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WV Press Convention 2023: Two Mountain Media newspapers win General Excellence Award

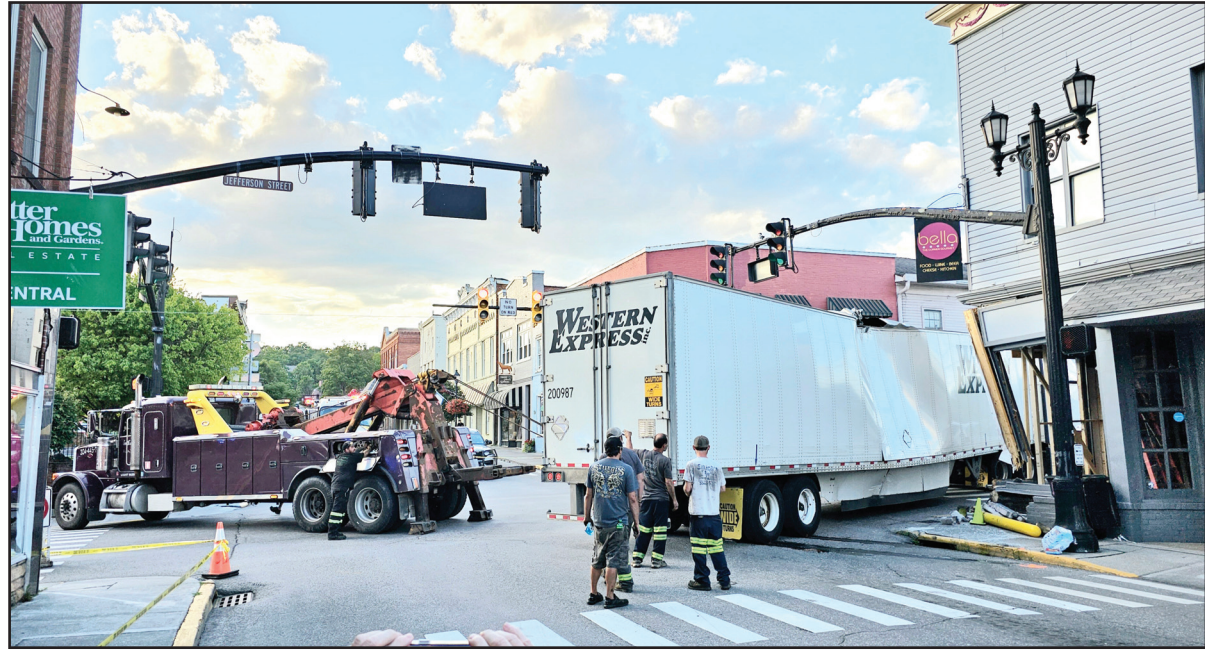
At the 2023 West Virginia Press Association Convention, held this Aug. 11-12 in Charleston, it was announced that two Mountain Media newspapers, the Mountain Messenger and the Shinnston News & Harrison County Journal, tied for Third Place in the Division IV General Excellence category. The Doddridge Independent secured first place, and the Logan Banner won second place.

The WVPA competitions included 31 newspapers with 2,232 entries and were judged by the Nebraska Press Association.

“We gather to recognize the best work of the West Virginia newspaper industry,” said WVPA Executive Director Don Smith. “We also use this time to network, celebrate, education and socialize with leaders and people of the state. It’s the biggest media gathering in West Virginia.”



Mountain Messenger Head Editor Sarah Richardson accepts the two General Excellence Awards from WVPA Executive Director Don Smith at the awards ceremony in Charleston last weekend.



The building was reinforced with bracing before a wrecker pulled the truck away from the wall. Dawn dish soap was sprayed on the ground to allow the tires to slide with more ease.

(Sarah Richardson photo)

DOH temporarily restricts right-hand turns at Lewisburg intersection, officials say permanent solution is forthcoming

By Matthew Young, RealWV

It was little more than three weeks ago when Bella the Corner Gourmet was struck, for the eighth time this year, by a turning commercial vehicle. On Tuesday - and in a fashion which has become as anticipated as rain on a cloudy day - the ticker clicked for the ninth time.

In a Wednesday social media post, representatives from Bella asked that patrons, “Please continue to contact our city, state, and federal representatives until this corner can be a safe space for our community.”

With incidents now occurring on Mar. 30, Apr. 4, Apr. 18, May 26, July 8, July 14, July 19, July 25, and Aug. 15, Bella is averaging a vehicle impact every 15.44 days. And while the damage thus far has been

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(Photo by Deva Wagner and Kayla McCoy for RealWV)

Ronceverte to install ability-inclusive playground equipment



By: Adam Pack

The City of Ronceverte is proud to announce the upcoming installation of playground equipment designed specifically for children with impairments and/or disabilities so that every child can have a space to play. Installation will begin on Monday, Aug. 28 across from the Splash Pad at Island Park.

Alderson Town Council approves purchase of new service vehicle

By Adam Pack

The Alderson Town Council met on Thursday, Aug. 10, to discuss a brief agenda of items, chief among them the purchase of a new truck for city use. The purchase of the truck, which is a 2023 Dual Wheel of an unspecified make or model, will be purchased half with ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds and half via financing. The direct

payment for the truck will be a withdrawal of approximately \$46,000 from the town’s ARPA funds, and the monthly payment on the truck’s remaining half will be split between the city’s general, water, sewer, and street funds. The existing truck will be placed on govdeals.com to be liquidated, with the proceeds being used to furnish a snowplow for the new truck.

In other news, the city received \$50,000 from a USDA Rural Development Grant, thanks in large part to the efforts of members of West Virginia’s congressional delegation, specifically Shelly Moore-Capito, Carol Miller, and Joe Manchin. “This town has always received so much help from our congressional representative”

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Ronceverte City Council hears complaints regarding Vendor and Craft Ordinance

By: Adam Pack

The Ronceverte City Council met for their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, Aug. 14. This meeting was a rescheduling of the council’s regular meeting date due to the forecast of severe storms last week.

