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## Locals to be recognized as WV History Heroes

West Virginia Archives and History is pleased to announce that the following individuals are among those who will be recognized as West Virginia History Heroes during a West Virginia History Day at the Legislature program and ceremony to be held at the Culture Center on the Capitol on the Capitol Complex in Charleston on Wednesday, Feb. 21.

Jane Hughes of Lewisburg was nominated by the Greenbrier Historical Society. She is a stellar volunteer at the Greenbrier Historical Society archives and library. A retired librarian, she has separated archival records from library records in the cataloging system, cataloged the family genealogy collection, re-cataloged the Lewisburg homes collection, and documented and cataloged the Greenbrier County Courthouse ledgers that were stored offsite. Hughes has purchased and donated local history books and many materials for the cataloging process. She also helps visitors with their research. In 2022, she helped with research for an article in the society's journal. This past year, she researched data and photos for the book "Home Among the Hills" for the society's tour fundraiser.

Alfred "Fred" Ziegler of Greenville was nominated by the Monroe County Historical Society. He has held several offices with the Monroe County Historical Society and served two terms as president. A tireless researcher, presenter, and published author, he continues to make invaluable contributions to the knowledge of the county's history. Ziegler has contributed substantially to saving historic structures in Union, and he has written many successful grant applications for maintenance of the society's five historic buildings. He

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## Frankford Elementary School receives \$6.7M

The West Virginia School Building Authority (WVSBA) has awarded \$6.7 million to Greenbrier County Schools through its Needs-Based Funding program to address safety, accessibility, and infrastructure needs at Frankford Elementary School (FES) as outlined in the 2020-2030 Comprehensive Educational Facilities Plan (CEFP). The school will undergo a \$7,307,000 renovation and construction project utilizing the \$6,700,000 awarded by the WVSBA and an additional \$607,000 committed by Greenbrier County Schools.

Highlights of the project include a new center addition with connecting corridors to bring the school under one roof with additional classrooms, a safe school entryway, elevator, administrative offices, improved bus and drop-off loop, and demolition of outdated portable classrooms. Additionally, electrical upgrades, a sanitation packaging plant, and a sprinkler system throughout the facility will provide much-needed infrastructure updates.

"This is such an exciting time for the students, staff, and community of Frankford Elementary and our school system and county overall. We look forward to partnering with the West Virginia School Building Authority to make these much-needed and long-awaited improvements at Frankford Elementary," states Superintendent Jeff Bryant.

"We anticipate completion by the spring of 2026," he concluded.

At its Dec. 11, 2023 meeting in Charleston, the WVSBA announced needs-based awards totaling more than \$111.8 million to projects to the following 19 school districts throughout the state: Berkeley (\$25 million),

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## Ronceverte announces goal of mini golf, disc golf course opening before summer

By Sarah Richardson

The Ronceverte Parks and Recreation committee met earlier this week to announce a progress report and projected completion times for two major projects coming to Ronceverte Island Park: the mini-golf course and a disc golf range.

Dan Withrow said that the mini golf course "is funded, not quite 100 percent but very close, and it certainly will be by the time the construction is to start."

He said they are currently waiting on the design team from Greenbrier East High School to complete the design work for the project, which saves a projected \$25,000 in design expenses. Withrow compared this group of students on the project to the students that designed the Greenbrier Valley Aquatic Center in Fairlea. "We are fortunate, we are blessed, to have the group that we've got at Greenbrier East working on this. We are super excited, and hopefully in the next meeting or two we will have a display or a design of the mini golf course that we can share with you."

He also reports that the disc golf course proposal is now together, it's going to start out being a 12-hole

course with a total cost of the project coming in at roughly \$8,577.78. The goal is to have the course completed in just a few weeks after the start of the project, which will hopefully be on or near Memorial Day.

"We are really shooting to have it done by Memorial Day, but everyone knows how construction goes, but with this being a local project we think it can move pretty quickly," said Withrow.

In other news, several attendees approached the Committee with words of support for the American Music Hall. The Committee responded that they are not directly involved with the AHMH despite it being located in Island Park, and the correct body to refer to is the Ronceverte City Council. "We are just an advisory committee," said Withrow.

Also, a representative with the Ronceverte Baptist Church announced that they are planning to hold an Easter Egg Hunt on the Saturday before Easter, Mar. 30, with a time to be determined. This event brought over 500 people in attendance last year. More details will be released as they are finalized.

## Lewisburg Mayor Beverly White awarded 'Certificate of Achievement' as part of Black Policy Day

By Matthew Young, RealWV, www.therealwv.com

"In 1999, I never thought I would be the Mayor of Lewisburg, West Virginia. I'm privileged to be that, and it is an honor to be here with you today."

Those words were spoken by City of Lewisburg Mayor Beverly White on Wednesday, as she addressed the crowd gathered in the lower rotunda of the State Capitol for Black Policy Day (BPD). Now in its third year, BPD serves as a platform for the state's historically disregarded Black voices to be heard, and provides an opportunity for community advocates to meet face-to-face with the men and women responsible for making West Virginia's laws.

Currently serving in her second term as mayor, White previously served Lewisburg as the city's first Black councilwoman. Her remarks came as attendees awaited the start of a scheduled "Crown Act" rally, something which White hopes to see finally become law during the current Legislative Session.

Simply stated, the "Crown Act" - legislation which has been proposed numerous times, yet has languished

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City of Lewisburg Mayor Beverly White, with her son, South Charleston Fire Chief Virgil White. (Photo by Matthew Young, RealWV)

## Fire claims structure in Ronceverte, no injuries reported

On Wednesday, Feb. 10, at 7:10 a.m., the Ronceverte Volunteer Fire Department was toned for a structure fire on Seneca Trail South reported by a passerby. According to a release by the Ronceverte VFD, "Engine 4001 was enroute within five minutes, followed by Tanker 4004 and Engine 4003. It was unsure if structure was occupied and Engine 4001 requested manpower and tankers from Fairlea

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(Photo courtesy of the Ronceverte Volunteer Fire Department)

## This Week in the House of Delegates

For the week ending Feb. 2, 2024

Members of the West Virginia House of Delegates voted to pass 27 bills this week as the 60-day regular legislative session approaches the halfway mark.

Nearly half a minute of applause filled the House Chamber Friday after members unanimously approved House Bill 5014. The measure would direct \$2 million to the WVU Rockefeller Neuroscience Institute to expand

groundbreaking research already being done in Morgantown to treat Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, drug addiction and other diseases with ultrasound.

"I want to tell you about a team of heroes we have here in West Virginia today and why this bill is important," said House Speaker Roger Hanshaw, R-Clay, speaking from his desk on the House floor to explain the bill before the vote.

Hanshaw said the team

has FDA clearance to extend their clinical trial to treat PTSD, specifically targeted veteran populations, and obesity, two disorders that plague West Virginians in disproportionately high amounts. He said with a one-time allocation of \$2 million, RNI would begin treating West Virginians in April.

Hanshaw told members

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The House of Delegates on Feb. 2, 2024 (WV Legislative Photography, Photo by Perry Bennett)

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## Greenbrier County 4-H announces judges for 19th annual Venison Contest

Greenbrier County 4-H would like to announce the judges for the 19th annual Venison Contest on Feb. 24 at the West Virginia Building at the State Fair of West Virginia. Our judges will be Nicole Graybeal, Andy Lyons, and Katherine Thompson. The Venison Cooking Contest, Bingo, and Auction is the primary fundraiser for Greenbrier County 4-H Camps. All proceeds from the event go toward reducing camp fees and providing scholarships.

