

### Alderson Archers team up with Greenbrier Valley **Sportsman Alliance**

By Jeffrey Kanode

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Two young, innovative programs in the Greenbrier Valley are finding common cause.

The recently formed Greenbrier Valley Sportsman Alliance and the already award-winning archery team of Alderson Elementary School share many values and interests. Now the alliance has plans to help fund the team.

One of the founders of the Greenbrier Valley Sportsman Alliance, West Virginia Division of Natural Resources (WVDNR) officer Bob Johnson, recently visited archery practice at Alderson Elementary. As he watched the fourth and fifth graders carefully eving their targets and expertly shooting their bows, Johnson reflected on the natural fit between his group and the budding archery team.

"I made one call to Archery in the Schools, and all the Alderson coaches came to our next meeting, and joined," Johnson said. "It's exciting. We want to do all we can to support archery, clay shooting, and the air rifle JROTC programs in the county."

For Johnson, the connection is both professional and personal. He's in charge of the hunter education program in our area, so liaison work with groups like the Alderson archery team makes for a perfect outreach. Johnson feels the work even more deeply, though, and so does the membership of the sportsman alliance. "I grew up loving the outdoors. Working for DNR, I get to spend my career in the outdoors. We want these kids to be outside. We want them to love the outdoors, too," Johnson noted.

"I'm tired of seeing kids constantly on their phones. Let's get them outside. Let's get them hunting. Let's get them fishing. When kids hunt and fish, they start interacting with their peers, or with older folks. It builds community and connection. That's what we want. That's what we need," he continued.

Johnson said the number of people who hunt and fish - even in such a pristine, natural location for both, like West Virginia - has dropped over the last number of years. Johnson sees a link between his group's involvement with school groups who promote outdoors activities, and the future of outdoors culture, so vital to the overall cultural milieu of the Mountain State. "If we can help fund these school programs, so these kids and parents don't have to go out and beg for money we will foster the next generation" Johnson affirmed.

On Apr. 20, the Greenbrier Valley Sportsman Alliance is holding their biggest fundraiser - a banquet and raffle fundraiser at The Pines (a venue in located in Crawley). Those who are interested in attending can find more information on the Greenbrier Valley Sportsman Alliance Facebook group page. The proceeds will be distributed to help fund groups like the Alderson Elementary archery team and other outdoor related student groups in the county.

According to Alderson Elementary music teacher and archery coach Andrea Edge, it cost each Alderson Elementary archer \$350 to attend the national tournament they competed in last spring. The Alliance's banquet and other fundraisers can help offset those costs, or even fully fund the team's 2024 trip.

Jason Ward, the Alderson physical education teacher and another archery coach, sees no limits to the archery program, especially with continued and increased aid from the community. "If we can get more help, we can buy some new 3D targets for the

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### Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration held

By Sarah Richardson

The annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration was held in downtown Lewisburg this last Monday on Jan. 15 despite a winter snowstorm. Participants bundled up and gathered in front of the Greenbrier County Courthouse before marching up Washington Street to the Lewisburg United Methodist Church for a program and luncheon.

Pastor Greg Scott of First Baptist Church spoke before the march, leading the crowd in prayer before a brief speech.

"Fifty-six years ago today, Martin Luther King Jr., the most prominent civil rights leader in America, was on the campus of Kansas State University to address students and faculty and believe it or not, the weather was just like this," said Scott.

"Ultimately calling for stronger and more courageous political leadership, he ended the speech with this, 'A genuine leader is not a searcher for consensus, but a molder of consensus. Cowardice asks the question, 'Is it safe?' Expediency asks if it's political, vanity asks if it's popular, but conscience asks, 'Is it right?' Which leads to this year's Lewis-See "MLK Jr. Day"

Courthouse through downtown Lewisburg and ending at the Lewisburg United Methodist Church.

Pastor Greg Scott from White Sulphur Springs speaks before the march.



### Across the Board Game Café celebrates first month of business

The Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration and

March was held on Monday, Jan. 15, in conjunc-

tion with MLK Jr. Day nationwide, with a march

running from in front of the Greenbrier County

**By Sarah Richardson** 

White Sulphur Springs' newest stop, the Across the Board Game Café, is celebrating its first month in business this week after opening in December. Across the Board is the area's first game café, where patrons can purchase game passes to get access to several hundred board games. The family-friendly establishment has a selection of games for all ages, and prices start at just \$5 for an all-day game pass per person, and children aged 2 and under are admitted for free. For more serious gamers, there are also monthly, quarterly, and yearly game passes available. There is no pass required to simply enjoy their food and drinks.



With hundreds of games to choose from at all skill levels, it's a great way to spend a gloomy winter day inside and out of the weather.

Across the Board Game Café has a game for everyone in the family!

With a slew of coffee selections, all-day breakfast items, assorted sandwiches and paninis, pizza, charcuterie boards, and fun drinks, there is something for everyone to try. Board game-themed mocktails come in all colors and flavors, and a seasonal ice cream selection is also available. Some fan favorites are the Codenames Italian Panini, Hungry Hungry Ham Panini, their butterbeer, and the Candy Land latte.

Stephanie Sanders, regional business advisor at the WV Hive who is working with Across the Board Game Café, said, "It's a nostalgic, family friendly environment for people of all ages and skill levels. I encourage folks to stop by to greet Jade and to see what this new small business has to offer."

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### Bella's struck once again by turning semi

By Sarah Richardson

The freshly-rebuilt corner of Bella's in downtown Lewisburg was once again struck by a turning semi truck this week, despite posted signage from the Department of Highways on both Washington Street and several side streets stating "No Right Turns for Trucks Longer than 50 Feet." A video of the incident shows the driver attempting the right hand turn from Washington Street onto 219 heading north, when the trailer he is hauling hops the curb and catches the corner of the building.

The "no turning" signs were installed last year as a measure aimed at mitigating large interstate trucks failing to navigate the intersection from US 60 west onto US 219 north, while continuing to allow smaller delivery trucks and commercial vehicles to navigate through the city. Commercial traffic is asked to schedule their routes accordingly because the turn restriction requires interstate trucks greater than 50 feet long to continue on US 60 westbound for approximately 11 miles before reentering Interstate 64 at Alta.

The driver of the semi stopped after the hit and was addressed by local law enforcement.



#### Alderson Archers **Continued from Front Page**



The Alderson Elementary School archery team

kids and offset some of the wear and tear on our current equipment. With upgrades like that, we hope to host tournaments in the future, something we aren't able to do now," Ward said.

Like Bob Johnson, Ward sees programs like his school's archery team as providing a connection be-

### **USDA Hardiness Zone for** Greenbrier County updated

The stockings are taken down from the mantle, the tree is in the compost pile, and now it's time to get ready for the most wonderful time of the year. Gathering the seed and plant catalogs from underneath the troves of clothing and home décor magazines, we can finally dream of warmer days and the planting of our spring and summer gardens. But not so fast - times are a changin,' or rather, the USDA Hardiness Zones are a changin.3

Greenbrier County was previously categorized as Zone 5b and 6a hardiness, but we have since been recategorized with the release of the new USDA map as Zone 6a and 6b, but predominantly 6b. The higher the number, the warmer the zone.

Developed in 1960 at the National Arboretum in Washington D.C., the USDA sought to help out farmers and gardeners by standardizing the growing zones of crops, fruits, vegetables, trees, plants, and flowers.

The map doesn't take into account the highest temperatures, only the lowest, so while it doesn't show evidence that our county is warmer it does show that our county isn't as cold as it used to be. While one needs to always bear in mind the individual microclimate at their own home garden, this change allows that some vegetables as tender perennials that were before hit or miss, just might make it!

For more information or questions about the USDA Hardiness Zone, or about becoming a Master Gardener, please contact Mary Dameron at the WVU Extension Service Greenbrier County Office at 304-647-7408.

tween school and community, growing students and caring adults. "We want to give these kids a lifelong love of the outdoors. We have a community of outdoors enthusiasts here in Alderson. What we are doing here hopefully connects the kids and adults."

As he watched the Alderson archers practice in the school gym, outdoorsman Johnson shook his head in joyful disbelief. "I mean look at this," he began. "We are in an elementary school, and we have fourteen kids, fourth and fifth graders, shooting during school, as an award, doing this because they want to do it. There's a kid who missed tons of school last year. Since that student joined the archery team, they haven't missed a day. That's what this is all about."