The meeting began with public comments, most of which took issue with the recently passed Vendors and Crafts ordinance. The ordinance, which established a permitting system and associated fees for vendors of homemade or “craft” items in the city of Ronceverte, was met with a measure of both confusion and hostility.

A concerned citizen and craft vendor voiced her displeasure with the costs and fees associated with the permits, questioned the necessity and fairness of the premise of permitting in this context, the supposed unfairness between the way the system applies to craft vendors but not “businesses” and alleges preferential treatment, claimed and took issue with “only three permits were to be granted per year,” and alleged that the new system would require the sharing of one’s Social Security Number and place undue burdens and regulation on yard sales and other sales on private property. Visibly upset, she claimed that she “would no longer be participating in yard sales or craft fairs or shows in this city any longer.” Another citizen alleged that the passing of the ordinance was not made aware to the public through the proper channels, which both Mayor Deena Pack and City Administrator Pam Mentz denied. Mentz stated that, “the paper [The West Virginia Daily News] changing their print schedule sort of messed us up,” but that the city is doing everything it can to remain legally and ethically transparent with the public, and also physically posts agendas for meetings at town hall.

In other news, Mentz announced the Main Street Sidewalk Project, which is slated to begin soon. The project, originally conceived as a complete repaving of the “left side” sidewalks from the “corner at the bank all the way to Johnny’s Market,” is now underway but in a more limited scope. “Since we planned that, years and years ago, the project was delayed due to COVID and then in the interim the price of materials has gone up considerably, so we pivoted and decided in that same stretch to simply deal with those portions of the sidewalk that needed the most work.” Mentz feels that this will be of great benefit to the city and requested the council’s approval

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limited to property, area residents and business owners are left wondering how long that particular streak of luck will last.

A historical-fixture of downtown Lewisburg, the building which Bella occupies is located on the corner of Washington and Jefferson streets - otherwise known as US Routes 60W, and 219N. This is an intersection which, according to Del. Mike Honaker, R-Greenbrier, is "not designed to accommodate commercial motor vehicle traffic making turns in any direction."

Although building-impacts have occurred sporadically over the years, the uptick of such incidents since March has, for many residents, sounded the proverbial alarm.

That confirmation proved accurate. At 6 p.m. on Aug. 16, the WVDOH released a notice stating that they will "temporarily restrict right-hand turns on a tight intersection in downtown Lewisburg," specifying that, "Temporary traffic control measures will be put in place to notify drivers of large trucks of the change in traffic patterns, while the WVDOH, in conjunction with the city of Lewisburg, conduct studies to come up with a long-term solution to truck traffic in the historic town"

The release from the DOH said in closing, "There is currently no good alternate route for large vehicles traveling through Lewisburg."

The DOH advised that further study of possible solutions is ongoing, and Honaker stated that both he and Sen. Vince Deeds, R-Greenbrier, will be joining the search for that solution.

"We're going to sit down with the DOH, as well as the City of Lewisburg, and hammer out a way to get this situation resolved," Honaker said. "There is a plan that we're working on, and we just have to hammer out the details of it. This is a serious problem, and we're actively trying to get the plan finalized so that the DOH can act sooner rather than later to get an alternate commercial motor vehicle route in place."

Although Honaker was not at liberty to disclose details until all parties are in agreement, he noted that the plan involves "routing commercial motor vehicles around the city if they're not specifically making deliveries to businesses in Lewisburg."

Individuals requiring assistance with this or other matters should contact Sen. Joe Manchin's representatives at 304-342-5855, or Del. Mike Honaker at 304-667-0555. RealWV will provide updates regarding this situation as additional information is made available.

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sentatives," Mayor Copenhagen said. "I don't care what letter goes before their name, they have always worked hard for us to help us out and I for one greatly appreciate them."

The Alderson Town Council meets on the second Thursday of every month at 7:30 p.m. in the Alderson City Hall Building, meeting next on Thursday, Sept. 19. The public is encouraged to attend. Interested parties should call ahead to confirm time and date of meeting at 304-445-2916, as times and dates of meetings are subject to change.

Local Food Pantries seek donations

In the last few months local food pantries have experienced a significant increase in the number individuals, families, and bags of food distributed. The decrease in SNAP benefits after the COVID emergency funds were halted and the increase generally in the costs of food are often cited as the reasons for needing food assistance. Also, many families live on very tight budgets and one crisis can easily upset that budget.

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

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

If you need food assistance or wish to make a donation to your local food pantry, please call 304-645-7842 or 304-647-0069 for details about dates, times and contacts for the food pantry in your area. "First we eat, then we do everything else."

Gov. Justice signs bill to resolve vehicle property tax credit confusion

HB 125 allows taxpayers to pay their entire vehicle property tax this year and receive full credit on their 2024 income tax return

This week, Gov. Jim Justice signed into law HB 125, an update to the West Virginia Motor Vehicle Property Tax Adjustment Credit. This bill resolves some confusion among taxpayers who choose to pay their property tax bill as soon as they receive it. Now all motor vehicle property taxes due in 2024 but paid in 2023 may be claimed as a credit on a taxpayer's 2024 income tax return.

"This is an example of good government," Gov. Justice said. "We recognized a problem and fixed it as fast as we could. This bill brings clarity and relief to West Virginia taxpayers and allows everyone to pay their full vehicle property tax this year without being penalized. We should never punish someone for paying their taxes on time, and this bill ensures that we are treating all taxpayers fairly."

What are the key takeaways taxpayers need to remember in order to get the dollar-for-dollar credit now?

Pay your personal property taxes timely. To be timely, taxpayers can pay the full ticket now or pay half in 2023 and half by April 1, 2024. Either way - every dollar of tax due in 2024 that is paid timely will be given back to the taxpayer as a rebate on their 2024 income tax return, even if the second half was paid in 2023.