Nicole Graybeal, a West Virginia native, is a passionate advocate for law and community service. After obtaining her Psychology degree from West Virginia University, she then pursued a law degree from WVU. During her time in law school, Nicole studied international trade law in Switzerland and actively participated in the WVU Veteran's Law Clinic. Following her graduation, she returned to southern West Virginia with a strong desire to assist the local community. Nicole dedicated herself to providing pro bono legal services to veterans, representing them in disability benefits, discharge upgrades, employment claims, and more. She then served as an Assistant Public Defender, focusing on representing juveniles in Greenbrier County. Currently, Nicole holds the position of Assistant Prosecuting Attorney in Greenbrier County, handling misdemeanor and felony cases, as well as juvenile and abuse and neglect cases. In 2024, Nicole is running for Prosecuting Attorney in Greenbrier County. Nicole is eagerly looking forward to judging the venison cook-off and discovering the culinary creations of the participants.

Andy Lyons, grew up in Hinton and loves spending time with his wife Lori, his son Jase, and his daughter Reese. He has a strong passion for hunting and fishing. The outdoors is his happy place, so it makes sense that he works



**Nicole Graybeal, Greenbrier County Assistant Prosecuting Attorney**



**Katherine Thompson, Chief Meteorologist for WVVA-TV**



**Andy Lyons, Natural Resources Police Officer Sergeant**

as a Natural Resource Officer Sergeant in Greenbrier, Monroe, and Summers counties. Andy and his family attend Bethesda Church in White Sulphur Springs.

Katherine Thompson (Collins) is the Chief Meteorologist for WVVA-TV. Originally from Swepsonville, NC, she grew up with hunters in the family and has always enjoyed deer meat. Katherine has lived in WV for the past decade. She is married to a Greenbrier County native, so this contest is always a local favorite of hers!

The Venison Contest is a part of Greenbrier County 4-H's Venison Contest, Bingo, and Auction on Saturday, Feb. 24, at the West Virginia Building at the State Fair of West Virginia. The day will start at 1 p.m., when entries for the Venison Contest can be dropped off. Participants are to prepare their best venison dish, create a visual pleasing presentation for their dish, and bring a typed copy of the recipe. The Venison Contest has a \$10 entry fee, and entry forms must be returned to the Greenbrier

County WVU Extension Office by Friday, Feb. 16. Judging of entries will begin at 2 p.m. Bingo will start at 2:30 p.m., and advance tickets cost \$25 and tickets at the door cost \$30. The Live Auction will start at 4:30 p.m. There will be a concession stand and activities available for children.

The camping experience for a child is life changing. It teaches responsibility, empathy, kindness, and respect while giving a feeling of inclusion and sense of belonging in a safe atmosphere. It allows youth to challenge themselves mentally and physically and develop relationships with caring adults and other youth. Research by the American Camp Association shows that campers make new friends, meet others from diverse backgrounds, build self-esteem and conquer fears.

If you would like to enter the venison contest, purchase bingo tickets, or donate items for this event, please call the Greenbrier County WVU Extension Office at 304-647-7408 for more information.

## Structure Fire

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Volunteer Fire Department, Lewisburg Fire Department, and the Union Volunteer Fire Department. Once units arrived the structure was found to be unoccupied. An interior attack was done and had the bulk of fire knocked out quickly. Units remained on scene for three hours doing overhaul and extinguishing all hotspots. No injuries were reported. Thanks to Fairlea VFD, Lewisburg FD, Union VFD, Greenbrier County Emergency Ambulance 617, and Greenbrier County 911 Center for their assistance on this incident."

## Rabies Notice from Greenbrier County Health Department

The Greenbrier County Health Department would like to make the public aware that the county is in the midst of a rabies outbreak. In 2023, raccoons and bats were reported to be positive in various areas of the county. In 2024, we have had two stray cats test positive. All areas of the county are considered to be affected. All residents should exercise extreme caution regarding both wildlife and stray animals. Early signs and symptoms of rabies include animals appearing disoriented and wandering aimlessly, wildlife appearing during the day, animals typically skittish of humans showing no fear of humans. Later symptoms include foaming at the mouth and extreme aggression. People should avoid any contact with an animal that is acting uncharacteristically

and contact local authorities to dispose of the animal. To reduce the risk of being exposed to rabies:

- Keep garbage in a secured/tightly lidded trashcan.
- Feed pets indoors or remove food from bowls after feeding outdoor pets.
- Teach children not to approach any animal at large.
- Vaccinate pets (dogs, cats, and ferrets) against rabies. WV State Code requires all dog and cat owners to maintain a current rabies vaccination on their pets. Fines may be levied against owners who fail to do so.
- Contact your local health department at 304-645-1539 if you see a suspect animal or if you have been bitten or scratched by an animal at large.

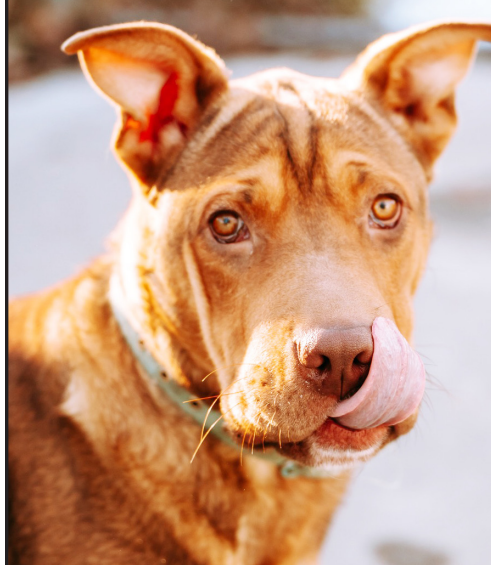


## WVSOM wears red for ending strokes and heart disease in women



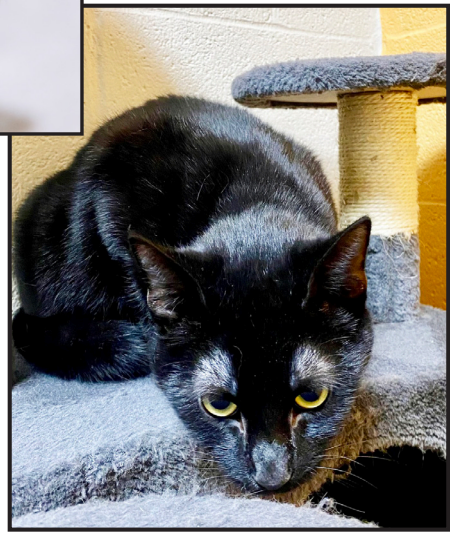
WVSOM President James Nemitz, Ph.D., administrators, faculty, staff and students in Lewisburg and in the school's Statewide Campus sported red on Friday for the American Heart Association's national movement to end strokes and heart disease in women. According to the American Heart Association, cardiovascular disease is the number one killer of women.

## PICK OF THE LITTER



### DURANGO

Durango is a seven-month-old Shar Pei mix and weighs 65 pounds



### RANDY

Randy is a one-year-old male domestic shorthair

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

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

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

Call 304-645-4775 for more information.