### West Virginia students selected for U.S. **Senate Youth Program**

Students Headed to Washington, DC and to Receive \$10,000 Scholarship

The United States Senate Youth Program (USSYP) announces that high school students Ms. Peyton Emilie Barker and Mr. Bryson Cole Riggleman will join Senator Joe Manchin, III and Senator Shelley Moore Capito in representing West Virginia during the 62nd annual USSYP Washington Week, to be held Mar. 2 through 9.

Peyton Barker of Ronceverte and Bryson Riggleman of Petersburg were selected from among the state's top student leaders to be part of the 104 national student delegation. Each delegate will also receive a \$10,000 college scholarship for undergraduate study. The USSYP was created by Senate Resolution 324 in 1962 and has been sponsored by the Senate and fully funded by The Hearst Foundations since inception.

Originally proposed by Senators Kuchel, Mansfield, Dirksen and Humphrey, the Senate leadership of the day, the impetus for the program as stated in Senate testimony is "to increase young Americans' understanding of the interrelationships of the three branches of government, learn the caliber and responsibilities of federally elected and appointed officials, and emphasize the vital importance of democratic decision making not only for America but for people around the world." Each year this extremely competitive merit-based program provides the most outstanding high school students - two from each state, the District of Columbia and the Department of Defense Education Activity - with an inten-



Peyton Barker of Ronceverte

sive week-long study of the federal government and the people who lead it. The overall mission of the program is to help instill within each class of USSYP student delegates more profound knowledge of the American

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### MLK Jr. Day

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Participants gathered in front of the Greenbrier County Courthouse on Monday despite the blustery weather conditions.



Keynote speaker Mark Hickman addresses the crowd at the Lewisburg **United Methodist Church** after the march.

burg Martin Luther King Jr. Day quote that serves as the theme of this program: 'There comes a time when one must take position that is neither safe, nor politic, nor popular, but he must take it because conscience tells him that it is right.' So today, we are here calling for stronger and more courageous leadership, not only in Lewisburg, West Virginia, but in the entirely of the United States of America."

Marchers sang "Ain't Gonna Let Nobody Turn Me Around" as they made their way across town, and keynote speaker Mark Hickman led the following program at LUMC. Watch the full program online at www.youtube.com/watch?v=b5s2KH8x40M, or search "Lewisburg WV MLK Day Celebration 2024" on YouTube.

### Across the Board Game Cafe

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Across the Board is located in downtown White Sulphur at 698 E. Main Street (look for the yellow and gray striped awning!), and is open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. They are closed on Sundays. Follow them on Facebook at "Across the Board Game Café," or visit their website at atbgamecafe.com to pre-order food for pickup and view their full menu offerings. You can order breakfast the night before and simply swing through in the morning to your food already prepared!



cherry, and lime.

### PICK OF THE LITTER



**GRAYCIE** Graycie is a female domestic shorthair and a barn cat!

Ivy is a four-year-old female lab mix and weighs 50 pounds

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

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

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

Call 304-645-4775 for more information.

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

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# 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, Jan. 27 will feature the Flash Back Band 7 to 10:30. 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.

#### Walk With a Doc in January

Ring in the New Year by taking steps toward better health and wellness! Walk With A Doc (WWAD) is a low-intensity activity set at your personal pace and respectful of your abilities; we welcome all new WWADers. Come as often as you want and get to know our students and HealthYeah!, a community-centered organization aimed at raising health awareness and healthy habits. WWAD meets weekly on Mondays at 4:30 p.m. at the Hollowell Park track on GMS Drive. Once a month, we will have a health topic talk given by a local healthcare provider or one of our HealthYeah! student leaders. Our next January walks will be Jan. 22 and 29. We look forward to seeing you then! (In the event of heavy snow or ice, walks will be cancelled. Please exercise caution during the winter months.

#### **Marriages**

Helen Elizabeth Neisser and Ira Michael Clifford

### This week in the House of Delegates For the week ending Jan. 12, 2024

When members of the West Virginia House of Delegates gaveled in for the second regular session of the 86th Legislature Wednesday, Jan. 10, they did so in a freshly renovated chamber, enjoying several improvements both to safety and accessibility. Several new faces among the membership resulted in

House Speaker Roger Hanshaw, R-Clay, adjusting a few leadership roles, including a new Judiciary Committee Chairman. Tom Fast, R-Fayette, who served as vice chairman of

the House Judiciary Committee since 2020, has been named its chairman. Delegate David Kelly, R-Pleasants, will serve as vice chair while continuing as chairman of the Committee on Jails and Prisons.

"Tom is not only a well-respected attorney in his private life, but he also has a reputation for asking the kinds of detailed questions that help us create effective laws," Hanshaw said. "And with Delegate Kelly's perspective from his background in law enforcement, I know that committee will continue to do the deliberative, heavy lifting it's become known for."

The House unanimously passed an organizational resolution on the first day of session to establish the Select Committee on Artificial Intelligence (AI). Delegate Jarred Cannon, R-Putnam, was appointed as chairman of the select committee, and Delegate Jordan Maynor, R-Raleigh, will serve as its vice chairman.

I am honored to serve as the inaugural chairman for this committee," Cannon said. "In the face of the rapid evolution of AI technology, it is critically important that West Virginia positions itself at the forefront to ensure it is integrated responsibly.

"This committee will dedicate itself to a thorough examination of potential legislative actions that align with the best interests of all West Virginians."

Deputy Speaker Matthew Rohrbach, R-Cabell, started the session with a new role in the National Conference of State Legislatures, having been selected to serve a two-year term as vice chair of the organization's Standing Committee on Health and Human Services. The committee works on the national level to protect states' interests in federal decisions across a variety of matters, including behavioral health, Medicaid, maternal and child health, health workforce and prescription drugs. "As we continue to work closely on health matters

here in West Virginia, it's an honor and a privilege to collaborate with states throughout the country while we work together to protect our individual independence on the federal level," Rohrbach said.

The Committee on Workforce Development has a new vice chairman in Delegate Kathie Hess-Crouse, R-Putnam, who will work alongside its continuing chairman Evan Worrell, R-Cabell. Less than 24 hours before the first gavel of the 2024

regular session, a new member took the oath of office. Republican James Robert "JB" Akers II, who was appointed by the governor to fill the unexpired term for the 55th House District, will represent the southwestern portion of Kanawha County.

"Growing up in a rural area and my years in Charleston have instilled in me a deep understanding of this diverse district: its urban pulse and rural heartbeat," Akers said. He will serve on both the Judiciary Committee and the Banking and Insurance Committee.

Both the Judiciary and the Health and Human Resources committees advanced legislation this week. A total of 682 bills have been introduced in the House, and the 60-day, regular legislative session ends at midnight Mar. 10.

#### Have a submission? Email submission to News@mountainmedianews. or Contact <u>304-647-5724</u> <u>or more information</u>

### **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

#### Greenbrier County Farmland Protection Board

WVU Extension - Greenbrier Co. Office, 1046 Maplewood Avenue, Fairlea WV 24901. The public is invited to attend. Call 304-520-3221 for more information.

will meet on the fourth Thursday of each month at the

Greenbrier County Health Department will meet Wednesday, Jan. 24, at 10 a.m. at the Health Dept., 9109 Seneca Trail South, Fairlea. On the agenda:

- Approval of Minutes Nov. 15, 2023 Personnel
- Procedures for Health Officer Review Financial
- Financial Reports & Statement FY 23 Audit
- Infrastructure Grant
- · Administrative
- Community Needs Assessment
- Strategic Plan Additions & Renovations Project Update

**Upcoming Staff Trainings** 

- Legislative Updates
- Nursing Dept. Updates
- Harm Reduction Update
- Environmental Dept. Updates
- Rabies Update
- Fee Waiver Request
- 64 CSR 30 Fees for Permit Changes Approval of Environmental Health Fees for
- Submission to County Commission
- Schedule next Board of Health meeting
- Tentative: Wednesday, March 13 at 10 a.m.

### WVSOM Board of **Governors meeting** slated for January 25

The West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine (WVSOM) Board of Governors will meet Jan. 25, at Embassy Suites, 300 Court Street, Charleston, WV, and via teleconference.