File your income tax returns every year in order to receive the credit.

As a reminder, everyone is eligible for this credit except for motor vehicle dealers. If an individual leases their car, they should know that leasing companies are eligible for the credit and are required to pass the savings on to the consumer.

Any taxpayers that do not owe WV income taxes and are not required to file a WV income tax return will be able to file a claim for rebate in early 2025 of their motor vehicle property taxes paid without having to file a full return. Continue to check tax.wv.gov for more information and form requirements as they become available.

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of the beginning of the bidding process, which the council gave.

The updated Vacant Structure Code (Ordinance 2016-04 - Revision Vacant Structure Code) was also read for the second time, and passed. The revision updates the fees associated with "failure to renovate structures deemed vacant or condemned," according to Mayor Pack. The city also paid for cameras which were recently installed on Island Park.

The city also approved the Urban Deer hunt for the hunting season 2023/24. The urban season will open on Sept. 1 and end on Dec. 31. Interested landowners and hunters can register to participate at Town Hall.

The Ronceverte City Council will meet again on Sept. 11 due to the Labor Day Holiday, at 7 p.m. in the New City Hall Building on Edgar Avenue. The public is encouraged to attend, and to call ahead first at 304-657-5455, as times and or dates are subject to change.

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Hopscotch is a one year old male beagle and weighs 30 pounds.



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Briefly

American Heritage Music Hall, Inc. located at 496 Island Park, Ronceverte, is open to the public, all welcome, handicap accessible. Listeners and tourists welcome. Admission \$7 Tuesday nights, \$10 Saturday - Audience provides food. Doors open at 7 p.m. Jam & Dance every Tuesday 7 to 10 p.m. **Dance Saturday, Aug. 26 will feature Country Pride Walter & Richard from 7 to 10:30 p.m.** The Music Hall is available for weddings and parties. For more information call the Music Hall at 304-645-4667; Bill Evans at 304-392-6079; Grace Poe at 304-992-5852.

GWHS Alumni Basketball Game
Greenbrier West High School Cavaliers Alumni Men and Women's Basketball Game will be held Saturday, Aug. 26, at 5 p.m. in the Greenbrier West High School Gymnasium in Charmco. Odd years v. even years. \$5 admission fee per person, children under 12 years of age free. Refreshments available. Event sponsored by Greenbrier West Alumni Association. Call 304-222-2377 with any questions.

Gov. Justice signs bill to increase correctional officer salaries

Gov. Jim Justice held a ceremony recently at the Gene Spadaro Juvenile Center in Mount Hope where he signed into law several bills passed in the recent Special Session of the West Virginia Legislature which are all designed to reduce vacancies in the state's jails and prisons, increase pay scales for correctional officers, and offer retention incentives for non-uniform correctional staff.

"It is incredibly important our hardworking correctional officers get paid what they deserve," Gov. Justice said. "This legislation is just a drop in the bucket, but it will go a long way in filling our vacant positions and upgrading our jails around the state. We have been working with lawmakers for a while to make this happen, and I am thrilled to see it cross the finish line. This is a big win for West Virginia."

Three of the bills signed today by the Governor will directly increase efforts to fill vacant positions at the state's correctional facilities. SB 1003, SB 1004, and SB 1005 relate to increased funding for the West Virginia Division of Corrections and Rehabilitation (DCR). The legislation provides \$25 million to supplement salaries for current correctional staff, increase starting pay for new staff, and provide a bonus for non-uniformed staff employed by DCR.

These funds will be used to increase starting pay for correctional officers within DCR, which operates the state's jails, prisons, and juvenile facilities.

"This legislation is a monumental step toward reducing the vacancies throughout our system so we can continue to enhance public safety across West Virginia," Commissioner of the West Virginia Division of Corrections and Rehabilitation William Marshall said. "We want to continue building on this current momentum, and I thank Gov. Justice for getting us to this point. Without him, we would not have been able to make this kind of progress in addressing our critical needs."

The new legislation will increase the starting salary for a correctional officer from \$35,514 to \$40,000. At the end of their second year of service, the salary will be \$48,000. Correctional officers, categories three through seven and non-uniform staff, will begin to receive an annual increase of \$250 in 2024. Current correctional staff will receive two retention incentives totaling \$4,600 with the first effective increase in October and the second scheduled for March 2024.

"We are planning to redouble our efforts around recruitment and retention," Marshall said. "In addition to attracting highly qualified individuals - both uniform and non-uniform - at our facilities across the state, we are continuing to focus on retention efforts for the men and women who have dedicated some or all their careers to supporting the state's correctional system. At this time, we're focusing on hosting hiring events, working with WorkForce West Virginia and other agencies to fill these vacancies. If you or anyone you know might be interested in a position with DCR, please reach out to us."

Gov. Justice also signed SB 1006, which expands an existing program that provides temporary identification cards for individuals exiting the corrections system. These temporary cards, which are offered free-of-charge, will now be valid for 180 days.

"This change allows individuals exiting the system a longer window to reestablish themselves as a functioning citizen. An official, state-issued ID allows them to open a checking account, get or renew a driver's license or get a job," Marshall said.

Gov. Justice signed SB 1039, which allows the DCR special revenue fund to now be used toward deferred maintenance projects.

"The passage of this bill allows us to prioritize vital facility upgrades and replace aging equipment," Marshall said. "Overall, the legislation passed during the Special Session allows us to be more strategic and proactive as we continue to focus on public safety throughout our great state."

Finally, Gov. Justice signed SB 1009 which prohibits the use of state funds for certain procedures or benefits not medically necessary for persons in the custody of DCR.

The DCR oversees West Virginia's 11 prisons, ten regional jails, ten juvenile centers, and three work-release sites.

