeal period will begin on or around Aug. 3, 2023. Residents, business owners and other community partners are encouraged to review the updated maps to learn about local flood risks and potential future flood insurance requirements. They may submit an appeal if they perceive that modeling or data used to create the map is technically or scientifically incorrect.

An appeal must include technical information, such as hydraulic or hydrologic data, to support the claim. Appeals cannot be based on the effects of proposed projects or projects started after the study is in progress. If property owners see incorrect information

that does not change the flood hazard information - such as a missing or misspelled road name in the Special Flood Hazard Area or an incorrect corporate boundary - they can submit a written The next step in the mapping process is the res-

olution of all comments and appeals. Once they are resolved, FEMA will notify communities of the effective date of the final maps.

Submit appeals and comments by contacting your local floodplain administrator: Richard Miller, Senior 911/EOM Director, Monroe County, rmiller@monroecountywv.gov. The preliminary

maps may be viewed online at the FEMA Flood Map Changes Viewer: http://msc.fema.gov/fmcv. Changes from the current maps may be viewed online at the Region 3 Changes Since Last FIRM Viewer: www.arcgis.com

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- Contact a FEMA Map Specialist by telephone; toll free, at 1-877-FEMA-MAP (1-877-336-2627) or by email at FEMA-FMIX@fema.dhs.gov.
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Monroe County Flood Mapping Milestones May 31, 2022 - Flood Risk Review Meeting to review draft flood hazard data.

Oct. 31, 2022 - Preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Map released.

Dec. 8, 2022 - Community Coordination and Outreach Meeting to review Preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Map and discuss updates to local floodplain management ordinance and flood in-

On or Around Aug. 3, 2023 - Appeal Period

June 2025* - New Flood Insurance Rate Map becomes effective and flood insurance requirements take effect. (*Timeline subject to change pending completion of the appeal review process.)

If you have any questions, please contact FEMA Region 3 Office of External Affairs at 215-931-5597 or at femar3newsdesk@fema.dhs.gov.

GRWA starts water quality monitoring project



Margaret Worth and Geoff Hamil take water quality meter readings as Margaret's granddaughter Ivy states her observations on stream quality. Photo by Louanne Fatora, coordinator.

River Watershed Association has begun its water quality project monitoring in collaboration with the WV School of Osteopathic Medicine. The Greenbrier River is a multi-use

watershed with lots of people enjoying contact by boating, fishing and swimming. The goal is to gain a view of the overall health of the river by long term monitoring and offer assistance if any

problems are detected. Volunteers are assisting by teaming up into sections of the river and taking samples once a month on the same day, all year long. The samples are taken to the Osteopath school lab for

testing. The monitoring begins at Durbin and ends at Hinton on the main stem of the river. Want to volunteer? Send us an email at greenbrierwatershed@gmail. com or call 304-647-4792.

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Dear Recycle Lady,

What are tree-corridors? I think they are found in forests, but I am not sure.

Curious Reader

Dear Curious Reader.

You are correct. Tree-corridors are found in forests, particularly in the Rainforests that have been cleared and left in large fragments. According to dw.com, 500 years ago Brazil's Atlantic Forest was the size of South Africa, but today over 90 percent of this global biodiversity hotspot has been deforested to make way for booming industries such as soy, sugar cane and cattle ranching. The Rainforest Alliance is helping to connect fragmented forests with green tree-corridors to "provide a lifeline" for animals, threatened species, and pollinators. Research has shown that when patches of forest are isolated from each other, pollinators are less abundant, and plants frequently fail to reproduce. Connecting forests with a pathway of trees, shrubs, and native plants that have been broken up by clearcutting contributes to a richer biodiversity of plant species. Pollination by bees, bats and hummingbirds is increased when they can travel from one part of the forest to another. Healthy forests are an important part of the solution for global climate change.

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Dear Want to Know,

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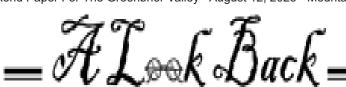
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By William "Skip" Deegans

Performing at the 1937 West Virginia State Fair was Winifred "Winnie" Colleano who was, at the time, one of the world's most accomplished aerial artists. She pioneered the heel and toe catch on the trapeze as described by Mark St. Leon: "swinging on her trapeze as much as 70 feet aloft, she would suddenly let go in a free fall, catch the trapeze bar with her heels, and then swing back and forth by her heels." She was also known for her dramatic dismount, called the leap of life, when she would throw her body off the swing, do a somersault, and catch a rope and slide to the ground.

Colleano was born into a circus family in Australia in 1897. She was of aboriginal descent at a time of discrimination by white Australians. Her family took the Spanish pseudonym Colleano that allowed them to travel and perform in the Australian outback when Winnie developed her act. She and her brother, Con Colleano, a tight wire performer, came to the United States, and in the 1920s, they were star attractions of the Ringling Brothers Barnum and Bailey circus. She died in Miami in 1973 and was elected to the Circus Hall of Fame in 1976.

Photo: Courtesy of the West Virginia Daily News.

Sources: The West Virginia News, The Wizard of The Wire by Mark St. Leon, Feminine Free Fall: A Fantasy of Freedom by Peta Tait, Female Aerialists in the 1920s and early 1930s: Femininity, Celebrity and Glamour by Kate Holmes.

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Club & Church

Open House, Mass of the Feast of the Assumption scheduled



oldest Catholic Church still in use in the state will be open to the public Aug. 15 in the village of Sweet Springs in northeastern Monroe County. St. John, the Evangelist, Catholic Chapel was constructed as early at 1839 by slaves on the Lynnside Plantation, owned by the Governor of Virginia John Floyd and his wife.

During his previous federal government service in Washington, DC, the Governor sent his daughters to Catholic schools, the only schools which would accept girls and then did the same in Richmond, VA, when he was elected Governor. The Church was built to serve the daughters who converted and because of the Governor's status, the Bishop of Richmond made certain it was well served by clergy riding horseback from Wytheville, VA, to

have Mass and administer

sacraments in the Chapel.

For Aug. 15, the Chapel will be open for tours, beginning at 4 p.m. and Mass will be celebrated at 6 p.m. with music provided by members of the Hymns and Hers, the choir of St. Catherine of Siena Church in Ronceverte. The public is invited to the tours and the Mass.

Following the Mass, there will be ice cream and cookies and soft drinks on the grounds of the Chapel, compliments of the Altar and Rosary Society of St. Catherine of Siena and the Women of the Church at St. Charles Borromeo and the Church will be open for a short time after the service. Father James Conyers, pastor of St. Catherine of Siena and St. Charles Borromeo Churches, will preside at the Mass along with other possible visiting priests from the Dioceses Virginia, Wheeling

Charleston and Raleigh,

Other than this service, the Church is used occasionally for weddings, anniversary exchange of vows, or funerals.