The Academic Committee will meet at 9 a.m. in Conference Room 224. The Finance and Audit Committee will meet at 9 a.m. in Salons D and E. The Institutional Policy Committee will meet at 9 a.m. in Conference Room 225.

The Board of Governors' regular meeting will begin at 10 a.m. in Salons D and E.

The number and access codes to attend by phone can be found at www.wvsom.edu/about/bog-meetings.

A copy of the agendas for all meetings are posted on the WVSOM website prior to the meetings and are available in the president's office.

WVSOM board meetings are open to all who are interested, including the general public.

#### **Greenbrier County Magistrate Court Convictions**

Michael Keith Legg, Lewisburg, obstructing officer, NCP, fine \$50

Ashley D. Bennett, Frankford, reckless driving - no bodily injury, NCP, fine \$100, jail 10 days - suspended and placed on 10 months unsupervised probation

Joel Russell Wise, Rainelle, shoplifting, NCP, fine

Gilbert J. Martinez-Flores, White Sulphur Springs, speeding, NCP, fine \$12

John David Coleman, Beckley, improper lane change, GP, fine \$25

Elizabeth J. Justice, Lewisburg, possession of a controlled substance, NCP, jail 90 days - served Caleb Andrew King, Alderson, petit larceny, NCP, fine \$75, jail 90 days credit 1 day served - suspended and placed on 12 months unsupervised proba-

Mark Wray Korman, Alderson, assault, NCP, jail 60 days - suspended and placed on 6 months unsupervised probation Day Report Center 6 months Stephanie Nicole Munden, White Sulphur Springs, destruction of property, NCP, jail 2 days - served, restitution \$50

### **Attorney General Morrisey** co-leads petition asking **Appeals Court to declare** new EPA rule under Clean Air Act unlawful West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrisey is

co-leading a coalition of 25 states in a petition asking the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit to declare the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's new rule unlawful. The new rule pertains to the procedures under which

states submit state implementation plans as mandated by Section 111(d) of the Clean Air Act.

Attorney General Morrisey led a multistate coalition last February raising issues on the then proposed rule.

"It's either the EPA missed our letter or ignored our concerns," Attorney General Morrisey said. "Rather than listen to our advice, EPA has doubled down-issuing a rule that vastly increases the EPA's authority while imposing compliance obligations even stricter under the Clean Air Act."

"The states should retain their discretion on how to best regulate existing emission sources, like power plants." See "AG Petition" Page 4

### For the Record

#### **Deeds**

Laura L. Anthony and Christina M. Gurney to Three Sisters Enterprises LLC: 3.87 acres, Frankford District, Map 4 Parcel 5. Filed Jan. 10, 2024.

Thomas G. North Sr. and Cheryl F. North to Emma D. North: lot, 50X122 feet, Ronceverte District, Map 9 Parcel 0175. Filed Jan. 10, 2024. Robert L. Anderson IV and Kathryn M. Anderson to

Robert L. Anderson V, Stuart J. Anderson, and Caroline Anderson Cerio: 2 tracts, 9.15 acres, and 0.049 acres, Fort Spring District, Map 8 Parcel 31.1. Filed Jan. 10, 2024. Robert McClusky and Deborah A. Sink to Fred M.

way, Frankford District, Map 20 Parcel 87. Filed Jan. Lewis A. Dennison, James W. Dennison, Shirley L. Shortridge, Jessica Gibson, and Odie J. Gibson to

Kellerman and Scarlett E. Kellerman: 20 foot right of

Kenneth Dennison Jr.: 1.02 acres, Williamsburg District, Map 54 Parcel 0004. Filed Jan. 11, 2024. Jeremy P. Conner and Amy L. Conner to Valarie C. Scholosser: lots 39 & 40A, Lewisburg District, Map

18N Parcel 20. Filed Jan. 11, 2024.

Katherine E. Vigneron to Kaleb M. Hughart and Jillian R. Highart: 111.185 acres, Blue Sulphur District, Map 27 Parcel 45. Filed Jan. 11, 2024.

Terry E. Shortridge and Betty E. Shortridge to Sonya Loving: 0.59 acres, Anthony Creek District, Map 33 Parcel 0003. Filed Jan. 11, 2024.

Robert M. Howard, Brenda Howard, Carl M. Howard, and Lisa Howard to Charles S. Howard and Laura Howard: 0.314 acres, Irish Corner District, Map 11N Parcel 0002-0001. Filed Jan. 11, 2024.

Eloise J. Meager to Sylvia Campbell: 34.200 acres, Meadow Bluff District, Map 0010 Parcel 13-11-0010-0013-000-1. Filed Jan. 12, 2024.

Keith E. Adkins and Veronica P. Adkins to Adam Merritt and Tamara Merritt: lot 12, Frankford District, Map 22 Parcel 45.2. Filed Jan. 12, 2024.

Jeremiah D. Miller and Stephanie Miller to Richard Campbell: 0.011 acres, Fort Spring District, Map 24C Parcel 12. Filed Jan. 12, 2024. Jeremiah D. Miller and Stephanie Miller to Danny R.

Hedgepeth Jr. and Dana S. Hedgepeth: lot 13, Fort Spring District, Map 24C Parcel 0012. Filed Jan. 12, Travis Herndon to Christopher Lehmiller and Cara

Lehmiller: 0.110 acres more or less, Rupert District, Map 3 Parcel 21, 2. Filed Jan. 12, 2024. Travis Herndon to Christopher Lehmiller and Cara

Lehmiller: 0.57 acres more or less, Rupert District, Map 3 Parcel 21. Filed Jan. 12, 2024. Axa Properties LLC to Kathy Mann: 0.554 acres,

Lewisburg District, Map 20F Parcel 37. Filed Jan. 12,

Patricia Boggs to Pamela M. Mentz: lot 24 Frankford

District, Map 20A Parcel 4. Filed Jan. 12, 2024. Clyde H. Howard Jr. and Janet L. Howard to Axa Properties LLC: 0.486 acres more or less, Lewisburg

District, Map 13G Parcel 84. Filed Jan. 12, 2024. Dodson-Hager Fords Sales Inc. to Dodson Hager Ford Sales II Inc: lot 1316 - 1319, Rainelle District,

Map 4 Parcels 208 - 211. Filed Jan. 12, 2024. Dodson-Hager Fords Sales Inc. to Dodson Hager Ford Sales II Inc: lot 1320 - 1323, Rainelle District,

Map 4 Parcels 204 - 207. Filed Jan. 12, 2024. Dodson-Hager Fords Sales Inc. to Dodson Hager Ford Sales II Inc: lots 1352 & 1354, Rainelle District, Map 4 Parcels 249, 250. Filed Jan. 12, 2024.

Lori L. Baldwin to Matthew L. Baldwin: 150 X 194 X 150 X 191, Lewisburg District, Map 12 Parcel 0102. Filed Jan. 17, 2024.

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political process and a lifelong commitment to public

In addition to the program week, The Hearst Foundations provide each student with a \$10,000 undergraduate college scholarship with encouragement to continue coursework in government, history and public affairs. All expenses for Washington Week are also provided by The Hearst Foundations; as stipulated in Senate Resolution 324, no government funds are utilized.

Peyton Barker, a senior at Greenbrier East High School, serves as the president of the Student Body and the West Virginia Rhododendron Girls State governor. She is passionate about mentoring middle school students as a volunteer with Wyld Life, a nationally known youth group. Peyton is a member of her school's tennis team and serves as team captain on her school's volleyball team. She is a member of the yearbook staff where she has served as the editor for three years. She also volunteers at her local church through the teen ministry and provides childcare for toddlers. Peyton plans to attend college and pursue a degree in mechanical engineering after graduating from high school. She has a desire to join student government and create STEM education programs for middle school students while attending

Bryson Riggleman, a senior at Petersburg High School, serves as the president of the Senior Class, the Student Council, and the local chapter of SkillsUSA, as well as serving as the historian for his National Honor Society chapter. When he is not actively involved in leadership positions, he is volunteering for athletic boosters and local church outreach where he distributes meals within his community. He is also involved

in other school functions, such as operating the scoreboard at basketball games for four years and introducing players before the game. He also gives the morning and afternoon announcements for the entire school over the intercom system. Bryson gives back to his community by bagging food for Project Equip, which helps provide food to families in need. After high school, Bryson plans to attend college and pursue a degree in political science and criminal justice. He would like to eventually go to law school and work for the federal government or run for political office.