THANK YOU FOR READING THE MOUNTAIN MESSENGER

Public Meetings

Rainelle Town Council
meetings are held every second and fourth Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at Rainelle City Hall. The public is invited to attend.

Greenbrier Co. Farmland Protection Board
meets on the fourth Thursday of each month at 10:30 a.m. at 804 Industrial Drive, Suite 5, in Maxwelton. The public is invited to attend. Call 304-520-3221 for more information.

Greenbrier PSD #1
will meet Friday, Aug. 25 at 7 a.m. at the District Office, 9035 Seneca Trail South, Fairlea. On the agenda:

- Approval of Minutes - July 21, 2023
- Financial Report
- Manager Report
- Field Report
- Engineering Report
- Phase B extension project:
 - a. Payment Resolutions
 - b. Other Phase B project related business brought before the Board
- Phase C extension project:
 - a. Payment Resolutions
 - b. Other Phase C project related business brought before the Board
- Election of Officers of the Board
- Other business brought before the Board

WVDOH continues rolling out repair projects in central West Virginia

West Virginia Division of Highways (WVDOH) has recently completed 23 slide repairs and has another seven under construction and six scheduled in central West Virginia. There have been eight completed bridge projects and another 11 are under construction and seven scheduled.

These figures include the counties of Calhoun, Jackson, Pleasants, Ritchie, Roane, Wirt, Wood, Barbour, Braxton, Gilmer, Lewis, Upshur, Webster, Pendleton, Pocahontas, Randolph, Tucker, Fayette, Greenbrier, Monroe, Nicholas, and Summers.

Additional projects are under design and will continue to be scheduled as WVDOH works to aggressively catch up on years of underfunded road maintenance.

Area slide repairs completed since January 2023 include:

(Summers) Meadow Creek Road piling wall, completed Jan. 27, 2023.

(Greenbrier) Alta Slip #1 soil nail project, completed Apr. 26, 2023.

Slide repairs include both an on the ground phase which is visible to the public, and a behind the scenes design phase which - to the driver - just looks like cones on the ground. No two hillsides are alike, and each site requires a specific design. While those designs are being completed, WVDOH places cones and signs to allow roads to remain open while under design, as often as possible.

Area scheduled and under construction bridge projects include:

(Greenbrier) Clifford Family Memorial Bridge replacement.

(Greenbrier) Howards Creek Pedestrian Bridge.

(Summers) Bradshaw Creek Bridge replacement.

(Monroe) Red Sulphur Bridge replacement.

There is so much work taking place that WVDOH developed an interactive roadwork map available at transportation.wv.gov where project dates are provided as they are scheduled for on the ground work. The map is updated every two weeks, with new projects added as they are scheduled.

The map itself cannot answer all questions for 36,000 plus miles of roads, so the WVDOH has set up a citizen response line, 833-WV-ROADS, to answer individual citizens with questions. The phone line is staffed from 7:30 to 4 each day, and WVDOH will respond with information on the specific roadway question within seven days. Citizens can also fill out a form online by visiting transportation.wv.gov and clicking on Request Road Work.



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In Re: The Marriage of: Stacy Marie Spade and Kenneth Allen Spade
In Re: The Marriage of: Amanda Christine Rider and Alan Lee Rider
In Re: The Marriage of: Howard Allen Rakes and Rebecca June Rakes
In Re: The Marriage of: Victoria Rose Clay and Luther Dale Clay

Marriages

Jacob McKinley Teubert, Frankford to Molli Paige Baker, Ronceverte
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Robert Clyde Wilson II, Charmco to Meagan Renee Thomas, Hines
Bernard Lee Simmons, Lewisburg to Karen Louis Willis, Lewisburg
Joseph David Herndon, Jr., White Sulphur Springs to Whitney Marie Theriot, Lewisburg
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Mark S. Braskey, II to Lindsay L. Braksey, Lot No. 33, Echols Acres Subdivision, Lewisburg District
David Hagy and Elizabeth Hagy to Ralph G. Bennett, Jerry Wayne Bennett, and Jeffrey K. Bennett, Lots Nos. 11, 12, Block 20, Section 1, Town of Rupert
Gary C. Morgan and Lisa R. Morgan to James Clark Morgan and Samantha Shelby Johnson Stone, Lot No. 5, Section 5, Graham Addition, City of Lewisburg
Theodore T. Vestal to Theodore T. Vestal and Autumn D. Vestal, 1.03 Acres, Meadow Bluff District
Virginia P. Davis and Steven L. Davis to AI-N-EI Farms, LLC., Lot No. 8, Old White Cottages, Howard's Creek Neighborhood, The Greenbrier Sporting Club, White Sulphur Springs District
Mark Aaron Thompson to Mark Aaron Thompson and Nicole Jessica Falk, Unit No. 113, Blackbird Village, Lewisburg Corporation
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NATURESWAY

Don't Fall Behind
By Karen Cohen



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Growing food in winter under cover (Photo by Karen Cohen)

Just when you feel a bit tired from weeding, planting, watering, snipping and picking, comes the time to do it all over again. Are you ready? If you plan to have some late summer/early winter crops, better get to it NOW. Weed, plant, water, snip and hopefully pick some more! Autumn will reward you with more delicious veggies.

When it was too hot for lettuces and radishes to grow, now is the perfect time to throw down some seeds. These plants love cool weather. Put them right in between the huge zucchini leaves or in between your tomato plants. Once the zukes and toms die down, you will have a second crop of delectable salad fixings replacing the plethora of zucchinis and cherry tomatoes that you thought would never end. Make up some zucchini bread and freeze it for winter months. Extra tomatoes make great salsas!

Start seeds, like broccoli and cabbages, in seedling trays and use a heat mat to get them to sprout quickly. This gives you a head start on planting a good size seedling. Or you can try direct seeding right into the soil. After this past year, I hesitate to plant seeds directly into my garden because I have lots of robins visiting daily and I suspect some thievery was and still is going on. Three times I planted corn and peas - and nada. Maybe it was chipmunks, rabbits, or voles, but I don't see any of those critters in my garden at all. So, I had to pin it on something.