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

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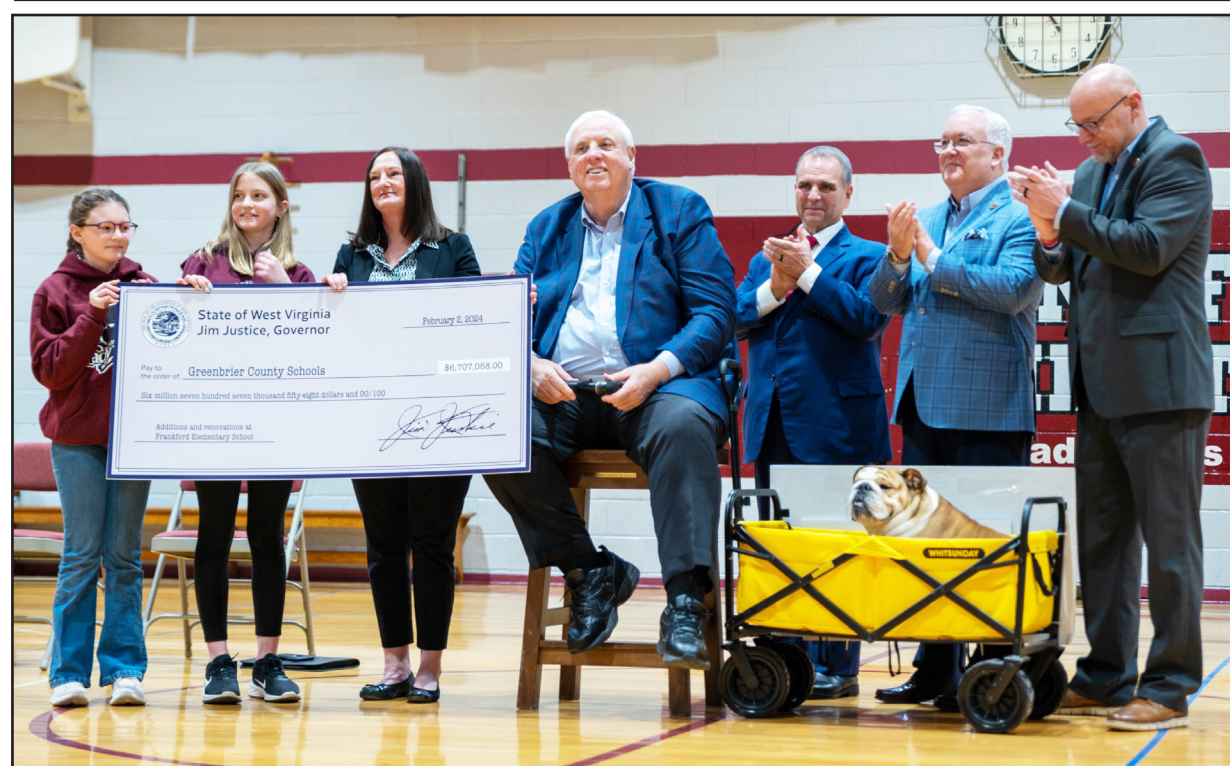


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## Frankford Elementary

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**Gov. Justice and Babydog visit Frankford Elementary School on Friday, Feb. 2, together with school officials.**

Wood (\$27.9 million), Wyoming (\$15.7 million), Fayette (\$15.6 million), Taylor (\$7.3 million), Marshall (\$9.2 million), Harrison (\$5.8 million), Grant (\$4.7 million), Jackson (\$13.5 million), Greenbrier (\$6.7 million), Mason (\$1.2 million), Logan (\$3 million), Randolph (\$2.3 million), Calhoun (\$4.8 million), Morgan (\$4.2 million), Hancock (\$987,000), Gilmer (\$724,000), Tucker (\$8.3 million) and Barbour (\$1.6 million).

“Frankford Elementary School is the heart of this community, and I know our students and school families will be thrilled to learn about this incredible investment in our school. We appreciate the support of our Board of Education and the efforts of our district leaders who presented the project on our behalf. We can’t thank the WVSBA enough for approving our request,” states principal Linda King.



**A volunteer moves pallets of food in the Facing Hunger Foodbank.**  
(Photo courtesy Facing Hunger Foodbank)

# Thousands of West Virginians could lose food assistance if lawmakers get their way

Lawmakers seek to add additional work program requirements to SNAP eligibility guidelines. Opponents say the change would mean less food for 75,000 West Virginians, including children.

**By La Shawn Pagán for Mountain State Spotlight**

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Up to a quarter of the 300,000 West Virginians enrolled in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program are at risk of losing the benefits they need to feed themselves and their families, if a new bill introduced by lawmakers comes to pass.

“The way it is written, it’s taking away food assistance from 75,000 West Virginians, including 30,000 children,” said Caitlin Cook, director of advocacy and public policy at Mountaineer Food Bank.

Federal guidelines say anyone who meets the income requirements for SNAP qualifies, as long as they’re in a job training program, doing volunteer work or are employed at least on a part-time basis.

But if SB 562 becomes law, it would require state agencies to assign participants to a job or training program, unless they’re working at least 30 hours a week or fall under another exemption.

“There’s a lot of classist assumptions being made about people enrolled in SNAP, and I think this bill deeply reflects that,” said Rhonda Rogombe, the health and safety net policy analyst at the West Virginia Center for Budget and Policy. “I have seen so many studies, and even seen evidence in our own state, that forcing people to meet work requirements does not increase employment, but it does increase hunger.”

One in six West Virginians were enrolled in the SNAP program last year, according to a report from the former Department of Health and Human Resources.

With cost of living on the rise and salaries remaining the same, thousands of West Virginians have resorted to applying for the benefits to help put food on the table.

SNAP benefits already underwent a change last year at the federal level: while people between 17-49 were already required to work or volunteer at least 80 hours a month, that was expanded to “able-bodied” adults between 50-54 years of age.

While SB 562 would give an exemption from the work requirement to parents who are full-time caretakers of a child under age six, Cook said the lack of consideration of parents of older children is a glaring omission.

“Anytime you take food out of the household, or you put barriers to food access, or that rule that is being applied to an adult, if there’s an adult with a child, that child is always impacted,” she said.

Plus, there are ripple effects. A lack of proper nutrition not only affects children and their ability to focus in school, but their parents and their ability to focus and perform at work according to Cook. Additionally, Rogombe said because SNAP makes people eligible for free or low cost child care, pushing them out of the program would exacerbate the state’s child care crisis.

The bill’s lead sponsor Sen. Rollan Roberts, R-Raleigh, declined to comment through spokesperson Jacque Bland. The bill is pending in the Senate Workforce Committee, and Bland said it is scheduled to be considered on Friday.

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the opportunity was too substantial to wait.

“I cannot think of a better way to spend this \$2 million and spend it now, as opposed to putting it somewhere else, as opposed to doing it in our budget process; we need to do it,” he said. “We need to do it now, and that’s the reason I’ve left that podium to talk about this today.”

“We have an opportunity to continue leading the world - not leading the nation, not leading the state, leading the world - in delivering a groundbreaking treatment, a groundbreaking therapeutic technology that was published two weeks ago in the New England Journal of Medicine, the world’s foremost journal for academic medicine, and deliver that technology to West Virginians who suffer from conditions that deserve our attention.”

House Bill 5014, which goes now to the Senate for consideration, would devote \$2 million in surplus funds that had not yet been allocated from the 2024 budget.