Chosen as alternates to the 2024 program were Mr. Bryan Gregory Cole, a resident of Martinsburg, who attends Spring Mills High School and Mr. Gavin Christopher Bias, a resident of Danville, who attends Scott High School. Delegates and alternates are selected by the state departments of education nationwide and the District of Columbia and Department of Defense Education Activity, after nomination by teachers and principals. The chief state school officer for each jurisdiction confirms the final selection. This year's West Virginia delegates and alternates were designated by Ms. Michele L. Blatt, State Superintendent of Schools.

During the program week, the student delegates will attend meetings and briefings with senators, the president, a justice of the Supreme Court, and leaders of cabinet agencies, among others. In addition to outstanding leadership abilities and a strong commitment to volunteer work, the student delegates rank academically in the top one percent of their states among high school juniors and seniors. Now more than 6,100 strong, alumni of the program continue to excel and develop impressive qualities that are often directed toward public service.

### WV Department of Arts, Culture and History seeks nominations for 2024 Governor's Arts Awards

The West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History (WVDACH) is seeking nominations for the Governor's Arts Awards. This biennial awards program celebrates the importance of the arts to economic development in the Mountain State by honoring individuals and organizations whose creative achievements and significant contributions to the arts enhance life in West Virginia. A public awards ceremony will take place at the Culture Center, State Capitol Complex, on Tuesday, Feb. 27, at 6 p.m.

Nominees must be West Virginia residents or organizations based in West Virginia. Members of the selection committee; members of the West Virginia Commission on the Arts; WVDACH staff; and their immediate family members are not eligible. Posthumous nominations are not accepted. Nominations for the 11 categories must be submitted through the nomination form linked below by Feb. 12, at 11:59 p.m.

The nomination form includes descriptions for each of the award categories, eligibility, and the selection

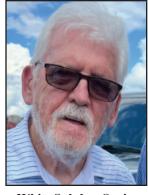
process. Use the link https://wvculture.org/governorsarts-awards-2024/ to access.

Award categories are:

- Susan S. Landis Distinguished Service to the Arts -
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- Artist of the Year
- Arts Organization of the Year
- Arts in Education Individual
- Arts in Education Organization
- Folk Arts Individual
- Folk Arts Organization
- Emerging Artist of the Year
- Emerging Organization of the Year Governor's Arts Award for Lifetime Achievement

For more information about the Governor's Arts Awards, contact Jenna Green, State Arts Office director, at Jenna.R.Green@wv.gov or 304-558-0240.

**Eddie Junior Coleman** 



### White Sulphur Springs -Eddie Junior Coleman, 86, passed peacefully on Jan. 16, 2024 at Peyton Hospice House in Fairlea

after a short illness. Mr. Coleman was born Jan. 6, 1938 in White Sulphur Springs, the son of the late Elmer R. Coleman, Sr. and Elsie Evelyn (Sizemore) Coleman. Mr. Coleman was pre-

ceded in death by his parents, his wife of 63 years Dorothy Jane (Bostic) Coleman, sister Mary Jane Bennett of Baltimore, MD, three brothers Donald Coleman, Darrell Coleman, and Elmo Lee Coleman all of White Sulphur Springs.

He is survived by daughter, Beverly Crane (J.R.) of Clintonville, and daughter Linda Coleman of White Sulphur Springs; grandson Joseph Wickline (Caron) of Unionville, NC; three great-grandchildren Jorja, Cadon, and Carli Wickline all of Unionville, NC; sister Patricia Tingler of White Sulphur Springs; and brother Elmer R. Coleman, Jr. (Sammy) of

White Sulphur Springs;

and numerous nieces and

Eddie was a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather, and brother and member of the James Chapel United Methodist Church in Clintonville.

enjoyed spending time with family and friends and spent many days playing guitar and singing, travelling to NAS-CAR races, and WVU football games. Along with his wife Dorothy, they were part of multiple singing groups, most notably "Gloryland Road" for which he played guitar and provided vocals and enjoyed singing the Gospel throughout the Greenbrier Valley. For many years he was part of fast-pitch softball teams from White Sulphur Springs that competed throughout the region. For more than 30 years he worked in the upholstery shop at The Greenbrier Hotel and served as the supervisor for that department during his final 15 years of employment. He served as a White Sulphur Springs Councilman from 2013 to 2015. Services will be at 11

a.m. on Monday, Jan. 22, at James Chapel United Methodist Church in Clin-

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tonville with Pastor Jesse Pope and Pastor Robert officiating. **McClintic** Graveside services will follow at the New Lebanon Cemetery in Picka-

way, WV. A visitation will be held Sunday, Jan. 21 at Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in White Sulphur Springs from 4 to 6 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the James Chapel United Methodist (Clintonville) Building Fund c/o Hazel Reed at 1618 Shoestring Trail Clintonville, WV 24931.

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

#### Vila E. Gilbert Johnson Clowser

Lewisburg-Vila E. Gilbert Johnson Clowser, 88, passed away Monday, Jan. 15, 2024 after a short illness. Born July 1, 1935 at Rainelle, she was preceded in death by her parents, Fred and Elma Gilbert, her first husband, Gary S. Johnson, five sisters and one brother. Vila is survived by her

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husband of 15 years, William A. Clowser; daughters, Tammy J. McKeever (Wayne) of Sistersville, WV, and Julie A. Potorti (Anthony) of Reedsville, PA; son, Danny S, Johnson of Lewisburg; four grandchildren, Stephanie Johnson, Mandy Potorti, Kristi Bedelyon, and Matthew Potorti; several great-grandchildren and two sisters, Virginia Surgeon of Lewisburg and Clarice Short of Arizona.

Vila was a member of the First Baptist Church in Fairlea, was formerly employed by Greenbrier Center, former owner of Greenbrier Valley Airport gift shop and sold Avon. She was a graduate of Rainelle High School. She loved her family and faithfully supported the WV Mountaineers.

Friends may call at Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Lewisburg on Friday, Jan. 19, from 12 noon until the time of service at 1 p.m., with Pastor Ron Miller officiating. Burial will follow in Wallace Memorial Cemetery at Clintonville, WV. PLEASE SEND ONLINE **CONDOLENCES BY VISIT-**ING www.Wallaceand-WallaceFH.com.

Among the many distinguished alumni are: Senator Susan Collins, the first alumnus to be elected U.S. senator; Secretary of Transportation and former Mayor of South Bend Indiana, Pete Buttigieg, the first alumnus to be appointed as a cabinet secretary; former Senator Cory Gardner, the second alumnus to be elected U.S. senator and the first to be elected to the U.S. House of Representatives; former New Jersey Governor Chris Christie, the first alumnus to be elected governor; former Chief Judge Robert Henry, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit; former Ambassador to West Germany Richard Burt and former presidential advisors Thomas "Mack" McLarty and Karl Rove. Additional notables include former Lt. Governor of Idaho David Leroy, former Provost of Wake Forest University Rogan Kersh, military officers, members of state legislatures, Foreign Service officers, top congressional staff, healthcare providers and other university educators.

Members of the U.S. Senate Youth Program 2024 annual Senate Advisory Committee are: Senator Catherine Cortez Masto of Nevada, the 2024 USSYP Democratic Co-Chair and Senator John Barrasso, M.D. of Wyoming, the 2024 USSYP Republican Co-Chair. The full USSYP Senate Advisory Committee consists of the vice president of the United States and the Senate majority and minority leaders who annually serve as the program's Honorary Co-Chairs; two senators, one from each party, serving as acting Co-Chairs who each have keynote speaking roles, and an eight-member bipartisan Senate panel, four senators from each party, who lend their names in support.

Serving on the Advisory Committee for the upcoming program are: Senator John Fetterman of Pennsylvania, Senator Maggie Hassan of New Hampshire, Senator Edward J. Markey of Massachusetts, Senator Alex Padilla of California, Senator John Boozman of Arkansas, Senator Katie Britt of Alabama, Senator John Hoeven of North Dakota and Senator Thom Tillis of North Carolina. For more information please visit: www.ussenat-

### **Gov. Justice unveils 2024 West** Virginia Vacation Guide

Travelers can request free magazines or view a digital copy

Gov. Jim Justice has unveiled the 2024 West Virginia Vacation Guide, the state's official travel magazine. Travelers can view the 112-page guide online or get a free copy mailed to them directly. Last year, the West Virginia Department of Tourism distributed over a quarter of a million printed guides to travelers across the nation and around the world.