From West Virginia, take I-64 to the Crows exit and proceed on VA/WV 311 to the intersection with WV 3 West; from VA take I-64 West to the Callaghan exit and proceed on VA 159 to VA 311 to Sweet Springs which is only one mile from the WV/VA border with Alleghany and Craig counties. From the south take US 219 north to downtown Union and WV 3 East to Sweet Springs.

For additional information, telephone the office of the Catholic Churches of the Greenbrier Valley 304-536-1813 or the Greenbrier Valley Council of the Knights of Columbus 304-645-1373.



Seated: Linda Spencer (left), Barbara Deeds, and Loretta Shirley; Standing: Burl Post (left), Cassandria Perkins, Blanche Knicely, and Shela Mc-Comsey at the Williamsburg Historical Foundation Museum.

Williamsburg CEOS Club reviews and renews

August is reorganization month for Community Educational Outreach Service Clubs and the Williamsburg Club is now prepared to continue to pursue their goals in education with lessons developed by the West Virginia Extension Family and Community Development Service and sharing them with the community. New club officers were also elected to begin in 2024. These positions include Purposeful Reading, Continuing Education, Family, Marketing and Membership and Health Motivator.

The lesson "Teaching Appalachian Heritage

Cooking to Children" was presented by Patricia Post. The club members shared their cooking experiences and enjoyed the cookies made by "grandma" and her granddaughter Nora.

On Sept. 12 at The Williamsburg Historical Foundation Museum the lesson "From Coal Towns to Tourist Attractions: West Virginia's Newest State Park" will be presented by Burl

The club meets on the second Tuesday of each month at noon. All are welcome to attend.

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.

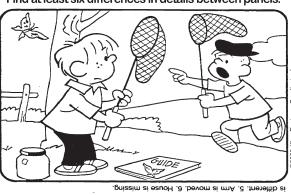
Come and catch up on family news and reminisce about the good old days. Please share this announcement with family members and relatives who may not be on our current mailing list. If your address has changed, we need your new address. Please call Nancy Hodges at (home) 304-647-3451 or (cell) 304-520-1754 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

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Second Greenbrier Valley Hospital employee reunion planned

After five years, planning is underway for the second reunion of former and tenured employees of Greenbrier Valley Hospital/ Greenbrier Valley Medical Center (now CAMC Greenbrier Valley Medical Center or GVMC). A committee of former employees is working hard on making this a fun and memorable occasion, which will be held on Sept. 30 from 1 to 5 p.m. at the WV Army National Guard Armory Training Center in Maxwelton, located on Industrial Drive by the Greenbrier Valley Airport.

Committee members are collecting and preparing displays of memorabilia and photos and a memorial table for those employees and physicians who have passed on. Along with these, there will be music, history info, door prizes, a photo booth for posing with friends and coworkers, door prizes, as well as buffet food and beverages.

Over 100 people came to the first reunion in 2018, and this one has created great interest among former and current employees. Pre-registration and payment is strongly recommended in order for adequate preparation, especially for food. Registration forms are available from any of the committee members, or by emailing a request to GVHalum@ yahoo.com, or by picking up a form at GVMC from the HR office in Annex 1. Early registration (before Sept. 15) is best as fees after Sept. 15 or at the door

will be higher. Donations to help cover costs are wel-

Greenbrier Valley Hospital/GVMC has a long history in the local area, starting 116 years ago in 1907 in Ronceverte. The original building was two houses joined by a breezeway and named Greenbrier General Hospital. In 1925, Greenbrier General moved to a more modern 40-bed brick building on Greenbrier Avenue in Ronceverte, named Greenbrier Valley Hospital (which older employees still refer to the as "the old hospital"). In 1974, almost 50 years later, GVH moved uphill to its present location on Maplewood Avenue and expanding to 122 beds. Over those years, thousands of people have worked here, with many still living in the area served by the facility.

Committee members are Carla Higginbotham, Barbara Walker, Alma Lewis, Phyllis Hunter, Debby Holliday, Dina Schoolcraft, Fran O'Brien, Detra Ridgeway, Lee Scruggs, Debbie Forren, Sharon Meadows and hospital liaison Bobbi Lockard. Each of the committee welcomes inquiries and are hoping for a good turnout on Sept. 30.

LEGAL

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF GREENBRIER COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

GREGG SEMPLE and KIMBERLY SEMPLE

Plaintiff.

CIVIL ACTION NO.: 23-C-4 Honorable Jennifer P. Dent

DENNY BARKER individually and FOURTH TEE LIVING, INC. a business

Defendants.

AMENDED ORDER OF PUBLICATION THE OBJECT OF THIS SUIT IS TO OBTAIN THE REIMBURSE-

MENT OF FUNDS OWED TO THE PLAINTIFFS AS A RESULT OF THE DEFENDANTS FAILING TO FULFILL THEIR CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS TO PLAINTIFFS. To the above-named Defendant:

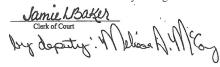
It appearing by affidavit filed in this action that Denver (Denny) Barker's whereabouts and residence, after due diligence, are unknown. It is hereby ordered that Denver (Denny) Barker serve upon

Larry E. Harrah, II, Esq. Harrah and Campbell, PLLC 103 Fayette Avenue Fayetteville, WV 25840

an Answer, including any related counter-petition or defense you may have to the Complaint filed in this action on or before September 8, 2023. If you fail to do so, thereafter judgement, upon proper hearing and trial, may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

A copy of said Complaint can be obtained from the undersigned Clerk at her office.

Entered by the Clerk of said Court this 3rd day of August 2023.



LEGAL

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE

The undersigned Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the authority vested in him by that certain Deed of Trust, dated January 15, 2008, and duly recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Greenbrier County, West Virginia, in Document No. 50726, in Book No. 623, at Page 585, Louis Fernandez did convey unto Aaron Ambler, Trustee(s), certain real property described in said Deed of Trust; and the beneficiary has elected to appoint Seneca Trustees, Inc., as Substitute Trustee; and default having been made under the aforementioned Deed of Trust, and the undersigned Substitute Trustee having been instructed by U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as Indenture Trustee for the CIM Trust 2019-R2 to foreclose thereunder, will offer for sale at public auction at the front door of the Greenbrier County Courthouse in Lewisburg, West Virginia, on

September 11, 2023 at 12:00 PM

the following described real estate, together with its improvements, easements and appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate in 14 - Ronceverte Corp District, Greenbrier County, West Virginia, and more particularly described as follows: ÄLL THAT CERTAIN LOT, TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND TOGETHER WITH THE BUILDINGS

AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON. EASEMENTS. RIGHTS OF WAY. AND THE APPURTENANCES THEREUNTO BELONGING, SITUATE IN RONCEVERTE MUNICIPALITY, GREENBRIER COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: LOT NO. SEVEN (7) IN BALLEYS PLAN OF SAID CITY, AS SHOWN UPON A MAP OR PLAT OF SAID CITY OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF GREENBRIER COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA, IN MAP BOOK 1 AT PAGE 1, EXTENDING BETWEEN GREENBRIER AVENUE AND POCAHONTAS AVENUE, THE DEPTH OF SAID LOT BEING ABOUT 80 FEET ON THE EAST SIDE ABOUT 90 FEET ON THE WEST SIDE.