Potatoes, chard, mustard greens, parsnips, and collards like to grow in the fall, too. They can take temperatures down to about freezing 32 degrees or so and will not die. Use a protective cover if any early frosts are predicted for October or November. You can use old sheets or buy a roll of remay. Remay is spun polyester that allows light and rain to come through it yet affords a bit of protection against frost. It holds a few degrees of heat under it and that allows plants to stay alive in the cold. It is available in sheets or rolls of varying sizes

and can last several years. If you need some vendor recommendations, shoot me an email and I'll send some.

Another way to keep cold hardy plants growing into late fall and even over the winter months, try putting in a portable hoop house. A thick clear plastic will be the covering draped over bent PVC tubes forming upside down U-shaped supports. Crops under plastic covers heat up during the sunny days and cool down at night but still remain warmer inside than outside. Fill plastic jugs with water and place a few inside the hoop house. These emit heat when the sun goes down and some moisture, too. This is a great way to repurpose those milk jugs!

Snow on top of any covering will act as an insulator. It keeps a constant temperature right at freezing. Leave snow on plants unless it is so heavy that it threatens to break them. When the temperatures slowly climb, the snow melts and provides some H2O. Once temperatures go below 20 degrees, there is not much else you can do to save plants. Electric space heaters can be used safely inside greenhouses with proper waterproof electric cords but not recommended for outside settings.

Rotting hay or straw around all the plants you intend to keep growing is mandatory. The decomposing materials provide a source of heat. When frost is coming, you can scatter hay directly on top of outside plants to keep the frost from touching them. You can protect bushes and bulbs, too, with thick pilings of hay or straw.

"Don't stop thinking about tomorrow," as the Fleetwood Mac song says. Grow as much and as long as you can. "Why not think about things to come?"

Karen Cohen is a chemical free gardener, composter, and nature lover. Another seed/plant swap is planned for late fall for local home gardeners. If you are interested in participating, please email your comments and contact info to: natureswaykaren@gmail.com. And Happy growing!

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solution

1. Litany
2. Spray;
3. Caper;
4. Chasm

Today's Word

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Answer

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Super Crossword

Answers

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Commentary

WVU's foreign language programs vital

Dear Editor:

I noted with concern the recent recommendation by the administration of West Virginia University (WVU) to not only cease offering foreign language majors, but to also eliminate the entire Department of World Languages. This is a matter of national security that places WVU outside those institutions that provide vital services to our citizens by serving in positions that depend on the ability to clearly communicate in a foreign language and effectively interact with cultures different from our own. Most U.S. Military special operations forces must have a working knowledge of the language in the region in which they operate, and all foreign area officers, diplomats, humanitarian aid workers, and intelligence personnel must have a thorough knowledge of it. This cannot be gained by "on the job" training. All of the U.S. Military's Service Academies (West Point, the Naval Academy, the Coast Guard Academy, the Air Force Academy) have maintained robust foreign language programs since their founding for this reason. These are not bastions of "liberal" ideology but recognize the value that foreign language instruction brings to combat leaders operating in places that do not share our language or culture.

On several occasions during my service as a U.S. Army Foreign Area Officer terrorists received the justice they deserved and U.S. Citizens were safely evacuated from unstable areas without having to deploy U.S. Military combat forces. It was the ability to speak the local language and effectively interact with the local culture

that enabled these operations to occur for pennies on the dollar and with no risk to our own military personnel. The book Culture Shock, published by the Foreign Area Officer Association in 2022 contains many examples of these types of operations including one of my own. Exposure to Latin in high school and German in college gave me the tools to learn whatever language I needed to execute missions of this type later in my career. It is for this reason I chose to teach world languages and sponsor the Model UN Program at James Monroe High School after retiring from the Army.

Where will WVU students who desire to serve their country in the areas of intelligence, diplomacy, humanitarian action, and the military receive the language and cultural instruction they need to even get their feet in the door? Closer to home, how will WVU graduates hoping to engage with foreign businesses interested in coming to the U.S. Overcome the disadvantage they will be under as their peers have the skills to effectively engage with other languages and cultures? How will WVU students of history or contemporary affairs accurately grasp events in parts of the world that do not speak English or share our culture? If the answer is "AI," who is going to inform the AI to place its technically correct translations into a cultural context? It is sad to see West Virginia's "flagship" university losing relevance in areas as vital as national security, international business, and international affairs.

Scott E. Womack, Ed. D.
Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army
(Retired)

Summer poison safety tips

The West Virginia Poison Center Provides Safety Tips for summertime

Sunshine and warm weather means more people are enjoying the outdoors. There are a few common outdoor poisons people encounter more during the summer - tiki torch fuel, lighter fluid, and pool chemicals. Following a few safety tips from the West Virginia Poison Center can help keep people poison-safe during the summer season.

Read the directions!

A simple but important tip - read the directions on all products. Most products, from torch fuel to pool chemicals, are safe for use if the product directions are followed. If directions are not followed, a product can cause a poisoning.

Store products in their original container.

If a product is in a child-resistant container, make sure to put the child-resistant cap on correctly after each use.

Do not transfer products into food or drink containers. Some poisonous products look like beverages. For example, torch fuel and lighter fluid look like apple juice.

Protect your eyes and your lungs.

When opening pool chemicals, open containers carefully in a well-ventilated area. Do not lean over the container while opening. Make sure the wind is blowing away from your face and not in the path of other people.

Keep torch fuel and lighter fluid up, away, and out of sight of children. If swallowed, they can easily be inhaled into the lungs causing serious injury or death.

Save the West Virginia Poison Center number: 1-800-222-1222.