"Showcasing our great state in what we do, and this magazine is our premiere printed piece. We've produced some amazing guides in the past, but this one is my alltime favorite. It is packed with stunning photography and features hidden gems in every corner of the state," West Virginia Department of Tourism Secretary Chelsea Ruby said. "This year, we are encouraging folks to not only order themselves a copy, but to also send one to friends and family members they'd like to see visit the

Mountain State this year." The 2024 Vacation Guide was produced in partnership with Dotdash Meredith, a leading publisher that also produces Southern Living, Real Simple, and Parents magazines. This partnership has been recognized in the past by the U.S. Travel Association when West Virginia was recognized as having the top printed piece in the county two years ago. By partnering with Dotdash, the 2024 guide will be mailed directly to 100,000 Travel + Leisure subscribers in West Virginia's target markets to

Organized by seasons, this year's guide highlights the multitude of activities to experience in West Virginia all year long. The "field guide" in the front of the book, is the introduction to the unparalleled sights and adventures that can only be found in the Mountain State. The guide also features a section all about the state's arts and culture scene with a special story about artisans and creative entrepreneurs throughout West Virginia.

encourage travel to the Mountain State.

Four perforated postcards, with images from each of West Virginia's distinct seasons make easy tear-away keepsakes and add an interactive element to the guide. There's also a quiz that helps readers discover the road trip best suited for them based on their interests.

To request your very own free copy of the 2024 West Virginia Vacation Guide, visit https://wvtourism.com/ information-and-press/free-travel-guide/get-a-free-wvtravel-guide/.

You can also find copies in the Governor's Office, the State Museum, all rest areas, and welcome centers.

### AG Petition

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Under a section in the Clean Air Act, states must submit their plans for the establishment of implementation of standards of performance for existing emission sources. The new rule gives states less discretion in figuring out how these existing sources can comply with less time to comply.

"Petitioners will show that the final rule exceeds the agency's statutory authority and otherwise is arbitrary, capricious, an abuse of discretion, and not in accordance with law," the coalition wrote in the petition filed Tues-

Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia and Wyoming joined the West Virginia- and Oklahoma-led petition - the Arizona Legislature and Texas Commission on Environmental Quality also joined the

Read a copy of the filing: https://bit.ly/48BHvZY.

### Club & Church

### Greenbrier Valley Master Gardeners elect 2024 officers



Leann Montgomery (left), Master Gardener State Representative; Ray Ratliff and Mary Ratliff, Presidents; Janice Duncan, Secretary; Tracey Szajgin, Vice-President; and Vanessa Price, Publicity.

The Greenbrier Valley Master Gardeners, a service offered by the WVU Extension Office, elected their 2024 slate of officers at their January business meeting. Elected officers include: Presidents - Ray and Mary Ratliff, Vice President - Tracey Szajgin, Secretary - Janice Duncan, Treasurer - Bre Renner, Communications - Debbie Floyd, Programs - Lucy Bell, Extension Office Liaison - Bob Hammond, Publicity Chair - Vanessa Price, State Representative - Leann Montgomery, Alternate State Representative, Grace Boxwell, and Volunteer Coordinator, Willa Izzo.

WV Master Gardeners are a unique group of volunteers trained in agricultural and horticultural topics to provide an effective network of gardening programs and activities to enhance our communities.

The Greenbrier Valley Master Gardeners meet on the second Thursday of each month. The business meeting starts at 5:30 p.m. and an educational program follows. If you have a keen interest in gardening, a desire to help others and would like more information on becoming a Master Gardener, call Mary Dameron at the Greenbrier County Extension Office at 304-647-7408.

### This week in **West Virginia History**

The following events happened on these dates in West Virginia history. To read more, go toe-WV: The West Virginia Encyclopedia at www.wvencyclopedia.org.

Jan. 21, 1906: The first passenger train ran from Elkins to Charleston following completion of the Coal &

Coke Railway. The new railroad, a project of former senator Henry Gassaway Davis, provided a much-needed northsouth route through the heart of West Virginia.



Jan. 22, 1927: Confederate General John McCausland died. After the fall of the Confederacy, McCausland fled the country. He returned in 1867 and spent the remainder of his life on his large farm in Mason County.

Jan. 23, 1850: Raleigh County was established by an act of the Virginia General Assembly. The county's founder, Alfred Beckley, named it after Sir Walter Raleigh.

Jan. 23, 1888: Union leader Fred Mooney was born in a log cabin on Davis Creek in Kanawha County. He was secretary-treasurer of United Mine Workers of America District 17 from 1917 to 1924 and was a radical leader in the West Virginia Mine Wars.

Jan. 23, 1890: The United Mine Workers was organized at a meeting in Columbus, Ohio. Three months later, in Wheeling, UMWA District 17, encompassing most of West Virginia, held its first meeting, elected M. F. Moran as district president and launched what became a struggle of more than 40 years to unionize the state's coal mines.

Jan. 24, 1968: Mary Lou Retton was born in Fairmont. She made history at the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles when, at 16, she became the first American woman ever to win a gold medal in gymnastics and the first native West Virginia woman to win a gold medal in Olympic competition.

Jan. 25, 1814: Francis Harrison Pierpont was born near Morgantown. On June 20, 1861, Pierpont was unanimously elected as governor of the unionist Reorganized State of Virginia, which sat at Wheeling until West Virginia entered the Union two years later.

Jan. 25, 1878: Activist Lenna Lowe Yost was born in Basnettville in Marion County. She held key leadership roles in the woman's suffrage and temperance movements.

Jan. 25, 1889: Anna Johnson Gates was born in Kanawha County. The state's first female state legislator, Gates was elected to the House of Delegates in 1922 and served a single term.



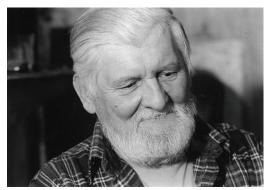
Jan. 26, 1850: Wyoming County was formed by the Virginia General Assembly from part of Logan County.

Jan. 26, 1960: Burnsville High School basketball player Danny Heater scored 135 points in a varsity game against Widen, setting a national record. Heater went on to receive an academic scholarship to attend the University of Richmond.

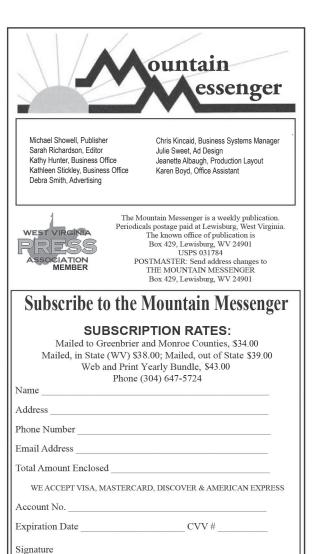


Jan. 27, 1925: Bernard L. Coffindaffer was born in Nicholas County. In the 1980s and 1990s, Coffindaffer erected clusters of crosses along the highways of West Virginia and much of the Southeast.

Jan. 27, 1933: Folk artist George Connard Wolfe was born in Standard, Kanawha County. A self-trained sculptor, he made his own tools from automobile leaf springs and engine valves and worked in stone and wood.



Jan. 27-28, 1998: Flat Top on the Mercer-Raleigh county line received a record snowfall of 35 inches in a 24-hour period.