Tax Parcel Identification Number: District: Ronceverte Map/Parcel: 10-64

At the time of the execution of the Deed of Trust, this property was reported to have an address of: 134 Greenbrier Ave, Ronceverte, WV 24970.

The referenced real estate will be conveyed with no covenants of warranty, and subject to all covenants, restrictions, easements, rights of way and reservations which may be a matter of record in the aforesaid Clerk's Office or visible upon the ground, all prior liens and encumbrances, including, without limitation, liens for real estate taxes, incinerator, sanitary and sewer charges. The purchasers at the sale shall be responsible for paying the recording costs and also the tax on the privilege of transfering real property (the cost of the tax stamp to be affixed to the deed). The purchasers shall be responsible for payment of all real estate taxes.

The subject property will be sold in "AS IS" condition. The Substitute Trustee shall be under no duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying the subject property to vacate said property

TERMS: \$3500.00 in cash and/or certified funds as deposit at the time of sale with the balance due and payable within 30 days of the day of sale.

FEDERAL TAX LIEN: In the event that there are Federal Tax Liens against the property, the United States would have the right to redeem the property within a period of 120 days from the date of such sale or the period allowable for redemption under local law, whichever is longer.

Pursuant to the Deed of Trust, the Trustee may postpone the sale by public announcement at the time and place designated or by posting a notice of the same, and act by agent in the execution of the sale. The parties secured by the Deed of Trust reserve the right to purchase the property at such sale. SENECA TRUSTEES, INC.

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The undersigned Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the authority vested in him by that certain Deed of Trust, dated December 13, 2021, and duly recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Greenbrier County, West Virginia, in Document No. 294280, in Book No. 859, at Page 658, and modified by Corrective Affidavit recorded in Document No. 308700, in Book 651, at Page 436, Fred McGehee did convey unto Golden and Amos Attn: R. Bance Golden III, Trustee(s), certain real property described in said Deed of Trust; and the beneficiary has elected to appoint Seneca Trustees, Inc., as Substitute Trustee; and default having been made under the aforementioned Deed of Trust, and the undersigned Substitute Trustee having been instructed by PennyMac Loan Services, LLC to foreclose thereunder, will offer for sale at public auction at the front door of the Greenbrier County Courthouse in Lewisburg, West Virginia, on September 11, 2023 at 12:00 PM

the following described real estate, together with its improvements, easements and appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate in 10 - Lewisburg Corp District, Greenbrier County, West Virginia, and more particularly

ALL OF THAT CERTAIN TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND TOGETHER WITH THE IMPROVEMENTS THEREON AND THE APPURTENANCES THEREUNTO BELONGING, SITUATE IN LEWISBURG MUNICIPALITY, GREENBRIER COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

THE BEGINNING CORNER OF THIS SURVEY IS AN IRON STAKE SET IN THE JACKSON LINE IN THE NORTHERLY BOUNDARY OF THE LITTLE SULPHUR ROAD. THE BEARINGS ARE MAGNETIC. FROM THE BEGINNING CORNER, LEAVING JACKSON WITH THE MEANDERS OF THE LITTLE SULPHUR ROAD AND BINDING THEREON ON THE NORTHERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID ROAD S 69-16 W 87.8 FEET TO A FENCE POST, THENCE S 61-53 W 135.6 FEET TO A CLUMP OF WHITE OAK SPROUTS FROM ONE ROOT, THENCE S 84-43 W 127.7 FEET TO A FENCE POST AT AN ANGLE IN THE FENCE, THENCE WITH SAID ROAD AS IT CURVES ON A CHORD S 89-26 W 529.7 FEET TO A FENCE POST IN THE CURVE OF THE ROAD NEAR A POND A CORNER TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION MOTOR POOL LOT; LEAVING ROAD AND WITH THE BOARD OF EDUCATION. CROSSING A MARSHY PLACE. BY PROTRACTION N 53-27 E 507 FEET UPHILL TO A FENCE POST, CORNER TO MRS. J. WADE BELL; LEAVING THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND WITH BELL ALONG THE BROW OF A HILL N 11-45 E 448.0 FEET TO A FENCE POST IN A HOLLOW, BEING A CORNER TO JACKSON; THENCE, LEAVING BELL WITH JACKSON ALONG THE NORTHERLY SIDE OF A HILL AND ALONG A FENCE OF CONVENIENCE S 29-46 E 724.5 FEET TO A STAKE, THE POINT OF THE BEGINNING, CONTAINING IN ALL 5.6 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

Assessor's Parcel No. 13-10-0026-0015-0000

THERE IS HEREBY EXCEPTED AND RESERVED FROM THIS CONVEYANCE THE FOLLOWING OUTSALES:

FIRST: THAT CERTAIN LOT OR PARCEL OF LAND WHICH WAS CONVEYED BY THE SAID JULIAN FAWCETT AND KATHRYN E. FAWCETT, HIS WIFE, TO MAYNARD B. HINKLE AND DIANNE F. HINKLE, HIS WIFE, BY DEED DATED MARCH 16, 1965, OF RECORD IN THE AFORESAID CLERK'S OFFICE IN DEED BOOK 227 AT PAGE 296, BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT A STAKE ON THE NORTH SIDE OF LITTLE SULPHUR ROAD AND 380 FEET

EAST OF A BRICK POST, A CORNER TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION; THENCE LEAVING SAID ROAD THROUGH THE JULIAN FAWCETT LAND 13-30 W 91 FEET TO A STAKE AT LOWER SIDE OF DRIVE INTO THE FAWCETT HOUSE; THENCE WITH SAME N 70/30 E 120 FEET TO A STAKE ON LOWER SIDE OF SAME; THENCE LEAVING SAME AND DOWN HILL S 12-30 E 123 FEET TO A STAKE ON NORTH SIDE OF THE LITTLE SULPHUR ROAD; THENCE WITH S 89-45 W 120 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 0.3 ACRE MORE OR LESS. SECOND: THOSE TWO CERTAIN LOTS OR PARCELS OF LAND WHICH WERE CONVEYED BY THE SAID JULIAN FAWCETT AND KATHRYN E. FAWCETT, HIS WIFE, TO MAYNARD B.