Delegate John Williams, D-Monongalia, represents the district where the WVU Health Sciences Center is located, and is a co-sponsor of the bill. He asked members to be mindful of the decisions that made their vote possible.

“I’m thinking of, in the 1950s, when Gov. Okey Paterson decided that we ought to have a medical school in West Virginia and it ought to be in located in Morgantown,” he said. “And that initial investment that is continued to West Virginia University’s medical school throughout the years has made this possible. It helped Dr. (Ali) Rezaei come to Morgantown, and it helped us have the Rockefeller Neuroscience Institute, and so I would say that when we look at those past investments, I would just ask my friends to keep that in mind when we have future financial questions before us relating to West Virginia University.”

“In the budget hearing this week, we learned that for every \$1 that this Legislature gives to WVU, it creates about \$20 more in our local economy. And when you consider that this \$2 million is going to help go to an FDA trial that is going to potentially cure PTSD and cure eating disorders, it’s no doubt why that dollar stretches so far at a rate of one to 20.”

The new House Committee on Artificial Intelligence advanced its first bill this week. House Bill 5161 would create a “digital wallet” through an addition to the West Virginia Secretary of State’s one-stop business portal website where certifications and licensures could be stored.

Artificial Intelligence Committee Chairman Jarred Cannon, R-Putnam, said the measure, whose lead sponsor is Jimmy Willis, R-Brooke, would put West Virginia ahead of other states in digital initiatives.

“From software engineers to welders and beauticians, keeping track of your educational certificates and work licensures can be a big inconvenience,” Cannon said. “With this legislation, West Virginians will have an innovative and easy-to-use portal that will allow for the upload and online storage of those documents, accessible from any electronic device at any time, should they choose to do so.”

The House also returned to 100 members to start the week as Delegate David Green, R-McDowell, took the oath of office Monday to represent District 36.

A total of 1,423 bills have been introduced in the House, and 50 of those have passed the full House. The deadline for House bills to be introduced is Feb. 13. The session ends at midnight Saturday, Mar. 9.

## Task Force issues warning to suspected election scam AI robocallers

West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrisey, along with 50 bipartisan attorneys general on the nationwide Anti-Robocall Multistate Litigation Task Force, sent a warning letter to a company that allegedly sent New Hampshire residents scam election robocalls during the New Hampshire primary election. The calls allegedly used artificial intelligence to impersonate the president and discourage voters from participating in the primary.

“Elections are the staple of our democracy and there’s no room for robocalls like these disseminating false information - we must leave no stone unturned in our fight against falsehoods like these calls,” Attorney General Morrisey said. “West Virginia remains committed to making progress in combating unlawful robocalls and we will continue to cooperate with other states and national agencies to stop these illegal and obnoxious scam calls.”

In the letter, the Anti-Robocall Multistate Litigation

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# OBITUARY

**Jo Lynn Ball**



Jo Lynn Ball, 82, passed away Saturday, Feb. 3, 2024, at the Peyton Hospice House following a long illness. Born Oct. 18, 1941, in Montgomery, WV, she was the daughter of the late Victor Harold Burks and Mary Katherine Shawver Burks. Survivors include daugh-

ter, Renee Harvey (Randy) of Alderson; sister, Bonnie Ellison of Bluefield, VA; and brother-in-law, Joe Ball (Linda) of Lewisburg. Also left to cherish her memory is grandson, Matthew Harvey of Alderson; granddaughters, Nicole Adkins (Charles) of Ballard, and Amber Toney (Cody) of Danese; special nieces, Vickie Crockett (Junior) of Bluefield, VA, and Laura Stewart (Rich-

ard) of Holland, OH; special cousin, Lynne Struble (Skip) of Pittsburgh, PA; and special friends, Doris and Dana Godby of Lewisburg.

A memorial service will be held at Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Lewisburg on Friday, Feb. 9, with the Reverend Joe Geiger and Reverend Jeff Kanode officiating. The family will receive friends from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

with the funeral following at 1 p.m. In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made in her memory to the Peyton Hospice House, 1265 Maplewood Avenue, Lewisburg, WV, 24901.

Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Lewisburg is in charge of arrangements. Please send online condolences by visiting [www.WallaceandWallace-FH.com](http://www.WallaceandWallace-FH.com).

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## Club & Church

### Church Bulletin

#### Lewisburg Baptist Church service hours

Please join us for services and events at Lewisburg Baptist Church - a Bible believing and preaching Church nestled in the heart of Greenbrier County. Worship services are offered on Sundays at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m., and on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Sunday School for children and for adults are on Sundays at 10 a.m. Van pick up is also available on Sundays and Wednesdays. On Wednesdays, other events include Awana Clubs (age 3 to Grade 6) at 6:45 p.m. and Youth Teen Ministry at 7 p.m. Lewisburg Baptist Church is located at 246 Grand Avenue in Lewisburg. Further information is available at [www.lbcwv.com](http://www.lbcwv.com), on Facebook, or by calling 304-645-3797.

#### Registration open for Greenbrier Christian Retreat

Greenbrier Christian Retreat announces early bird registration for its 2024 Summer Camp is now available through Mar. 1. Summer Camp dates are June 10 through 14 for Junior Week (grade 4-6) and June 17 through 21 for Teen Week (grade 7-12). Greenbrier Christian Retreat specializes in Summer Camps and also offers retreats and special event spaces throughout the year. Greenbrier Christian Retreat is located at 1234 Victory Valley Drive on a 400-acre retreat in Crawley, WV, among the beautiful Appalachian Mountains. Further background and camp information are available at [www.greenbrierchristian.com](http://www.greenbrierchristian.com) or please contact Chad Harris at 304-646-4710.

## Catholic Bishop to officiate at Masses at local Catholic churches this weekend

The Bishop of the Diocese of Wheeling/Charleston, Mark Brennan, will be officiating at the Masses this weekend at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in White Sulphur Springs and St. Catherine of Siena Church in Ronceverte.

The public is invited to hear the ninth Bishop of the Diocese, which encompasses all of the state of West Virginia, on Feb. 10 and 11.

Weekend Masses at St. Charles Borromeo are the vigil on Saturday at 4 p.m. and Sunday morning at 9 a.m. Music for both Masses will be provided by the church choir and musicians, directed by Leah Trent.

At St. Catherine of Siena in Ronceverte, the Sunday Mass will be at 11 a.m. with music provided by the church choir, also known as the Hymns and Hers, and musicians, directed by Mary Ford Thompson.

For additional information, telephone the Office of the Catholic Churches of the Greenbrier Valley 304-645-1373.

## Bill and Neva Boggs to celebrate 60th Wedding Anniversary

Bill and Neva Boggs will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on Saturday, Feb. 17 at the Enon Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, located on Vago Road in Frankford. Everyone is invited to join them for their special day from 1 to 3 p.m. and visit with their friends, families and neighbors. Snacks and drinks will be available. No gifts, please.

## This week in West Virginia History

The following events happened on these dates in West Virginia history. To read more, go to [www.wvencyclopedia.org](http://www.wvencyclopedia.org).

**Feb. 11, 1903:** Artist Grace Martin Taylor was born in Morgantown. She produced an immense body of work in various styles and enjoyed a lengthy career at the Mason College of Music and Fine Arts in Charleston.

**Feb. 11, 1904:** Clarence Watson Meadows was born in Beckley. His mother hoped he would become a Baptist minister, but he ultimately entered politics, becoming the 22nd governor of West Virginia.