If a poisoning occurs, do not wait for symptoms to appear. Call the medical experts at the West Virginia Poison Center 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

About the West Virginia Poison Center:

The West Virginia Poison Center provides comprehensive emergency poison information, prevention and educational resources to West

Virginians 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. The WVPC is staffed by nurses, pharmacists and physicians with special training in treatment of poisonings. Located in Charleston, WV, the WVPC is a part of the West Virginia University-Charleston Division Toll-free: 1-800-222-1222. Website: www.wvpoisoncenter.org.

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Dear Recycle Lady

A Look Back

Dear Recycle Lady,

I was given a box of delicious candy for my birthday and all the small pieces of candy were wrapped in aluminum foil. Are small pieces of foil recyclable? Do they cause problems for the equipment?

Candy Wrapper

Dear Candy Wrapper,

Good question. Locally we are not able to accept small pieces of aluminum foil as they, like small pieces of any recyclables, tend to fall out during the baling process. As the floor must be kept clean, small pieces of foil, or any recyclables, create additional work for employees. Small pieces of recyclables also potentially cause problems with the equipment, sometimes even stopping the entire process. Medium size pieces of foil can be wrapped inside larger pieces of foil so they are contained and will withstand processing. Large cities with high-end recycling equipment are able to recycle small recyclables that locally we are unable to do.

Dear Recycle Lady,

Last week you stated that shipping companies are helping the environment by using green methanol to reduce greenhouse emissions and air pollution. Since

airlines also create one billion tons of carbon dioxide (CO₂) yearly, what are they doing to help the environment?

Concerned for the Environment

Dear Concerned for the Environment,

According to environmentalleader.com/2023, the airlines also have a plan to achieve carbon neutrality. Air Canada hopes to be net zero by 2050 and has ordered 30 hybrid aircraft. This aircraft will have an all-electric range of 124 miles for 30-passenger planes. Green hydrogen-derived sustainable aviation fuel made of various forms of renewable energy are projected to take off within 15 to 25 years. These sustainable aviation fuels will be made from sewage sludge, food wastes, and animal wastes; all of which mix easily with jet fuels. A study by Clean Sky 2 and Fuel Cells & Hydrogen 2 says that hydrogen-powered aircraft could be ready for flight as early as 2035, although 2050 may be more doable for longer flights.

Dear Recycle Lady,

Yesterday I saw a child's metal wagon in the trash pickup. Could that wagon have been recycled?

Toy Finder

Dear Toy Finder,

The metal wagon could indeed have been

recycled. In fact, anything that is mostly metal is recyclable. Items such as metal baseball bats, outdoor barbecue grills and tools, old knives, and metal dog bowls are all recyclable. Plastic scooters and plastic toys, however, are not recyclable. Metal items should be taken to the Recycle Center. Go to the door marked aluminum cans and ring the bell. Someone will come to assist you.

Bad News: According to worldwildlife.org, between 500,000 and 1 million tons of fishing gear is discarded or lost in the ocean each year. Called ghost fishing gear, it entangles marine mammals, seabirds, sea turtles and sharks, bringing a slow and painful death through exhaustion and suffocation. Ghost fishing gear also damages coral reefs and is responsible for the loss of commercially valuable fish stocks. The World Wildlife Fund (WWF) is collaborating with fishermen, government agencies and other interested organizations to innovate new, traceable fishing gear, to develop tools to better track and recover gear, and find ways to locate and retrieve lost and abandoned gear.

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



When Sonora Webster Carver, the dare devil horse diving rider, came to the West Virginia State Fair in 1937 spectators were treated to one of the country's most popular state fair attractions. From a height of 40 feet, Carver would jump on a galloping horse and dive into a tank of water. When she performed in Fairlea, she had been blind for six years.

The show was put together by William "Doc" Carver who, with Buffalo Bill Cody, had started Wild West shows. While appearing in Savannah and short a rider, Doc Carver put an advertisement in the local paper for an "attractive young woman who can swim and dive; likes horses; desires to travel." Sonora Webster, who was 19, lived in rural Georgia, and loved horses, responded to the advertisement. She was hired and following a period of training, she became the show's star. She fell in love with Doc Carver's son, Al, and they married. In 1929 the show became a fixture at Atlantic City's Steel Pier for 11 years with five dives a day.

In 1931, Carver hit the water during a dive in such a way that she damaged her retina and shortly afterwards became permanently blind. She continued to perform and tried to keep her blindness a secret, but word got out and her blindness became part of the show's promotion. When she retired in 1942, Carver worked for many years for the Lighthouse for the Blind and advocated for the blind. She died in 2003 at age 99.

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Sources: PBS, Los Angeles Times, The San Francisco Examiner.

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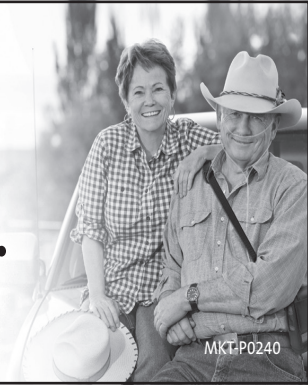
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Monongahela National Forest ginseng permits cost \$20 each. A separate permit is required for each district on the Forest. This year, you may only buy one permit per district at a time.

Monongahela National Forest will begin selling ginseng permits for the 2023 harvest season Monday, Aug. 28. In addition to following all state laws, a Forest Service permit is required to dig ginseng on National Forest System lands.

Ginseng plants must have three or more prongs and have produced fruit this year to be legal for harvest. When harvesting, plant the fruit on-site and then keep the rest of the plant intact.

For more information about state laws concerning ginseng harvest, refer to https://wvforestry.com/laws-regulations/ginseng/.

For more information about Monongahela National Forest ginseng permits, visit https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/mnf/passes-permits/forestproducts/?cid=FSEPRD597459.

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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.

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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.