HINKLE AND DIANNE F HINKLE, HIS WIFE, BY DEED DATED AUGUST 9, 1994, OF RECORD IN THE AFORESAID CLERK'S OFFICE IN DEED BOOK 426, AT PAGE 570, AND MORE PARTICULARLY BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOW: TRACT NO 1 : BEGINNING AT A CORNER TO THE MAYNARD B. HINKLE TRACT, WHICH

SAID POINT IS A CORNER ADJOINING THE LITTLE SULPHUR SPRINGS ROAD (NOW JUDYVILLE ROAD) AND THENCE WITH SAID ROAD 144 FEET IN A WESTERLY DIRECTION TO A POINT AT THE EDGE OF THE SAID ROAD AND THENCE LEAVING SAID ROAD AND RUNNING PARALLEL WITH THE PRIVATE DRIVEWAY LEADING TO THE JULIAN FAWCETT PROPERTY 75 FEET TO A IRON PIPE SET THENCE LEAVING SAID PIPE AND RUNNING IN A EASTERLY DIRECTION PARALLEL WITH THE SAID ROAD 106 FEET TO A POINT AND COMMON CORNER WITH 0.3 ACRE TRACT AND THENCE WITH SAID TRACT N 18-30 W 91 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING AND CONTAINING .24 OF AN ACRE, MORE OR LESS, ERRONEOUSLY STATED TO BE .24 SQUARE FEET IN DEED RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 426,

TRACT NO. 2: A TRACT OR PARCEL OF REAL ESTATE LYING TO THE EAST OF THE 0.3 ACRE TRACT AND DESCRIBED AS BEGINNING AT AN IRON PIPE AN COMMON CORNER OF THE LITTLE SULPHUR SPRINGS ROAD, NOW JUDY VILLE ROAD, AND THENCE RUNNING IN AN EASTERLY DIRECTION WITH THE MEANDERS OF SAID ROAD 75 FEET TO A POINT AT THE EDGE OF THE RIGHT OF WAY OF SAID ROAD AND THENCE LEAVING SAID ROAD AND RUNNING IN A NORTHERLY DIRECTION 140 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE SET ADJACENT TO A STAKE AND CORNER, THENCE RUNNING S 12-30 E 123 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING AND CONTAINING .24 OF AN ACRE, MORE OR LESS, ERRONEOUSLY STATED TO BE .24

SQUARE FEET IN DEED RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 426, AT PAGE 570. AND BEING THE SAME REAL PROPERTY AS THAT CONVEYED UNTO RICHARD E. JENKINS AND ROBERTA L. CLEMONS-JENKINS, BY DEED DATED JUNE 15, 2005, BY JEFFREY M. OWENS AND ANNE R. OWENS, AND OF RECORD IN THE AFORESAID CLERK'S OFFICE IN DEED BOOK 498 AT PAGE 576.

THERE IS FURTHER RESERVED AND EXCEPTED FROM THE CONVEYANCE A RIGHT-OF-WAY TO DIANNE F. HINKLE AND MAYNARD B. HINKLE, THEIR HEIRS, SUCCESSORS, AND ASSIGNS, FOR INGRESS FROM THEIR BOUNDARY LINE ACROSS THE EXISTING PAVED ROADWAY TO THE FAWCETT PROPERTY INCLUDING THE NECESSARY DRAINAGE DITCH ON THE BANK SIDE OF THE ROAD. THIS RIGHT-OF-WAY IS TO REMAIN FREE OF ENCUMBRANCES INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, GATES AND/OR FENCES. REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE TO ALL PRIOR INSTRUMENTS IN THE CHAIN OF TITLE FOR ALL RIGHTS OF WAY, EASEMENTS, RESERVATIONS, RESTRICTIONS, AND LIMITATIONS PERTAINING TO THE REAL ESTATE HEREBY CONVEYED AND FOR A MORE PARTICULAR

At the time of the execution of the Deed of Trust, this property was reported to have an address of: 479 Judyville Rd, Lewisburg, WV 24901.

The referenced real estate will be conveyed with no covenants of warranty, and subject to all covenants. restrictions, easements, rights of way and reservations which may be a matter of record in the aforesaid Clerk's Office or visible upon the ground, all prior liens and encumbrances, including, without limitation, liens for real estate taxes, incinerator, sanitary and sewer charges. The purchasers at the sale shall be responsible for paying the recording costs and also the tax on the privilege of transferring real property (the cost of the tax stamp to be affixed to the deed). The purchasers shall be responsible for payment of all real

estate taxes. The subject property will be sold in "AS IS" condition. The Substitute Trustee shall be under no duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying the subject property to vacate said property.

TERMS: \$9000.00 in cash and/or certified funds as deposit at the time of sale with the balance due and

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DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY.

Reference File No. 82783

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Tariff Form No. 8-C

(Tariff Rule 14.2 et seq. (Historical Rule 30-C) PUBLIC NOTICE OF CHANGE IN RATES UPON APPLICATION

NOTICE is hereby given that MOUNTAINEER GAS COMPANY, a public utility, has filed with the PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA, an application containing decreased rates, tolls and charges for furnishing natural gas service to approximately 218,000 customers at various locations in the Counties of Barbour, Berkeley, Boone, Braxton, Brooke, Cabell, Calhoun, Clay, Doddridge, Fayette, Gilmer, Grant, Greenbrier, Hancock, Hardy, Harrison, Jackson, Jefferson, Kanawha, Lewis, Lincoln, Logan, Marion, Marshall, Mason, Mc-Dowell, Mercer, Mineral, Mingo, Monongalia, Monroe, Morgan, Nicholas, Ohio, Pendleton, Preston, Putnam, Raleigh, Randolph, Ritchie, Roane, Summers, Tucker, Tyler, Upshur, Wayne, Wetzel, Wirt, Wood, and Wyoming.

The proposed decreased rates and charges will become effective November 1, 2023, unless otherwise ordered by the Public Service Commission, and will decrease revenue approximately \$50,389,000 annually, a decrease of approximately 24.2%. The average monthly bill for the various classes of customers of MOUNTAINEER GAS COMPANY will be changed as follows:

DECREASE DECREASE Residential \$ 14.12 14.36 % 16.67 % \$66.16 Commercial Industrial \$1,142.00 19.46 % \$ 2,226.79 20.39 % Resale

Resale customers of MOUNTAINEER GAS COMPANY include Canaan Valley Gas Company, Cardinal Natural Gas Company, Consumers Gas Utility Company, Hope Gas, Inc., Megan Oil and Gas Company, City of Philippi, and Southern Public Service Company. The decreases shown are based on averages of all customers in the indicated class. Each class may receive a

decrease greater or less than stated here. Individual customers may receive decreases that are greater or less than average. Furthermore, the requested decreased rates and charges are only a proposal and are subject to change (increases or decreases) by the Public Service Commission in its review of this filing. Any decrease in rates and charges will not become effective until authorized and approved by the Public Service Commission. If a hearing is conducted, notice will be given of the time and place of hearing.