**Feb. 11, 1911:** The Charles Town Opera House opened. The 500-seat theater ushered in an era of entertainment and service lasting more than 30 years.

**Feb. 11, 1923:** Eight members of the Black Hand were arrested in Harrison County. The Black Hand was the name and symbol of an underworld society of Italian immigrants that extorted money from other Italian immigrants.

**Feb. 11, 1935:** The first houses in the Tygart Valley Homesteads were ready for occupancy. One of three resettlement projects in West Virginia, the homesteads were intended to provide a new start for unemployed farmers, miners and timber workers.

Feb. 11, 1949: Singer and pianist Ethel Caffie-Austin was born in Bluefield, and raised in Mount Hope. As "West Virginia's First Lady of Gospel," she has performed around the world, taught countless students, earned the Vandalia Award and founded the Black Sacred Music Festival. She was inducted into the West Virginia Music Hall of Fame in 2020.

**Feb. 12, 1867:** Barboursville was incorporated by an act of the state legislature. Originally the county seat of Cabell County, it lost that honor after the C&O Railway was completed to Huntington.

**Feb. 12, 1899:** Karl Dewey Myers was born in Tucker County with severe disabilities. He never attended school but educated himself through persistent self-study. He was named the state's first poet laureate in 1927.



**Feb. 13, 1800:** Gen. John Jay Jackson was born near Parkersburg. He served in the Seminole Wars as a member of Gen. Andrew Jackson's staff.

**Feb. 13, 1913:** Mother Jones was arrested in Charleston after supporting union miners on Paint Creek and Cabin Creek.

**Feb. 13, 1923:** Chuck Yeager was born at Myra, about seven miles from Hamlin. In 1947, in a Bell X-1 rocket airplane dropped from a B-29 bomber, Yeager became the first person to break the sound barrier by flying 700 miles per hour.



**Feb. 14, 1866:** Grant County was created and named for Gen. Ulysses S. Grant, who later became the nation's 18th president.

**Feb. 15, 1898:** Musician John Homer "Uncle Homer" Walker was born in Mercer County. Among the last in a tradition of Black Appalachian banjo players, he played the five-string banjo in the clawhammer style.

**Feb. 15, 1930:** Sara Jane Moore was born in Charleston. On Sept. 22, 1975, Moore attempted to assassinate President Gerald Ford in San Francisco.

**Feb. 15, 1975:** Elizabeth Kee, the state's first female member of Congress, died in Bluefield. Kee was elected to Congress in 1951 after the death of her husband, John. She retired in 1964 and was succeeded by her son, James.

**Feb. 16, 1821:** Morris Harvey was born near Prosperity in Raleigh County. Harvey's gifts to the Barboursville Seminary led to its name being changed to Morris Harvey College in 1901. The institution is now known as the University of Charleston.

## OPINION

### Commentary

#### Capito statement on USPS's initial findings for Charleston facility

Earlier this month, U.S. Senator Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV) released a statement after reviewing the United States Postal Service's (USPS) initial findings for the Charleston Processing and Distribution Center Mail Processing Facility Review (MPFR). Senator Capito has remained active on this issue, and has spoken personally with Postmaster General DeJoy and other local officials on the matter.

"I have reviewed USPS's initial findings of the Processing and Distribution Center in Charleston, and while I am glad to see that they have decided to invest in new equipment and upgrades to the facility, I am disappointed to see that they believe that some jobs being transferred to other locations - even if it is less than what was rumored - would be a positive step. I also would have hoped the USPS would have held their public meeting as scheduled on January 30th. I still believe that the community deserves to be heard, and I hope that USPS will take that feedback into consideration before any final decisions are made. In the meantime, I urge USPS to listen at the required upcoming public meeting and take into account the importance of this facility to the community as they work to produce their final decisions."

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## New grant program aims to save and preserve historic buildings in WV

The Preservation Alliance of West Virginia (PAWV) announces the opening of its application period for its Fund for Historic Schools Grant to fund pre-development, development, and architect/engineer costs for the preservation of certified historic school buildings.

PAWV has \$665,000 available for the Round 1 application period, which will close at 5 p.m. on Friday, Mar. 1. PAWV intends to award 5 to 10 grants ranging from \$50,000 to \$300,000 by May 2024. Grant application materials are available for download at <https://www.pawv.org/savingplacesgrant.html>. Call 304-345-6005 if you need assistance downloading the application materials.

The Fund for Historic Schools Grant is a competitive grant program designed to encourage economic development through the renovation and preservation of certified historic school buildings in rural West Virginia communities experiencing high levels of poverty. When a school closes and is mothballed or under-utilized, it becomes subject to blight and a magnet for illegal activities. The vacant building acts as a burden on the school district, which must still pay for maintenance, security, and insurance. Communities across West Virginia want to see these special places preserved. PAWV has witnessed communities coming together to save and repurpose their former schools. This grant program will support those efforts and open the door to other historic preservation incentives and private investment.

PAWV is the statewide nonprofit organization dedicated to historic preservation in the Mountain State, and the nonprofit created the Saving Historic Places Grant Program in 2019 to provide funding that helps communities save the places that matter most to them. In 2023, PAWV developed a special subprogram called the "Fund for Historic Schools" and won a \$750,000 Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Grant from the National Park Service, Department of the Interior, to support the program. PAWV was one of 13 subgrant programs totaling \$9.7 million in 12 states to receive this prestigious grant, which supports economic development through the preservation of historic buildings in rural communities across the country.

These grants mark the fifth year of funding for the program honoring the late Paul Bruhn, executive director of the Preservation Trust of Vermont for nearly 40 years. This is the second year PAWV has received a grant award under the program in which State and Tribal Historic Preservation Offices, Certified Local Governments, and nonprofits from across the country were eligible to apply for funding to create a subgrant program to fund multiple preservation projects in their rural jurisdictions.

### AI Robocallers

Continued from Page 4

Task Force warns Life Corporation and its owner and executives that they need to cease any unlawful call traffic immediately. If they don't, they may be in violation of the Telephone Consumer Protection Act, the Truth in Caller ID Act, and other state consumer protection laws. The Task Force's investigation indicates that Life Corp. allegedly spoofed their calls to make them appear like they were coming from legitimate New Hampshire political party officials. They then proceeded to provide incorrect information about elections and voting to the call recipients.

In addition to this warning letter, the New Hampshire Attorney General's office issued a cease-and-desist letter against Life Corp. as part of its ongoing investigation into the matter. The Federal Communications Commission's Enforcement Bureau also issued a cease-and-desist letter against Lingo Telecom, which was identified to have originated a portion of these calls for Life Corp., demanding that it immediately stop supporting illegal robocall traffic on its networks.

The Anti-Robocall Multistate Litigation Task Force of 51 bipartisan attorneys general investigates and takes legal action against those responsible for routing significant volumes of illegal robocall traffic into and across the United States.

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# Dear Recycle Lady,

**Dear Recycle Lady,**  
Last week you said not to flush medications, however, I found information that says certain drugs can be flushed. See the website, [www.fda.gov/consumers/consumer-update/where-and-how-dispose-unused-medicines](http://www.fda.gov/consumers/consumer-update/where-and-how-dispose-unused-medicines). It has some good information.