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### **Ladies of Henning Church of God hold** January meeting

The Ladies of the Henning Church of God met on Tuesday, Jan. 9, in the church fellowship hall for their regular monthly meeting. President Carole Spencer presided and Kim Brookman led in prayer,

Dyan Hefner presented the devotion, "Talking Hands," with scripture reference James 4:8. The author likes to watch people's faces and hands, she even practiced drawing them. However, she really likes to study people's hands. By looking at your hands, you can learn a lot. Do they look like someone's hands in your family? By looking at someone's hands, you can discover what work they do, and how old they are. Even if movie stars have plastic surgery on their face, their hands do not lie. Hands can talk to others no matter what. Some have hands of compassion like the good Samaritan. (Luke 10:33-37) Hands of mercy is compassion with action. The good Samaritan cleansed the man's wounds, put him on his donkey and brought him to the inn. He took care of him along with paying for extra expenses. Hands of hospitality meet the needs without grumbling. (1 Peter 4:9) Hands of productivity do it with all your might. (Ecclesiastes 9:10) Daniel had hands of prayer. He did not let any decree stop him from praying three times a day. (Daniel 16) Hands of strength are found in Nehemiah because the people relied on God's strength to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem. Hands of love were shown when God allowed his son to die for our sins and we are to love one another. (John 3:16) (John 13:34-35) Hands of cleanliness help us fellowship with God. Unkept hands don't appeal. (James 4:8) God is faithful and just to cleanse us of our sins if we have a pure heart. What do we do with our hands? We need to take care spiritually and cut out things we don't need. What do your hands say?

Barbara Seldomridge brought us our missionary education report on Don and Caroline Armstrong, regional coordinators in Asia and the Pacific. They oversee projects and missionaries in the region. They are based in Thailand and connect churches across the region. They were called into missions in 1989 and served in Babati, Tanzania for sixteen years. They trained men and women to be pastors. They helped build churches. Don grew up in a Pastor's home. He worked in the commercial insurance industry and volunteered in church. He felt called to missions after going to a work camp in Brazil and Africa. Caroline grew up in a Christian home and felt called when she was 14 years old. She volunteered in church also. After marrying Don, she taught junior high and singles in Africa. They returned to the United States in 2005 and Don became associate pastor in Boise, Idaho. However, God called them back to missions

in 2008 and they are serving in Thailand today. Jamie Harvey gave the treasurer's report and Pauline

Perkin's read last month's minutes, Carole Spencer read thank you card and Christmas cards to the group. The group is serving the Maxwelton Ruritans on Jan. 25. The dates for the yard sales have

been set as May 4 and Sept. 7. The next meeting will be Feb. 13 and Dyan Hefner



dismissed in prayer.

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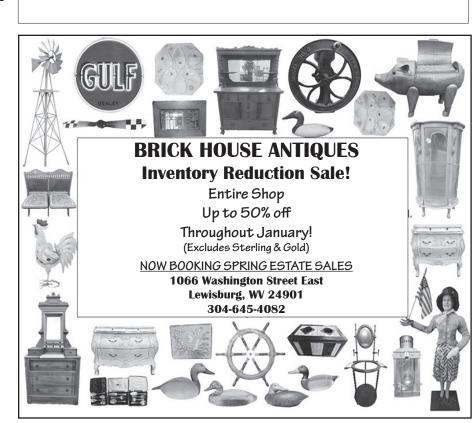
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## Dear Recycle Lady,

#### Dear Recycle Lady,

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#### Dear Hopeful,

Yes, it is true that citizens of Lewisburg with weekly trash pickup also have biweekly curbside pickup of recyclables. Greenworks Recycling contracts with Lewisburg to pick up recyclables of all customers who have trash pickup. Bags for recycling aluminum cans (red) and plastic bottles (yellow) can be picked up at Open Doors, across the street from the Lewisburg Post Office. Other recyclables, such as newspapers, office paper, magazines/slicks, and steel (tin) cans can be put in a bag or box for pickup. A black plastic bag should never be used for these recyclables as it would be picked up as trash. Small cardboard boxes can be put in larger cardboard boxes for pickup. All recyclables should be placed a short distance from trash pickup - on the other side of your driveway is recommended. Monday, Jan. 22 is the next week for recyclable pickup.

#### Dear Recycle Lady,

What is Overshoot Day?

Another New Term

#### Dear Another New Term,

There are two overshoot days, Earth Overshoot Day and Ecological Overshoot Day. Today's column will be about Earth Overshoot Day only. Next week, Ecological Overshoot Day will be addressed. Earth Overshoot Day is the day when humans have used up all the natural resources and services that the Earth can regenerate in a year. In other words, it is the date when nature's budget for the year has been exhausted. From Earth Overshoot Day on, which this year was August 2, we are living beyond our means. The Global Footprint Network calculates Earth Overshoot Day by

considering factors such as water consumption, food production, and carbon emissions, as well as the usage of other resources. This year's date is three weeks earlier than last year which indicates that ecological and carbon footprints have increased but the Earth's regeneration of resources has diminished. This deficit is maintained by using up natural resources and accumulating greenhouse gases in the atmosphere. We are living a lifestyle that is unsustainable. According to earth. org, our current rate of consumption requires 1.7 Earths to produce and regenerate all the recourses we use today.

Good News: Don't throw away a broken heel, a shirt with missing buttons or a dress with a tear in it if you live in France. The government will pay a "repair bonus" to have them mended in an effort to reduce fast fashion and cut down on waste.

Sad News: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has declared 21 species extinct in 2023. The extinct species include: Bachman's warbler, a black and yellow songbird, formerly found in several Southern states, eight freshwater mussels, eight Hawaiian honeycreeper birds, a catfish found only in Ohio, the Bridled White-Eye bird of Guam, a one-inch-long fish from Texas, and the little Mariana fruit bat of Guam. According to the Center for Biological Diversity, there are now 650 species that have gone extinct in the U.S. Climate change, pollution, and invasive species all contribute to the loss. The Endangered Species Act (ESA) is a crucial tool for preventing the extinction of critically endangered species, but it doesn't always prevent extinction. Federal protection for imperiled species is critical.

Have questions about recycling, or interesting information about recycling? Send questions or requests to grecycle450@gmail. com. Dear Recycle Lady is sponsored jointly by the Greenbrier Recycling Center and Greenworks Recycling.

### **Greenbrier East High School** Wrestler of the Week

Name: Kaden Stone Grade: 10th Grade

GPA: 4.0

Current Record: 40 - 3 (31 Pins)

Parents: Katie and Gabe Stone

Hometown: Lewisburg

Favorite Wrestler: Bo Nickal, 3x NCAA National Champion, 4x NCAA Finalist for Penn State University

Favorite Quote: "The giant in front of you is never bigger than the God inside of

you." - John 4:4 Began Wrestling: In kindergarten

Past Accomplishments: WSAZ Champion, Jr. State Runner-Up, and placed in the Top 8 at the state tournament last year.

Why he Wrestles: "I wrestle because I love to compete."

Coaches Comments: "Kaden works really hard in the wrestling room. He continues to climb every week even after a loss. He comes back stronger! This past week, he came back and beat a wrestler



who he had previously lost to earlier in the tournament. He also pinned a defend ing State Champion. Like Kaden said 'He loves to compete!""

Miluk Humor: (I'm getting older) I told my wife that I am like wine, I get better with age. So, she locked me in the cellar. Ha! No respect!!

The undersigned Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the authority vested in him by that certain Deed of Trust. dated December 11, 2020, and duly recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Greenbrier County, West Virginia, in Trust Deed Book 837 at page 246, Christopher S. McQuerry and Araminda McQuerry, husband and wife, did convey unto Jeffrey D. Noble, Trustee, certain real property described in said Deed of Trust; and the beneficiary has elected to appoint Gregory A. Tucker, P.L.L.C. as Substitute Trustee by a Substitution of Trustee dated December 29, 2023, and recorded in the aforesaid clerk's office in Trust Deed Book 889 at page 82; and default having been made under the aforementioned Deed of Trust, and the undersigned Substitute Trustee having been instructed by the secured party to foreclose thereunder, will offer for sale at public auction at the front door of the Greenbrier County Courthouse in Lewisburg,

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Beginning at a post in fence line on White, which is 470 feet from State Secondary Route 17/3; thence leaving White and through the survey of Miles, N 46 W 181 feet to a post corner of a wire fence; thence S 62 W 52 feet to a station in wire fence; thence S 61-30 E 200.36 feet to the beginning, said parcel

triangular in shape, and containing 4,706 square feet or .108 of an acre. Being the same real estate conveyed to Christopher S. McQuerry and Araminda McQuerry, husband and wife, by Shauna Elaine Crowe and Charles R. Long by deed dated December 4, 2020, and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Greenbrier County, West Virginia, in Deed Book 623 at

At the time of the execution of the Deed of Trust, this property was reported to have an address of 462

Germany Road, Renick, WV 24966. 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 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: Ten percent (10%) of the purchase price as a cash deposit 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.