A complete copy of the proposed rates, as well as a representative of the Company to provide any information requested concerning it, is available to all customers, prospective customers, or their agents at the following offices of the Company: Mountaineer Gas Company Office

• 501 56th Street SE, Charleston, West Virginia 25304 A copy of the proposed rates is available for public inspection at the office of the Executive Secretary of the

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION at 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia. The Rule 30-C procedure is designed to provide a procedure for changing rates charged to customers by

natural gas distribution utilities based exclusively on the cost of purchased gas. Consequently, protest should be limited to the reasonableness of such costs and the method by which they are calculated. Anyone desiring to protest or intervene should file a written protest or notice of intervention within twenty-five (25) days following the date of this publication unless otherwise modified by Commission order. Failure to timely intervene can affect your rights to protest any rate adjustments and to participate in future proceedings. Requests to intervene must comply with the Commission's rules on intervention set forth in the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. All interventions must be mailed or hand-delivered and be addressed to Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, WV 25323. Protests may be filed online through the Commission website using the "Submit a Comment" link or may be mailed to the Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, WV 25323.

Freshwater Folk Festival returns next month

On Saturday, Sept. 9, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., the Freshwater Folk Festival will take place at the White Sulphur Springs National Fish Hatchery at 400 E Main Street, White Sulphur Springs. It'll be a fantastic fun-filled day for the whole family with live music by Billy Jonas, Beaucoup Blue, The Elk River Ramblers, The MacArthur Inn Gang, and local young artists in the Young Musicians Showcase. There will be food and crafts, a bounce house and pony rides, and a big tent full of demonstrations, educational exhibits and hands-on activities! It is also a celebration of the rich culture and natural history of West Virginia. Admission is

The displays, demonstrations, and activities are designed to foster understanding, appreciation and conservation of freshwater resources and will range from wildlife presentations and scientific phenomena to educational exhibits. They'll be offered by groups such as the US Fish and Wildlife Service, Hanging Rock Raptor Observatory, Indian Creek Watershed Association, Project Healing Waters, and Sweet Springs Resort. Roy Moose will be there with Snakes of West Virginia. iNaturalist photographer Susan Ryan, award-winning WV wildlife artist Kathryn Lehotsky, stiltwalker Marcus Fioravante, and Jessica Levine will all be returning. Levine will teach you about local wild bees and give you everything you need to build your own bee hotel. She'll even give you a packet of pollinator-friendly flower seeds so you can plant a garden for the bees that will live in your hotel! Tours of the fish hatchery will also be

This year, the Freshwater Folk Festival is proud to present the Young Musicians Showcase – a new addition to the festival that will feature young West Virginia artists and give them an opportunity to share their talent with all of us. Fourteen-year-old Lydia Jackson will kick off the fest with her own rendition of "Take Me Home. Country Roads." She has been studying violin at Heart-Strings Academy under the instruction of Russell Fallstad since the age of four. Teens Ella Butler, Kylee Fury, and Aubrey Adkins, all students of singer Susanna Robinson, will grace the stage with their beautiful harmonies. Christian Montgomery, another student of Russell Fallstad, will be playing the violin, tenor and alto saxophone, electric guitar, and bass using a looping station. Singer-

available.

songwriters Molly Sutter and Jenna Molaro will perform their own original songs. The festival will open with the showcase at 10 a.m.

At 11:15 a.m, The MacArthur Inn Gang will perform. The MacArthur Inn Gang hails from Narrows, Virginia, where every Thursday night they jam at the MacArthur Inn. They'll be bringing their good ol' fashioned string band and old-time music to the festival stage. Members are Leea Smith and Charlie Ashworth on fiddle, Paul Smith on upright bass, Mickey Branyan and Jim Wright on guitar, and Ben Poe and Janie Trobaugh on banjo.

From 12:30 to 2 p.m, Billy Jonas will take the stage. His funky folk music is fun for the entire family, and participation is the name of the game! What is funky folk music, you might be wondering? Well, it's genre-bending, style-blending singalongs, bang-alongs, and improvisations using a quirky mix of instruments. Jonas' musical mission is to honor and empower the creativity, inherent intelligence, and desire to learn in young folks, as well as their elders. And for everyone to have fun!

For over thirty years, Billy Jonas – a performer, singersongwriter, composer, multiinstrumentalist, and educator - has perfected the art of the neo-tribal hootenanny with audiences around the world. Using voice, guitar, and industrial re-percussion - which refers to musical instruments made from found, foraged, and recyclable objects, like pots, pans, tin cans, buckets, keys, and broomsticks - each concert is a soulspelunking, heart-healing, joy-filled journey.

Jonas' PBS special, albums and decades of live concerts have generated a following throughout North America. He's been honored with an American Federation of Independent Musicians 1st place award, a USA Today Top 10, a New York Times "Best for Kids" listing, and a Parents' Choice Gold Award for his CD "What Kind of Cat Are You?" And in 2010, The Billy Jonas Band was honored to perform at the White House.

From 2:15 to 3:30 p.m., Beaucoup Blue will fill the air with the sound of soulful blues. Beaucoup Blue is the Americana, Philadelphiabased father and son duo of David and Adrian Mowry. With voices that blend only as a father's and son's can, and smooth guitar work on 6- and 12-string guitars, slide guitar, and resonator, they've created a sound that is uniquely theirs. And, although Blues is their "thing," you can hear



Beaucoup Blue

influences of Folk, Soul, Jazz, Country, Bluegrass, and Rhythm'n Blues in their original songwriting.

With several CDs to their credit, Beaucoup Blue has garnered numerous accolades and honors - Grand Prize Winner of the Billboard World Song-Writing Contest, #25 on AMA's Americana Top 40, #8 on Roots Music Report's Folk Top 50, and Grand Prize Winner of the Telluride Blues & Brews Acoustic Competition, to name a few.

From 3:30 to 5 p.m., The Elk River Ramblers will be onstage. If you like Bluegrass, Celtic, Klezmer, Jazz, Classic Rock, and Old-Time Appalachian music, this is the band for you! With their original arrangements and compositions, The Elk River Ramblers really know how to mix it up. For example, have you ever heard Norwegian

Wood on the Sitar? It's awesome!