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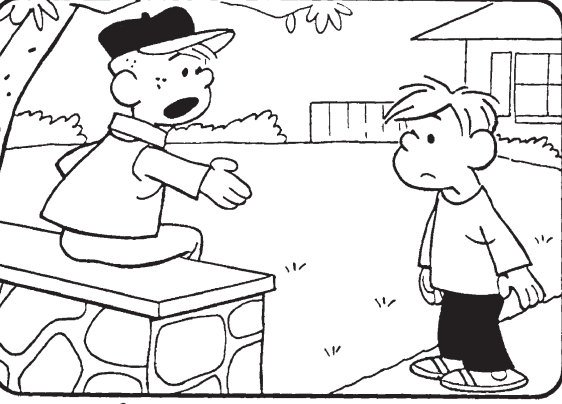
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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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7 study tips for high school students

Assessments such as quizzes and exams help educators recognize areas where students are excelling and where they might need a little extra help. In addition to tests in the classroom, high schoolers generally take standardized testing for state or provincial assessment purposes.

Testing may come easier to some students than others, but having solid study techniques can improve students' performance on a wide range of exams. In fact, research by Stanford scholars, whose data was published in Psychological Science, found that applying a strategic approach to studying helped college students improve their exam scores by an average of one-third of a letter grade.

The testing preparation resource PrepScholar says it is important to build and maintain strong study habits to help students avoid undue stress and last-minute cramming. The following are seven techniques that may help foster good study skills.

1. Find value in the lessons.
Many students lament that what they learn in school just isn't relevant in daily life. That can make the subject matter feel less important and uninteresting. Finding value in what one is learning and seeing how it can be applied outside of the classroom may make a student more inclined to learn and retain information.

2. Avoid distractions.
Study time is time to take a break from social media, video games and any other distractions that can pull a student away from studying. Constantly checking notifications can interrupt thoughts and make it hard to learn the material.

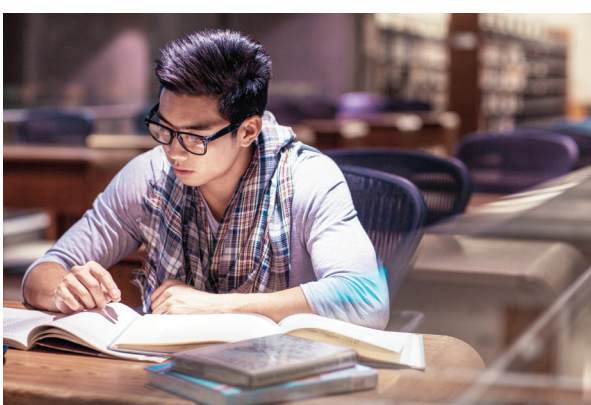
3. Establish a study schedule.
Develop a system and a schedule for studying. Students should establish a fixed habit of studying each day or week - whatever is best for him or her. Over

time, studying will become routine.

4. Establish dedicated study spots.
Students should locate places that work best for them as study and homework stations. Certain individuals may need the quiet of a library or a bookstore. Others may do best with the hum of conversation around them or in a group. There's no right or wrong study spot. Maintaining consistency will help the mind associate a place with studying.

5. Use grades as benchmarks and motivators.
Blaming a teacher for a poor grade won't get a student anywhere. Rather, grades should indicate how well one is learning the material, and in turn, the effectiveness of students' studying habits. Students can tweak their habits if they find their grades are not where they want them to be.

6. Rephrase material.
Textbook language can be dry and unappealing. Students can try putting the material into their own words or rephrase passages to make them easier to remember and recall. Similarly, teaching or sharing the material with another person also may improve retention.



7. Make a formula sheet.

Depending on the subject, having a sheet with shortcuts, formulas or diagrams can put the material into smaller bursts of information that are easier to digest. Along this same vein, writing information down can help improve recall.

These are a few study tips that high schoolers can utilize to improve their grades so they can be more successful in school.

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STEPPIN' OUT

Reminder: Meet and Greet artist event next weekend

On Saturday, Aug. 26, at the Thistle Lounge at the General Lewis Inn, there will be a Meet and Greet for three area artists who will also be showcasing their work. Lynn Payne, Josh Miller, and Mar- iam Todd will be at

the event, which runs from 5 to 7 p.m. and is open to the public. The General Lewis is located at 1236 Wash- ington Street East in Lewisburg.

All three artists will have their work on display through Octo- ber 3, with all artwork

available for immedi- ate purchase.

The General Lewis Inn is open daily for visitors, guests, and friends. The Thistle Lounge is open dai- ly for beverages and cocktails from 5 to 11 p.m.



Needle felting creations

Free Needle Felting Workshop Aug. 26

Carnegie Hall is hosting a free Needle Felting workshop on Saturday, Aug. 26, from 1 to 4 p.m., with Kids' College instructor Karen Leland. The class will be held in the Old Stone Room located on the ground floor.

In continuance of the "pay it forward" spirit that prompted the original needle felting dona- tions at this summer's Kids' College summer program, Carnegie Hall is hosting a workshop for anyone that would like to make a felted ornament or animal to be auctioned off to provide scholarships for children to attend Kids'

College in 2024. Participants are welcome to make their own special creation to take home as well. All materials are provided.

If you would like to attend, please RSVP to education@carnegiehallwv.org. For more information, please call 304-645-7917 or visit www.carnegiehallwv.org.

Carnegie Hall is a nonprofit organization supported by individual contributions, grants, and fundraising efforts such as TOOT and The Carnegie Hall Gala. The Hall is located at 611 Church Street, Lewisburg.



Mar- iam Todd is a mul- timedia artist. Her exhibit will feature signed, original acrylics, watercolors, col- lages, cyanotypes, and alcohol inks. All artwork is available for immediate sale.



Lynn Payne lives in Charleston. She re- ceived her training in illustration and de- sign from the Art In- stitute of Fort Lauder- dale and exhibits her artwork at Tamarack in Beckley.