Dated the 9th day of January, 2024.

GREGORY A. TUCKER, P.L.L.C. Substitute Trustee

By: GREGORY A. TUCKER. Member 719 Main Street Summersville, West Virginia 26651 (304) 872-2500

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Photo: Courtesy of the Greenbrier Historical Society. Sources: Hinton Daily News, The Independent Herald, The Raleigh Herald, The

### By William "Skip" Deegans

Standing as a statement of Alderson's once prominence as a commercial hub and center of education in the Greenbrier Valley, the Alderson National Bank Building is currently on the market. The building was constructed in 1910 at a cost of about \$10,000. In addition to the bank shown in the above early photo, the building was also occupied by M. D. Woodson that sold "groceries, notions and sporting goods" and the Rexall Pharmacy. The third floor of the building, named the Jarrett-Massey Hall, was used as a public hall for community events.

The bank was organized in 1909, and the first board of directors were T. H. Jarrett, John Hinchman, O. D. Massey, Dr. E. H. Campbell, and Mark L. Jarrett. The bank was capitalized with \$25,000 from 25 stockholders. T.H. Jarrett, one of the largest stock-

holders and a prominent cattleman, was elected president. As the first president of the First National Bank of Alderson, he brought experience to the new bank.

Upon his death in 1929, Jarrett was succeeded by O.D. Massey. Sadly, tragedy and misfortune followed Massey's appointment. Despondent over the loss of his wife two years earlier, Massey committed suicide in 1931 by drowning himself in the Greenbrier River. His body was found at the Markley swimming hole down river from Camp Greenbrier. After Massey's death, two of the bank's employees pleaded guilty at a trial in Federal court to the misapplication of funds and false entries.

The bank closed in September, 1931. The depositors, investors, and creditors received about 20% of what was due.

Fulton BSH WSSWV, LLC/Secure Store - 38515 Midland Trail East, White Sulphur Springs, WV 24986, has a possessory lien on all of the goods stored in unit 65. The auction will end on January 25, 2024 at 12 noon. All these items of personal property are being auctioned online through lockerfox.com. The auctions will run until January 25, 2024. Pictures of the unit can be inspected online. Cash payments only. For more details visit www.lockerfox.com/

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### Micah Fisher named to President's List at Cumberlands

In recognition of academic performance, the Office of Academic Affairs at University of the Cumberlands has announced the students named to the President's List for the fall 2023 semester.

To be eligible for the President's List, students must be enrolled in at least 12 credit hours (a full course load), maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average of 4.0 for the semester, receive an "A"

grade in UC Engage, and be in good academic standing. (Note: All students who are named to the President's List automatically make the Dean's List, since the Dean's List requires a minimum semester GPA of 3.5; however, Cumberlands only lists students on either the Dean's List or the President's List, to avoid

Congratulations, Micah Fisher of Lewisburg on

making the President's List for the fall 2023 semes-

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### Abigail Herndon recognized on Georgia Southern University's President's List

Georgia Southern University recently recognized approximately 2,350 students on the Fall 2023 President's List. Abigail Herndon of Crawley has been named to the list for excellence in academics. To be eligible for the President's List, a student must have at least a 4.0 grade point average and carry a minimum of

Georgia Southern University, a public Carnegie Doctoral/R2 institution founded in 1906, offers approximately 155 different degree programs serving more than 26,100 students through 10 colleges on three campuses in Statesboro, Savannah, Hinesville and online

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### Gov. Justice proposes \$50M for affordable housing in growing West Virginia

In a move to address the growing need for housing Berkshire Hathaway and Nucor, coupled with the esin areas experiencing economic expansion, Gov. Jim Justice proposed in his budget an allocation of \$50 million in surplus funds to support the construction of new single- and multi-family housing units across West Vir-

Gov. Justice discussed the budget proposal and the need for additional housing during his regularly scheduled Administration Update Briefing.

"West Virginia is booming, and with new companies and a thriving tourism industry, we need homes for our growing workforce," Gov Justice said. "This proposed investment is a strategic step towards ensuring our communities have the capacity to welcome and retain talented individuals who are discovering what we've known all along: that West Virginia is the best place to live, work, and raise a family."

The Governor's proposal comes at a time of unprecedented economic growth in the state. Recent developments, including the arrival of major employers like tablishment of the New River Gorge National Park and Preserve, have fueled significant demand for housing in areas across the state.

"Housing is a critical component of economic development," said Erica Boggess, Executive Director of the West Virginia Housing Development Fund (WVHDF), the state's housing finance agency. "The people who come to work for companies like LG Electronics or Nucor or for our new national park need suitable, affordable homes. We are grateful the Governor has recognized this need and the Housing Development Fund stands ready to bring new and affordable housing to our workers in areas across the state."

While the details of the proposed program are still under development, the WVHDF anticipates utilizing the majority of the funds for:

• Low-interest rate lending: This program will incentivize the construction of affordable housing units in targeted areas of growth.

• Pre-sale and financing assistance: This initiative will help home builders pre-sell units and assist buyers with securing financing before construction begins.

"We are looking forward to working with the state Economic Development Authority, Water Development Authority, the Infrastructure and Jobs Development Council, and other appropriate groups to make sure we spend this money efficiently to meet the housing needs of West Virginia," Boggess said. "We need to pull the rope together to ensure that we capitalize on this investment now and in the future."

About the West Virginia Housing Development Fund: The West Virginia Housing Development Fund was established to increase the supply of residential housing for individuals and families of low to moderate income and to provide construction and permanent mortgage financing to public and private housing investors. The West Virginia Housing Development Fund is an Equal Housing Opportunity Lender, NMLS # 198038. For more information, visit www.wvhdf.com.

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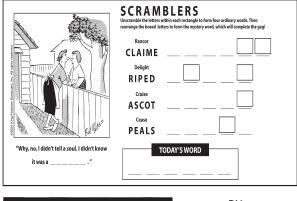
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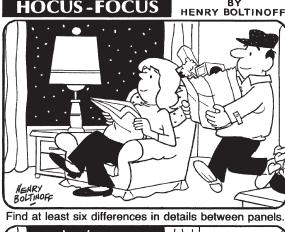
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### WV State Board of Education holds January meeting

#### Prepared by WV Professional Educator's **Executive Director David Gladkosky**

The following is a summary of the last WV State Board of Education meeting, held on Jan. 10, for your consideration.

Delegations: Executive Director David Gladkosky presented WVPE's five goals for the legislative session. These include:

- 1. Educators hired since July 2015 and every educator who is in retirement plan "Tier II" should have the option to convert their unused sick days into years of service or for insurance premiums.
- 2. Teacher salaries and incentives should be increased to attract and retain new educators, and to be competitive with salaries offered in neighboring states.
- 3. To meet the needs of an ever-growing number of special education students, our special education teacher base and associated supports must be increased.
- 4. Retirees in the West Virginia Teachers Retirement System and the West Virginia Public Employees Retirement system need to be properly compensated with a cost-of-living increase in their monthly pension checks.
- 5. Discipline protocols, as mandated by HB 2890 (relating to authority of teachers and other school personnel for the discipline of students), need to be revisited to address effective, consistent implementation.

School Safety Update: Jonah Adkins of the WVDE started this report by stating that all community members and school personnel must remain vigilant at all times. Training is continuing for county superintendents and safety response teams on county safety drill plans offered by the Office of Homeland Security. A training on human trafficking will take place on Jan. 18, through the West Virginia Fusion Center.

County Technical Assistance Update: Jeffrey Kelley of the WVDE provided the Board with snapshots of the assistance given to counties in recent months. Assistance has been provided to 45 Local Education Agencies (LEA's) in the areas of child nutrition, special education, career and technical education, county finance offices, and federal program staffing requirements. With ESSER monies running out this September, the WVDE is also working with counties in securing and managing funds to replace that source.