The Elk River Ramblers are Paul Marganian on fiddle, guitar, and vocals; Galen Watts on 5-string upright bass, 6-string electric bass, and vocals; and Seth Maynard on guitar and vocals. But, at the fest, they'll be joined by Matt Harrison, who will be sitting in for Maynard. Harrison was trained in classical and jazz piano. Then one day, he picked up the guitar and loved it. Now, he plays over a dozen instruments - but says he has the most fun playing guitar, especially when making music with Paul Marga-

nian and Galen Watts. The Freshwater Folk Festival takes months of planning and hard work by an all-volunteer committee and is funded by grants and donations. Contributions in support of this great community event are needed and much

appreciated and may be made So, those who are interested by check payable to Friends may pitch in there! of the White Sulphur Springs National Fish Hatchery, Inc. (FWSSNFH, Inc.) and

mailed to PO Box 461, White

Sulphur Springs, WV 24986.

At the festival, a donation box

For more info about the festival call 304-646-0602 or visit Freshwater Folk Festival on Facebook. And follow the fest on Instagram at freshwater.folk.festival.



Elk River Ramblers - Paul Marganian and Galen Watts



30th annual Kids' College a success

Carnegie Hall celebrated two weeks of arts and fun during the month of July as the 30th annual Kids' College program took place July 10-21, hosting campers from 12 counties in WV and 10 other states, including Colorado, Florida, Maryland, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, South Carolina, Texas, Virginia, and Washington. One student came all the way from Wuhan, China.

Students enjoyed selecting up to five separate classes per day, and participated in many different arts, such as needle felting, watercolors, jewelry making, giant art, astronomy, archaeology, and drama. At the end of each week's program, families and friends were invited to an Arts Showcase, where performing arts students had the opportunity to demonstrate their hard work on stage, and the visual arts projects were displayed in a curated ecar derby races.

exhibition. Demonstrations were presented for music, movement, drumming, drama, tie dye and ki aikido, and weekly awards were presented for the finalist of the pin-

At the afternoon showcase each week, Carnegie Hall

presented the second annual round of Kids' College

Spirit Awards (KCSA), offered in honor of Andrew

Carnegie, who, during his lifetime, demonstrated generosity of spirit and community investment on a grand scale, and who was known for his recognition of the impact that education and the arts can make during a person's life.

The KCSA was created to recognize those students that went above and beyond, that participated joyfully in their classwork and demonstrated kindness, helpfulness, and generosity. The program instructors, staff, and volunteers were asked to take special note of any student that stood out for these reasons, and there were more than thirty recommendations received each week, with

many students receiving multiple nominations. The winner of the KCSA for the week of July 14th was Sebastian Muhs, a rising sixth grade student from Muddy Creek Mountain, and the winner of the KCSA for the week of July 21st was Zach Bland, a rising 4th grade student from Lewisburg.

Planning is already underway for next year's 31st Kids' College Program to be held July 8-12 and 15-19, with registration opening in early May of 2024.



Billy Jonas

Steppin' Out

Carnegie Hall's volunteer orientation scheduled for Aug. 30

Carnegie Hall is recruiting volunteers for its 2023-2024 season as it celebrates its 40th anniversary. Volunteer opportunities include ushering, assisting at receptions and Main Stage Lounge, educational programing, office assistance, mailings, special events such as Taste Of Our Town, and serving on various committees.

Carnegie Hall will conduct two volunteer orientations on Wednesday, Aug. 30, at 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon or 4:30 to 6 p.m. Trainees will learn all aspects of volunteering at Carnegie, as well as take a tour and learn more about the Hall. Volunteering is fun and a great opportunity to meet new people while making an impact on Carnegie Hall's ability to continue providing quality programming. The

training is mandatory if you would like to usher for performances.

During last season over 180 volunteers logged more than 2,600 hours at Carnegie Hall by volunteering as ushers, ticket-takers, administration assistants, poster distributors, archivists, Kids' College helpers, exhibit assistants, special events assistants, and committee members. By volunteering, you help keep the arts and education thriving at Carnegie Hall.

For more information and orientation sign-up, please contact Volunteer Coordinator, Teri Hartford, at 304-645-7917, volunteer@carnegiehallwv.org, visit www. carnegiehallwv.org/support/volunteer, or stop by 611 Church Street in Lewisburg.

Williamsburg Back Home Festival upcoming

The Williamsburg Back Home Festival will be held on Saturday, Sept. 2 and will deliver music, great food, fire dance performances, street music performance, a demo on spinning wool into yarn, Tahoe Group Cruise-In, a live food auction showcasing local talent with auctioneering by our own Gregory Hurd, Paint by Sandy - a beautiful "Home" decor poster for \$25, a gun drawing, and multiple vendors including wood craft, hobo bags, jewelry, and flowers. There will also be a rolled ice cream vendor.

The festival will be an outdoor event so bring lawn chairs, and a pop up tent if you choose. Camping spots are available without hookups.

This is a major fundraiser event for the Williamsburg Volunteer Fire Department and all proceeds will go to the Department for upkeep and replacement of equipment.



Applebutter Soul

Carnegie Hall's Fantasy Gala at The Greenbrier returns September 1

Tickets are now on sale for Carnegie Hall's Fantasy Gala: Rubies & Rhododendrons which is scheduled to take place Friday, Sept. 1, at 6 p.m. on the newly-expanded Colonial Hall Terrace at The Greenbrier. Tickets are \$195 per person, and tables of 10 are available for \$1,950.

The original Fantasy fundraisers were themed parties held from 1999 through 2009 at multiple locations in the Greenbrier Valley. Past Fantasies included Fantasy in White, Fantasy in the Jungle, Fantasy on the Farm, Rock and Roll Fantasy, and last year's Fantasy in Black & White. The theme for 2023 is Fantasy in Rubies & Rhododendrons. Be creative or be conservative - just make sure your attire includes rubies or rhododendrons.

Gala Fantasy guests will enjoy a-dine-around dinner, one complimentary drink, a cash bar, live entertainment, and both a live and silent auction. The Greenbrier is offering complimentary casino access and a special discounted nightly room rate of \$399 forthe night of the event for Fantasy guests (based on availability). Call 877-935-0423 to make your reservation while rooms last.

Live music entertainment will be provided by Applebutter Soul from Lynchburg, Virginia. One of the region's most electrifying bands, Applebutter Soul integrates a range of genres from soul, funk, and jazz to R&B and Motown. Their unique signature sound features lead vocalist/keyboardist, Ty Scott, at the helm along with brass sensations Josh Brinkman (saxo-

phone), Kendall Kress (trumpet), Charles "CT" Bailey (bass), and Fred Jackson (drums). The group is best on stage where its high infectious energy and incendiary live performances have captivated audiences on the east coast for the last four years.