Josh Miller grew up and resides in Lewis- burg. He has created artwork since 2005 using happy colors and participates in numerous art shows around the state.

Alabaster Boxer up next at Ivy Terrace Series

Carnegie Hall's 2023 Ivy Terrace Concert Series continues Thursday, Aug. 24, at 6:30 p.m. with Alabaster Boxer. The concert takes place outside on Carnegie Hall's Ivy Terrace as attendees watch from the expansive lawn in front of New River Commu- nity and Technical College. Concertgoers are encouraged to bring a lawn chair or blanket and pack a picnic to enjoy live music. Carnegie Hall's Ivy Terrace Series is sponsored by City National Bank and all concerts are free, open to the public, and alcohol free.

Alabaster Boxer creates a unique musical experience characterized by catchy melo- dies, thoughtful lyrics, and an energy that keeps audiences engaged and entertained. Formed in 2022, the project is led by primary songwriter Nick Durm on vocals and guitar, who assembled his own group of all-star friends and musicians from various South- ern West Virginia and Virginia bands to record a full-length debut album, "Currency of Dreams."

Durm's powerful vocals and song-writing sets the tone for the band's sound, while the other members bring a wide



Alabaster Boxer

range of influences blending fusions of rock, pop, blue- grass, Americana and more to complete this unique sound. With instrumentation consist- ing of guitars, keys, mandolin, dobro, banjo, bass, and drums over top of harmony driven original anthems, Alabaster Boxer aims to create a new yet familiar listening experience for any audience.

The band has received high praise for their live perfor- mances with a story telling set list, taking their audience along for an experience rather than just a concert. With their dynamic blend of genres, Ala- baster Boxer is a band that is sure to leave a lasting impres- sion on audiences everywhere they play.

Members include Nick Durm (Vocals/Guitar), Jason Lockart (Keyboard/Vocals),

Brian Bell (Guitar), Corey Lee McQuade (Dobro/Banjo/ Vocals), Bill Fraley (Bass/ Vocals), Chandler Beavers (Mandolin), and Scott Hinkle Drums (Vocals).

Greenbrier Dairy's Cow Licks Dessert Trailer and Kitchen 304 will be on loca- tion. Cow Licks ice cream is mixed by hand in freezing pans, together with a wide variety of toppings. Then it's rolled up and served in your choice of a fresh-made waffle cone taco shell or bowl. Kitchen 304 is Greenbrier County's newest late night food option and will serve a variety of din- ner options.

Carnegie hall will offer bags of popcorn. Bella Gourmet will presell charcuteries cups to be picked up at Ivy Terrace.

Concerts will be moved inside to the Hamilton Audi-

torium if the weather dictates. As a reminder, outside food and drink is not permitted in the auditorium. Follow and Like Carnegie Hall's Face- book page for updates. For more information, please visit www.carnegiehallwv.org or call 304-645-7917.



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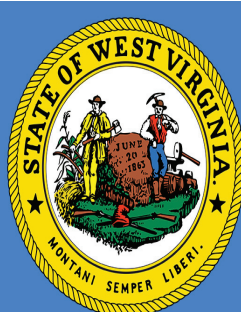
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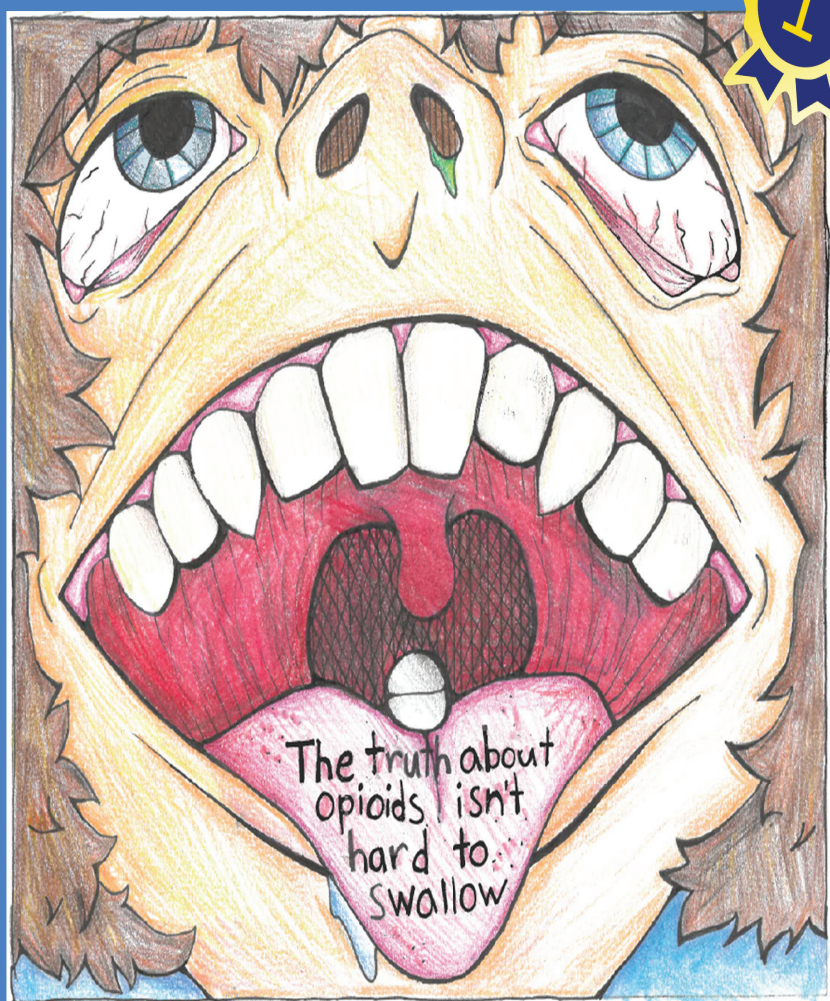
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