Consent Agenda/Routine Business:

- Approval was given for a waiver request for Policy 2444.4 section 3.1, requiring Mountaineer Challenge Academy applicants to pass an approved practice test with minimal scores.
- Approval for the employment of substitute teams in areas of critical need and short was given to Braxton, Hardy, and Summers Counties.
- Approval for the employment of retired bus operators as substitutes in areas of critical need and shortage was given to Braxton and Jack-
- Affidavits and a request from Berkeley County were received and approved for employment of eight substitute teachers and seven bus opera-
- amend its 2020-2030 CEFP to include consolidation of Pleasant Valley and East Park Elementary Schools. Approval was given to the EEPRB's recom-

• Approval was given to Marion County to

a Clinical Teacher of Record program with Summers County. • The West Virginia Licensure Testing Directory, with changes to reflect updates to policy

mendation for Concord University's addition of

and exams, was approved. • Approval was given for the 2024 training sessions, provided by WV Board of Education and the School Board Association, for county board members.

New Business:

- Statewide Waiver of Policy 8200, Purchasing Policies and Procedures for Local LEA's: Uriah Cummings, Director of School Finance, proposed the change to allow county boards to have a five-year approval for textbook/digital re-
- Special Circumstance Review Report of Philippi Middle School, Barbour County: Alex-

andra Criner, WVDE Office of Accountability, shared a report outlining 22 findings and action steps. Barbour County requested this assistance. Philippi Middle School serves approximately 275 students in grade 5-8. The WVDE Office of Accountability conducted 44 classroom observations, teacher, student, and administrator interviews and analyzed school-level data. The county superintendent and school principal have been in their current positions since July 2023, and most of the issues precede them. Areas to be addressed include student safety, school improvement process, access to a school counselor, instructional strategies for student engagement, special education compliance, and discipline. Barbour County Superintendent Ed Vincent spoke and reported that his staff was cooperating fully and are committed to solving these noncompliances.

WVDE Reports: Erika Klose, WVDE Coordinator, PK-12 Academic Support, shared an Artificial Intelligence (AI) Guidance Document entitled: Guidance, Consideration and Intentions for the Use of Artificial Intelligence in West Virginia Schools, which can be accessed at https://wvde. us/ai/. West Virginia is the third state in the country to develop AI guidance for PK-12 education use. The rapid growth of these tools has left educators around the world confused and conflicted about how AI should be used to generate productive learning environments. West Virginia's guidance assists the public school community to develop best practices to use AI for instructional purposes and broader district operations.

It also includes a plan of action that: reinforces that people are in control; advances educator comfort with AI; clarifies ethical uses; aligns AI with existing frameworks; encourages the use of AI; upholds academic integrity; safeguards students' privacy; equips educators; facilitates dialogue.

The responsible application of AI can lead to: individualized learning experiences; improved accessibility for diverse learning needs; streamlined administration tasks; instantaneous feedback; acquisition of necessary skills for the 21st century, including computer science and date literacy.

The next regularly scheduled WVBE meeting is 9 a.m., Wednesday, Feb. 14, in Building 6, Suite 600, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard, East, Charleston, WV.

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# Gov. Jim Justice announces plans to introduce more elk in WV, expand wildlife tourism

In his State of the State Address on Wednesday, Gov. Jim Justice announced that the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources (WVDNR) will introduce 40 new elk to the state's growing herd in 2024 and create a visitors center and observation tower in Logan County to help tourists and wildlife enthusiasts see these majestic animals in a natural setting.

"As a lifelong sportsman, I am beyond proud of the work the WVDNR has done since I took office to not only restore elk to West Virginia but to manage our growing herd so that folks can enjoy this magnificent native species for years to come," said Gov. Justice.

West Virginia's elk population was 22 when Gov. Justice took office. Since 2018, the WVDNR has introduced 57 elk (15 from Kentucky and 42 from Arizona) to the Tomblin Wildlife Management Area in Logan County. The current elk population is 110.

"Thanks to the leadership of Gov. Justice and the support of our partner agencies, West Virginia's total elk population is five times greater today than when we started our Elk Restoration Project in 2016," said WVD-NR Director Brett McMillion.

Partner agencies include the West Virginia Department of Agriculture, the U.S. Forest Service and the

U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

The 40 elk will be transported from the Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area in Kentucky and are scheduled to arrive Jan. 22-26. Upon arrival, the elk will be evaluated and held for a short period of time before being released into the wild.

Since 2018, the WVDNR has offered guided elk tours in Logan County, where participants can learn more about the history of elk in West Virginia and get a chance to see elk in a natural setting. Tours are offered in September and October each year and usually sell out.

Elk visitor center and viewing tower coming to Logan County

In the coming weeks, the WVDNR will be reviewing bids for the construction of an elk viewing tower and visitor center, which will be built in the Tomblin WMA's elk management area in Logan County. Funding for the project will come from \$2.5 million in Abandoned Mine Lands grants awarded by Gov. Justice.

The elk viewing tower will provide an elevated platform for enhanced viewing areas and a level viewing area that will be accessible for those with mobility issues. The visitor center will complement the elk viewing tower with more than 2,000 square feet of displays, conference facilities, offices and other amenities for visitors, volunteers, researchers and staff. There will also be more than 500 square feet dedicated to the history of the elk program and the reclaimed mine areas where they have been introduced.

"The growth of our elk herd and the success of our management program is a testament to the hard work of our wildlife biologists and this administration's commitment to protecting and preserving our natural resources," said McMillion.

Since Gov. Justice took office, more than 83,000 acres of public lands and 61 miles of rail trail have been added to the state's public lands, which are managed by the WVDNR. Major additions include the 72-mile Elk River Trail, 177-acre Summersville Lake State Park and nine new WMAs. Several WMAs have been expanded and all state parks and forests have received major renovations and facility expansions.

To learn more about the WVDNR's elk restoration program, visit WVdnr.gov/elk. To download a copy of the WVDNR's Elk Management Plan, visit WVdnr.gov/publications-and-guides.

### Carnegie Hall Calendar of Events

Thursday, January 25: Ruth Wyand - Second Stage Performance on Thursday, Jan. 25, at 7 p.m. featuring singer-songwriter Ruth Wyand. Demonstrating powerful fingerpicking, bottleneck-slide and a warm alto voice, Ruth plays a mix of Americana, jazz, blues, folk, country with a portion of Piedmont picking and bluegrass clawhammer thrown in. Second Stage Series takes place in the Old Stone Room and is general admission seating. Tickets are \$20/adult; \$5/child.

Friday, February 16: Club Carnegie - Join Carnegie Hall in the Board Room before the Get Ready! performance from 6 to 6:45 p.m., Friday, Feb. 16. Free admission. Cash bar and snacks available.

Friday, February 16: Get Ready! The Motown Tribute - Mainstage Performance by Motown tribute group Get Ready! on Friday, Feb. 16, at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$32/adults and \$10/students.

Saturday, February 24: Beethoven, The Great! - The Carnegie Classics Series presents Love Story! Robert & Clara featuring Barbara Nissman and other special guests on Saturday, Feb. 24, at 7 p.m. Individual performance tickets are \$25/adults and \$5/students. Rotating Galleries:

Old Stone Room Gallery - "Color That Sings" by Andrea Brunais. The exhibit runs through the end of February.

Museum Gallery - "Down In A Hole: Coal mining in Appalachia" by Jim Costa & Builder Levy. The exhibit runs through the end of February. Lobby Gallery - "Journey

Through Nature" by Charles "Butch" Ferguson. The exhibit runs through the end of February.

Board Room Gallery – "40 Years of Carnegie Hall" Exhibit

Permanent Exhibit:

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

Carnegie Hall Box Office and Galleries are open Monday – Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, please visit carnegie-hallwv.org, call 304-645-7917, or stop by 611 Church Street, Lewisburg.



Get Ready!

### Carnegie Hall's Mainstage series kicks off 2024 with 'Get Ready! A Motown Tribute'

Carnegie Hall presents Motown tribute band Get Ready! Friday, Feb. 16, at 7 p.m. Guests are invited to come early to Club Carnegie from 6 to 6:45 p.m. in the Board Room located adjacent to the Hamilton Auditorium. A cash bar and snacks are available.

The great sound of soul makes its round-trip journey home to its Southern roots with Get Ready. From Michael Jackson to Marvin Gaye, Get Ready will move your audience both physically and emotionally, bringing to life the many great artists and unforgettable songs of the golden era of Motown music.

This dynamic group does it all: harmonies reminiscent of classic vocal ensembles like the Four Tops or the Supremes, intricate dance moves worthy of the Temptations or the Jackson Five, and costuming

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