Carnegie Hall Board President Sharon Rowe chairs the Gala committee, which includes Suzanne Cronquist, Mimi deOlloqui-Turner, Maggie Hutchison, Debbie Kilcollin, Kit Lindsey, Jill McIntyre, Nathalie Oates, Cathy Rennard, Sally Bray, Terry Thompson, Mary Catherine Tuckwiller, and Tara Wooton.

The Fantasy Gala's Title Sponsor is Meraki Fund. Other sponsors include Gold Sponsors - CAMC/Vandalia Health, Friends from Texas, The Greenbrier, and Gillespie's Flower's & Productions; Silver Sponsors - Yarid's and Bank of Monroe; Bronze Sponsors - The Schoolhouse Hotel, Kilcollin Dental, Dinsmore & Shohl LLP, and Three Points Farm. Sponsorship opportunities are still available. Please contact Development Director Sally Bray at development@carnegie-hallwv.org.

The 2023 Fantasy Gala Honoree is Angus Peyton.

For tickets or more information, please visit www. carnegiehallwv.org, call 304-645-7917, or visit Carnegie Hall at 611 Church Street, Lewisburg. Ticket sales end Aug. 25.

Proceeds from this event support Carnegie Hall's arts education initiatives and world-class performing/visual arts programming.

Legislative Interims

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food desert issue."

Petry responded that he doesn't believe there is a program like that, but that is a concern that should be addressed.

He explained that some of the opportunities for affordable housing state leaders should consider includes subsidizing single family and small multifamily developments, increasing lending capital, rehabilitating Main Street buildings, for both business and upperfloor rental units, and considering alternative housing options, such as modular homes and pre-built box houses.

Following Petry's presentation, Del. Ric Griffith, (D-Wayne), stated that a lot of the empty Main Street store-fronts are the result of corporations like Walmart and Amazon, however, another handicap Main Street areas experience is lack of adequate parking.

"It's the hurdle they can't get passed," Griffith said, asking if there were programs to help address parking issues throughout many of West Virginia's communities.

Petry said right now there is a lot of funding to tear down buildings that will never be used again.

"There's been funding for several years to tear things down," Petry said. "There's annual funding from CDBG (Community Development Block Grants) and others to do demolition programs. That is definitely a topic that we would look at."

Of Community Works West Virginia, Petry said, "Consider us partners. I don't have all the answers today. I wasn't coming at you today with some kind of magic bullet. I don't have it, but I think housing has to be a conversation that we have going into these sessions going forward. We have to discuss housing, or we are going to get further behind, and we are looking to bring more people in."

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The second speaker of the meeting,
Jeremiah Samples, senior advisor to the
state's legislature, discussed food inse-

Samples stated that food insecurity can cause health and medical complications, especially for the state's seniors, and can damage a child's ability to learn and grow.

"There's a lot of different programs out there, in government, tackling these issues," Samples said. "One may argue that perhaps that is one of the problems - that it is so complex and confusing of

a policy area that that is why we are not really making gains, having success like we would want to. We have individual successes, and there's individually great programs, but, holistically, we are not universally solving the food insecurity,

Citing recent data, Samples said that 14 percent of the state's population suffers from food insecurity.

Additionally, when it comes to food scarcity, 153,131 households in the state experienced food scarcity from June 28-July 10, Samples said, adding this is 12.6 percent of the state's population.

West Virginia ranks the third highest nationally for the percentage of school aged children who receive food assistance, at 28.9 percent, Samples continued. The five counties that experience the highest food insecurity rates include Mingo, Calhoun, McDowell, Wyoming and Clay.

Samples also noted that the state's seniors also experience issues with access to food.

"Our issue with hunger and food insecurity for seniors is particularly a problem," Samples noted. "It's one that I would emphasize."

SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) benefits have helped many of the state's residents afford food, he continued, adding that 306,913 residents received SNAP benefits in 2021

Unfortunately, Samples said, many residents are eligible for SNAP benefits, but are not enrolled in the program. The same can be said for WIC (women, infants and children) benefits.

Committee Chair, Senator Mark Hunt, (R-Kanawha), then asked what legislators can do to help with food deserts and other food accessibility concerns.

"Some of it may be simply getting

the word out that it's available," Hunt stated of assistance programs.

Samples responded that the easiest thing to do would be to increase asset.

thing to do would be to increase case management to help eligible families become aware of programs as well as public outreach.

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"I think, right off the top, both for seniors, as it relates to SNAP, and children, as it relates to WIC, those are two areas where we can focus and, I think, make up a lot of ground for food insecurity," Samples said.

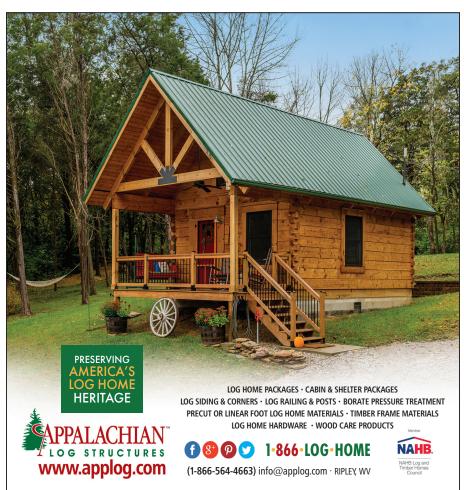
Ronceverte Woman's Club continues beautification efforts



RWC members: Jeanne Bostic (left), Sally Parker, Barbara Morgan, Karen Slaven, Deanna Walton, Darla Walton, and Deb McIntire. (Inset): One of the planters in Ronceverte

Each spring the Ronceverte Woman's Club (RWC) purchases and plants flowers in approximately 21 barrels in downtown Ronceverte. Club member Karen Hoylman, owner of The Potting Shed in Ronceverte, donated four flats of flowers which were greatly appreciated. The RWC also wants to acknowledge Melo-

die Pester, owner of Primitive Goods in Ronceverte and the president of the Ronceverte Development Committee, and her husband Ben for helping to water and maintain the flowers. Citizens working together get great results. Please visit Ronceverte and see all the good things that are happening.



STEPPIN' OUT

Healing Conference to feature variety of speakers September 2

A Healing Conference that will focus on how we as individuals can "Awaken To The Divine Within" will take place at 10716 Hollywood Glace Road in Union on Saturday, Sept. 2, from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Those interested in attending this conference or who want more information may contact Carol at merriamna@msn.com or by calling 484-459-3810.

There will be five speakers at this event, including Robert Baker - Reiki Master.