**Proper Disposal is Important**  
**Dear Proper Disposal is Important,**  
Thanks for the informative website. The FDA recommendation is to flush medicines, especially those harmful to others, only if a take-back option is not readily available. These medicines are flushed particularly for the protection of children or the elderly. However, included in their information is a list of flushable medicines for those who do not have access to a take-back program, as well as instructions on how to prepare these medicines for disposal in the trash. Fortunately, Greenbrier County has a take-back program located in the Greenbrier County Court House. Also, several local pharmacies have an on-site medicine drop-off box. For example, CVS Pharmacy in Lewisburg has a drop-off box and Greenbrier Medical Arts Pharmacy accepts medicines for proper disposal.

**Dear Recycle Lady,**  
Do you accept submersible well pumps? If not, can you suggest any disposal options?

**A Reader**  
**Dear Reader,**  
Good question. Yes, the Recycle Center does accept submersible well pumps. When you take the pump to the Center, follow the sign for recycling aluminum cans. There will be someone there to help you unload the pump.

**Dear Recycle Lady,**  
A couple of weeks ago you addressed

Earth Overshoot Day? What is an Ecological Overshoot?

**More New Terms**  
**Dear More New Terms,**  
Ecological Overshoot, according to Wikipedia, occurs when the human demands made on a natural ecosystem exceed its regenerative capacity. Global ecological overshoot occurs when the demands made by humanity exceed what the biosphere of Earth can provide through its capacity for renewal. The Global Footprint Network collects data about the availability of natural resources and the capacity of the ecosystems to renew the natural resources that have been consumed. This ecological data collection indicates that the global community has been exceeding the regenerative capacity of the Earth since 1970. In 2008, the ecological overshoot had grown to a deficit of 50%, which means that it takes Earth 1.5 years to regenerate the renewable resources that have been used by humans and to absorb the carbon dioxide waste that they produced in one year. The interest we are paying on our ecological debt comes in the form of soil erosions, food shortages, and climate change.

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# A Look Back

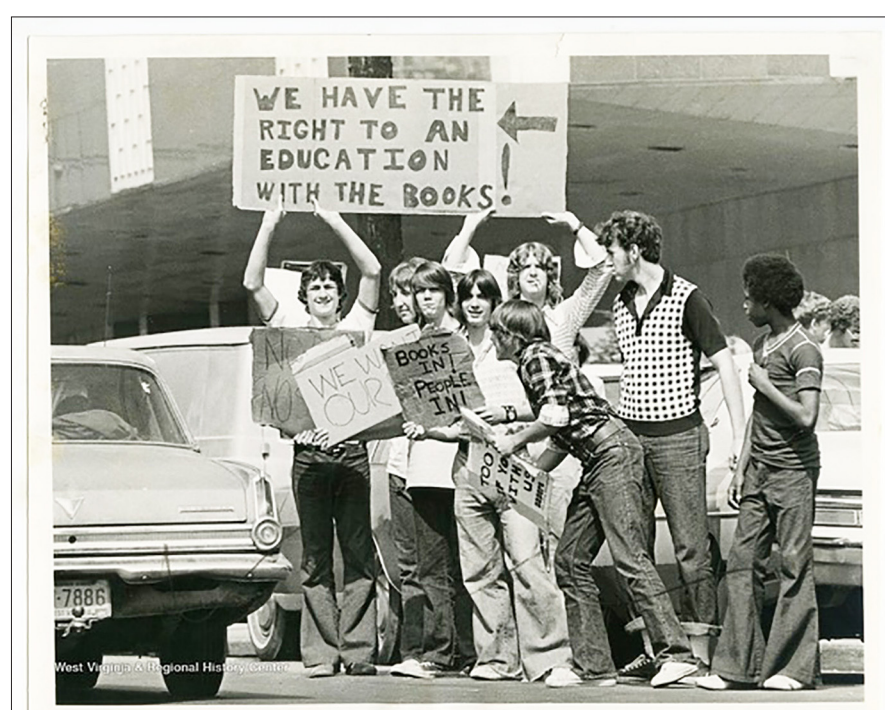


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Sources: WVPBS, Charleston Gazette, From Textbooks To Tea Parties: An Appalachian Antecedent of Anti-Obama Rebellion by Carol Mason.

**By William "Skip" Deegans**  
The recent debate in the West Virginia Legislature about banning certain books in public libraries conjures up a time 50 years ago when West Virginia drew the attention of the whole nation. In 1974, a state mandate was issued to the West Virginia public schools to develop a new curriculum that should include multiethnic and multicultural literature. In Kanawha County a committee of county educators that spent 10 months developing a new language arts curriculum presented its recommendation to the Kanawha County School Board. Alice Moore, a board member who admitted she had not read the books, objected to the books in the new curriculum. She had previously opposed sex education and a liberal agenda in schools and was upset by the prospect of students studying Appalachian and African American vernacular. One book that she found particularly upsetting was "The Autobiography of Malcolm X." At the June meeting of the School Board, members voted three to two to purchase the books.

Moore was joined by local fundamentalist preachers in her opposition to the new curriculum, and protests against and for the books erupted during the summer. When school opened in the fall, 25 percent of the 45,000 students did not go to class. Schools were picketed, and parents were fearful for their children to cross

the picket line. The protest spread to the coal fields, and 3,500 miners walked off. Factories shut down and businesses were boycotted. The school board closed county schools for three days and removed the controversial books for further review. In October and November violence erupted with gunshots and arson. A school on Campbells Creek was dynamited, and a plot for more explosions that would have killed students was thwarted by the federal government. The Klu Klux Klan and the newly-formed conservative Heritage Foundation entered the fray. The Klan burned a cross in Kanawha County, marched on the capitol, and its Grand Dragon came to West Virginia.

As a proposed resolution, in November the School Board voted to return all the books to the classroom except for 35 of the most controversial that were placed in school libraries. Those books could be read by students only with parental permission. If a controversial book was discussed in the classroom, students could skip the class by going to the library. Despite the compromise, fights broke out at the school board meeting. By January, as winter set in, the controversy died down. Dr. Kenneth Underwood, Kanawha County's school superintendent, resigned under pressure. Some schools refused to use any of the recommended books, and many teachers avoided bringing modern literature into their curriculum.

## Greenbrier East High School Wrestler of the Week

Name: Jacob Barker  
Grade: 9th Grade  
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Current Record: 19 Wins (3 Pins)  
Parents: Robert and Tammy Barker  
Hometown: Ronceverte  
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Favorite Quote: "Float like a butterfly and sting like a bee!" - Muhammad Ali



Began Wrestling: 6th Grade  
Past Accomplishments: Jr. Regional Champion, Jr. Coalfield Conference Champion and 4th Place at Jr. States.  
Why he Wrestles: "Because I am small, and wrestling is for everybody."  
Coach's Comments: "Jacob comes in ready to work every day. He loves the sport of wrestling. He continues to improve and grow every day. Jacob has a 'do not quit' attitude even if we bump him up in weight classes. He

fighters as hard as he can. 'You cannot beat a person who never quits.' That's Jacob!"

Miluk Humor: My wife and I have the secret to making our marriage last. Two times a week, we go out to a nice restaurant and have a little wine and good food. She goes on Tuesdays, I go on Fridays. Ha!