About Robert Baker: As a student of life, Baker has been on campus for 58 years, and as with many of us, not all of those years have been as happy or well-adjusted as one would like. Along the way learning from experience, guidance, and luck Robert realized that we all have ways to empower ourselves in whatever situation, at any age we are in. Us humans are dynamic beings and with even the smallest discomfort we are often moved to overcome, and in doing so we bring forth any available talent, skill, or knowledge I would like to share with you some of the more interesting parts of my journey, I would like to encourage you to stay enrolled in life school, to stay dynamic and I would like to give you some suggestions on how to increase your intuition, your energy, your empowerment! The basics of Reiki, why Chinese medicine works best and some general lifestyle and diet guidelines for health will also be included.

Another speaker for the event is Augustus Saldana - "Natural Born Shaman."

About Augustus Saldana: Within each of us is the foundation and source of life - our spirit. It is the most subtle and powerful part of our being on earth. There are many forms yet only one spirit/source within. How to communicate effectively within our healing spirit is the work of self-healing and selfcare and the Natural Born Shaman. We will experience this power and transformation in a demonstration personal healing without our group setting. Also speaking will be Sheila James – Astrologer.

About Sheila James: Sheila James has been a practicing astrologer for 25 years having commenced her studies of astrology at the age of 14 and continues to expand her knowledge. She also works as an intuitive and is qualified as a color therapist and, in bringing these and other related skills together, is able to offer a range of detailed knowledge and services unique to every client. Her passion for astrology has only deepened through her long experience of examining charts of many types, particularly the natal chart which undeniably sets out the indications for an individual's fundamental outlook and life trends. Knowledge of astrology is a fundamental tool in healing, not just that of physical problems but just as important, all other life situations where there is a desire to return any situation to wholeness. Astrology describes cycles in life and learning to understand these cycles and work with them provides the tools needed for all forms of healing.

Sherry McLaughlin - Intuitive Healer will also speak at

he conference.

About McLaughlin: Sherry Blake McLaughlin is a West Virginia native, mother of three, and mimi of one, who believes the intelligence of the heart and our connection to the divine is essential to healing ourselves and our planet. A former teacher and massage therapist, a current online divine mother healer and soul coach, Sherry has used her intuition and connection to the Holy Spirit to heal naturally from degenerative disc disease, Lyme Disease, and a very traumatic childhood. Through her own experiences, her connection with the Angelic and Christ Sophia energies have informed her work to also serve and help heal others. Sherry's unique ability to recognize the innocence and empowered spirit within humanity enables her to guide others back to honoring their own inner child as a way to integrate the shadow and anchor the higher self to move forward as powerful co-creators, fully supported by the Divine Mother Heart,

which holds the key to transform and transcend many of our most challenging initiations as humans. Sherry believes now is the time to come back to the heart and to claim our sovereignty as the beautiful souls that we are meant to be, and that each of us is worthy of and responsible for doing so. It is her honor and privilege to guide others back to their own authentic power.

The final speaker will be Alaina Hower - Farmer and Florist.

About Hower: Alaina Hower, owner of True Heart Flower Farm, grows all of her flowers from seed, a unique aspect of her business that sets her apart from many other floral designers. Over these last several years, Hower has become well-known for her stylish and innovative approach to floral design. Her use of native, wild plants and found feathers alongside more traditional blooms result in arrangements that are both whimsical and elegant.

Tribute to Bricktop returns to Alderson



Susanna Robinson with the "special guest" voice students.

On Sunday, Aug. 13, from 6 to 8 p.m. the annual "Tribute to Bricktop" concert returns to the Alderson Memorial Bridge with Susanna Robinson leading a great group of musicians.

Writer/artist/vocalist Susanna Robinson has been a fixture and creative force in the Lewisburg area for more than 25 years. She was a founding member of long-lived jazz combo Ghost Town Swing, well-known state-wide and beyond for their sultry interpretations of jazz standards and has often been featured as guest vocalist for the Manhattan Jazz Quartet. Robinson has also appeared with Ancestor Radio and Sam and Janet Evening, as well as the eclectic Squawkin' Henry. She still returns to her jazz roots by belting it out with her jazz back-up group, Hoffman, Penn, and Miles, formerly known as the Robinson-Ken-

The group will be entertaining in the spirit of Ada "Bricktop" Smith, once the toast of Paris, who hailed from Alderson. Her rich life and many stories were regaled throughout the world, and her warm and decadent

ways delighted the elite of

ga Trio.

the elite, who frequented her establishment, Bricktop's, in

Joining her at the 8th annual "Tribute to Bricktop" will be guitarist extraordinaire Bill Hoffman, who hails from Roanoke, Virginia. Hoffman is known for his flawlessly smooth style, and his sweet renditions of jazz standards. He is an exceptional musician with an amazing technical knowledge of jazz. Hoffman currently plays with several groups including Roanoke's big band, The Old Timers.

Keyboard player and crooner William Penn, whose legendary reputation in Roanoke's jazz and R&B musical worlds speaks for itself, will be adding his special style to the concert.

Rounding out the combo is upright bassist Blake Miles, a superb musician and experienced player. Hailing from Tulsa, Oklahoma, he has been a teacher of Orchestral Music and has played in everything from garage bands to symphonies. This will be his first performance with the group for the Bricktop tribute, and he is welcomed!

As a special addition to the evening's performance, the group welcomes three lovely young voice students as special guests. Ella Butler, Aubrey Adkins, and Kylee Fury will join Susanna to sing a few tunes.

This annual concert is sponsored by Alderson Main Street with financial assistance from the Arts and Recreation Fund of the Greenbrier County Commission.

Alderson Main Street President Emeritus Doris Kasley said, "Bring your own lawn chair and perhaps a parasol. Watch the sunset over the Greenbrier River from a beautiful setting. It's a wonderful way to spend a summer evening."



Susanna Robinson singing in the spirit of "Bricktop," an internationally famous jazz singer who was born in Alderson.

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Presenters:

- 10:00 Bob Baker Reiki Master Experiencing Your Own Energy
- 11:15 Augustus Saldana Natural Born Shaman

Demonstration:

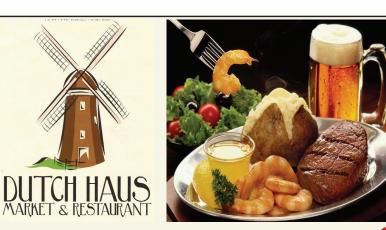
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- 12:30 Lunch Bring a Packed Lunch / Picnic Area Available
 - 1:30 Sheila Carey James Astrologer Astrology Healing
 - 2:45 Sherry McLaughlin Intuitive Healer Divine Mother Energy Messages
 - 4:00 Alaina Hower Farmer/Florist
 Reconnecting with Nature
 5:15 Closing Circle

COST: Pre-Registration - \$65 - Before August 1, 2023 Door Registration - \$70 (Closes 9:45 September 2, 2023)

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