## Intrasquad swim meet held at GVAC

An intrasquad swim meet was held on Feb. 23 at the Greenbrier Valley Aquatic Center with 23 swimmers participating. Maddi Dillion and Keith Benedict were the most improved swimmers. New team records were set by the following swimmers in their competition categories: Kennedy Willis (50Y Free, 100Y Back, 25Y Breast, 50Y Breast), Zoey Hobbs



(50Y Fly) Avery Hodges-McGuffin (200Y Free), Emily Hobbs (50Y Free, 100Y Back, 50Y Fly), Tianna Allen (200Y Free) (50Y Breast), Solomon Rodebaugh (25, 50, and 100Y Free, 50 and 100Y Back), Luke Taylor (50 and 100Y Free, 50Y Back, 50Y Breast), Pierce Necessary (200Y Free), Keith Benedict (200Y Free), Emil Applegate (50 and 100Y Breast), Ben Kelso (100Y IM), and Mary Taylor (25 and 50Y Free, 25Y Back).  
The next meet the Sea Dragons have is the State Championship in Morgantown, Mar. 15 through Mar. 17.

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# West Virginia Hive launches Regional Culture of Service Mission

Customized Training Workshop at Tamarack Set for March 25-26

The West Virginia Hive, the entrepreneurship program of the New River Gorge Regional Development Authority (NRGRDA), announced recently a regional initiative to improve customer service among frontline businesses...

Judy Moore, executive director of the WV Hive and deputy director of NRGRDA, said we want to offer best of class training to help the New River Gorge region and southern West Virginia surpass expectations for visitor experiences...

Moore said the WV Hive is partnering with regional chambers of commerce, convention and visitor bureaus, business leaders and others to promote the Mar. 25-26 training sessions, titled "growing your business through a culture of service."

She added that enhancing our "culture of service" targets a strategic priority for NRGRDA and the WV Hive in improving the New River Gorge region's "quality of place."

The WV Hive has contracted with the professional business training firm, Zingerman's in Ann Arbor, MI, to offer its tested, research-based "ZingTrain" learning concepts, which will be personalized and customized for the New River Gorge region.

Moore said Stephanie Stiffler, Vice President of Business Operations at MountainPlex Properties LLC, of Hinton, has previously participated in the training and said, "I'm thrilled to share our fantastic experience with ZingTrain's customer service training."

Timo Anderson, who has been training clients for Zingerman's for the past 10 years, said, "I have been to the New



Growing Your Business Through a Culture of Service in the New River Gorge region is designed to enhance customer service like is being provided here by a co-owner of Botany Tropicals, which has retail locations in Hinton and Princeton.

River Gorge for whitewater rafting and I look forward to returning now that the Congress has designated it a national park and preserve."

Anderson said, "Southern West Virginia has so much to offer its visitors. In this training, we'll work with participants to find ways to make visitor experiences even more exceptional and memorable - which will hopefully bring them back time and time again."

At the conclusion of the training workshop, participants will be able to:

- Explore the management philosophy that has been successful at Zingerman's.
• Explain Zingerman's approach to customer service and how it can be adapted to work in their organization.
• Use new skills and knowledge to improve their bottom-line performance as managers and leaders.

The training session - valued at \$1,500 - is available to registrants at only \$50 per person, plus taxes and fees (including snacks, beverages and lunch) thanks to the support of the WV Hive. Register to attend online.

For specific questions, please contact Hannah Morgan at the WV Hive - hmorgan@nrgrda.org, 304-460-4483 Ext. 114.

The WV Hive serves a 13-county area, including Raleigh, Fayette, Summers, Nicholas, Webster, Greenbrier, Pocahontas, Monroe, Mercer, Wyoming, McDowell, Logan, and Mingo counties. More information about the WV Hive can be found at https://wvhive.com/.



Tracy Calizon

## New Acting Forest Supervisor of Monongahela National Forest announced

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Forest Service has selected Tracy Calizon as Monongahela National Forest's Acting Forest Supervisor. She will lead the 920,000-acre Forest for the next four months, replacing Shawn Cochran...

Calizon began her Forest Service career in Washington, DC, where she worked for Research and Development, as a national litigation coordinator, and with the Office of Tribal Relations as lead author on the USDA/Forest Service Synthesis on Sacred Sites.

"I've heard fantastic things about the Monongahela and West Virginia and am very happy to be here," said Calizon. "I'm excited to put my skills to work alongside of all of you who love the Mon!"

Calizon holds a bachelor's degree in environmental science from the University of Virginia and a law degree, with a concentration in natural resources and public lands law, from University of Colorado. She grew up camping, hiking, and skiing in the parks, forests, and beaches of Virginia and the surrounding area...

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## Super Crossword

### ACROSS

- 1 Auxiliary professor
8 Nickname for baseball great Ruth
15 Cultural value system
20 High-fashion clothing
21 Knows someone at the company, say
22 Reluctant (to)
23 "Wait, my rant isn't finished..."
25 Private, as desires
26 Agnus — (lamb figure)
27 "Cool beans!"
28 Down dinner
30 Look lewdly
31 2018 war documentary directed by Peter Jackson
38 Composer — Sebastian Bach
40 Hamilton/Burr confrontation
41 Era upon era
42 Turndowns
43 Stati — (America, in Italian)
44 Stage design
47 La — Tar Pits
49 Gp. opposed to leather
51 Made a habit of taking risks
54 Actress Cuthbert
57 French for "summers"
58 Bible book after Micah
59 Dwell at
61 —Ops (CIA mind games)
62 Coffee holder
63 In love
67 Big name in candy wafers
68 2011-13 Fran Drescher sitcom
71 Give it — (try)
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9 Novelist Robbins
10 N.Y. hours
11 Cranky cry
12 Singer DiFranco
13 Stanford- — test
14 Occupy
15 — Lilly & Co.
16 Until this time
17 "Just one moment"
18 Verdi opera
19 Tears to bits
24 "Told ya so!"
29 Recurring themes
32 Detests
33 Author Blyton
34 Oil, informally
35 Dweeb's kin
36 Cassini of 20-Across
37 Quick quip
38 Minty Kentucky Derby drink
39 — last legs (about to collapse)

### ACROSS

- 44 Biting turtle
45 Ordinal suffix
46 Like so, informally
48 Correo — (Spanish airmail)
50 — over (satisfied for the moment)
52 "Movin' —" (sitcom theme song)
53 Tube prizes
55 Brand of fruit drinks
56 Year, in Brazil
60 Signs up
62 Multilevel structure for fluffiness
64 Suffix with chlor- or fluor-
65 Model Cheryl
66 "ER" or "CSI" move on
69 Lead-in to "So sue me!"
70 Caesar's 202
71 N.C. State's NCAA div.
72 "— Na Na"
73 Toiling away
76 Fetching
77 Certain surrealist paintings
78 Eye maladies
80 Funds
82 Sly — fox
83 Tortoise's top
86 Calf product
87 Caesar's "Behold!"
88 Campus mil. program
89 Singer Halliwell
94 Underside of a dog's foot
95 Liftoff stress
97 Hebrew horn
99 With
106-Down, North Pole surrounder
100 Cling (to)
102 Perfumer Lauder
103 Absurd
104 Missouri's — Mountains
105 Toon pic
106 See 99-Down
111 Kin of -ette
112 Novelist Jennifer
114 Pre-CIA gp.
116 "— a girl!"
117 Fabric dye brand
118 Retired NBAer Ming
119 Vote down
120 "True —" ("Indeedy")

Grid for the crossword puzzle with numbered starting points for clues.

SCRABLERS: A word game section with a cartoon titled 'MATERNITY WAITING ROOM' and a grid of words to be unscrambled.

HOCUS-FOCUS: A 'Find the Differences' puzzle by Henry Boltinoff showing a man cooking in a kitchen.

Another HOCUS-FOCUS puzzle by Henry Boltinoff with a different kitchen scene.

Weekly SUDOKU: A 9x9 grid with numbers placed in some cells and empty cells for the solver.







# Carnegie Hall pop-up gallery celebrates Black History Month

Carnegie Hall announces a new capsule exhibit, Civil Rights and Peace, celebrating Black History Month in the Museum Gallery Alcove (adjacent to the Hamilton Auditorium). The exhibit is free and open to the public, Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and runs through the end of February.

The exhibit features photography by Builder Levy, an Artrageous painting of Martin Luther King, Jr., and interesting information on the 1963 March on Washington. The photography is from the Civil Rights and Peace Collection from Builder Levy: Photographer (2005).

On Aug. 28, 1963, a quarter of a million people rallied in Washington, DC, for the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom to demand an end to segregation, fair wages and economic justice, voting rights, education, and long overdue civil rights protections.

Highlighting photos that were taken in Washington, DC, during the March, where MLK, Jr. famously gave his I Have a Dream Speech, the exhibit focuses on the process of civil disobedience through the right of peaceful assembly, which was successful in pressuring the administration of John F. Kennedy to initiate a strong federal civil rights bill in Congress.

Builder Levy taught in the New York City public school system for 34 years. Most of that time he spent working in black and Hispanic neighborhoods, where he encountered rich cultures and warm family life. But that was not how those neighborhoods were portrayed in most of the published images he saw - so he photographed them himself when he was not at work.

"I looked at my photographs as a counter to the racist



Martin Luther King, Jr. painted during the Artrageous performance at Carnegie Hall on Sept. 28, 2023.

depictions the mass media had of the very students I was teaching," he said.

Though he rarely photographed professionally, his images of the New York neighborhoods where he worked and lived are now collected widely by various institutions, including the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture, the International Center of Photography, and the Museum of the City of

New York. Along with some of his images of political protests from 1962 through the late 1980s, they are compiled in a new, somewhat autobiographical book, "Builder Levy: Humanity in the Streets," published by Damiani.

For as long as he can remember, Mr. Levy wanted to help make a "more socially and economically just world," he said. Weaned on the progressive ideals of his parents, who were steeped in leftist politics during the McCarthy era, he became an activist as a teenager. As a student at Stuyvesant High School in Manhattan, he circulated a petition in 1957 calling for school desegregation and joined a civil rights march on Washington.

Later, after taking a photography class while studying art at Brooklyn College, Mr. Levy started bringing a camera along as he and his friends protested and picketed over both national and local home of his images from a protest of de facto school segregation in New York were published in Freedomways magazine, a leading African American political and cultural periodical.

Even as his life changed, Mr. Levy would always pursue photography in his spare time. After starting his career as a teacher, he continued to document protests, and photographed coal miners in Appalachia during summer vacations between 1968 to 2009. He also set up photography workshops with teenagers in the Lower East Side, Bushwick and Ocean Hill-Brownsville, asking his students to photograph in their neighborhoods and in their homes.

For more information, please visit [carnegiehallwv.org](http://carnegiehallwv.org), call 304-645-7917, or stop by the Hall at 611 Church Street, Lewisburg. Carnegie Hall programs are presented with financial assistance through a grant from the West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History and the National Endowment for the Arts, with approval from the West Virginia Commission on the Arts.

## SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Inspire
2. Waste;
3. Danger;
4. Luster

Today's Word

**WAITING**

## Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

6	1	9	5	2	3	4	7	8
5	4	8	1	6	7	9	2	3
7	3	2	4	9	8	6	5	1
3	2	6	7	5	1	8	9	4
9	5	4	6	8	2	3	1	7
1	8	7	3	4	9	5	6	2
2	9	3	8	7	6	1	4	5
4	7	1	9	3	5	2	8	6
8	6	5	2	1	4	7	3	9

## Super Crossword

Answers

A	D	J	U	N	C	T	T	H	E	B	A	B	E	E	T	H	O	S	
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P	R	O	T	O	F	A	I	R	T	A	L	E	N	D	I	N	G		
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## How to make your Valentine's Day roses last longer

Valentine's Day spending shows little sign of waning. Floral arrangements are among the most popular purchases on this special day. According to Rio Roses, customers spent \$2.3 billion on flowers for Valentine's Day in 2022. Valentine's Day tends to be the busiest day for florists as plenty of people want to surprise sweethearts with bouquets and other floral arrangements. Red roses account for 70 percent of all Valentine's Day flower purchases.



Early in 2023, Finance Buzz researched the average cost of a dozen roses in each state so shoppers could expect what they would pay to gift their loved ones, and the average price for a dozen roses in the United States was \$80.16 at that time. Pennsylvania had the most affordable roses and Hawaii the most expensive. Roses can be costly, and recipients may want to do their best to ensure the flowers last as long as possible.

Unwrap the bouquet from any plastic as soon as possible to let the flowers breathe. Also, recut the stems with sharp scissors at a 45-degree angle.

Remove any leaves from the stems that would end up sitting in the water when the roses are placed in a vase.

Wash the vessel to rid it of dirt, dust and any grime to give the roses the best start possible.

Use lukewarm water to fill the vase. Water that is too hot or too cold may shock the blooms and shorten their life span. Fill the vase to three-quarters full.

Use the flower food that comes with the roses. It is a good mix of nutrients to help prolong the life of the roses. A teaspoon of sugar dissolved in water also can be used

in a pinch if the roses didn't come with flower food.

Change the water every few days, especially if it is cloudy. This is a good time to re-snip the stems and add more flower food to the lukewarm water.

Keep any cut flowers away from direct sunlight, drafts and radiators or heating vents.

With proper care, cut roses may be able to last seven to 10 days, says Southern Living magazine.

## Cozy up to these romantic films this Valentine's Day

A number of people feel that nothing beats a quiet evening in with the one you love on Valentine's Day. Watching a romantic film together can be a way to cap the night off.

There are plenty of films that focus on Valentine's Day or have a larger romantic theme. Such movies are ideal for date nights and the ultimate date night: Valentine's Day.

"Valentine's Day" (2010): This aptly titled film takes place on - you guessed it - February 14th. It has a who's who cast of well-known actors like Jennifer Garner, Shirley Maclaine and Bradley Cooper. Various storylines intersect among the characters as Los Angeles residents work their way through the highs and lows of love on Valentine's Day.

"Kate & Leopold" (2001): While rom-com fans are used to seeing Meg Ryan teamed up with Tom Hanks, in this tale she's paired with Hugh Jackman. Jackman is a duke from 1876 who inadvertently finds himself traveling through time to modern-day New York City, where he meets a plucky advertising executive. The two clash before they discover feelings for each other.

"The Princess Bride" (1987): This movie has withstood the test of time. It has a little bit of everything: swordfights, revenge, a giant, and, of course, a heart-warming love story at its core.

"The Wedding Singer" (1998): Despite coming out in the 1990s, this film brings on all the campy 1980's nostalgia, including a hit soundtrack of favorite songs from that decade. Although not everyone is a fan of Adam Sandler's comedic antics, this movie is less slapstick and more heartfelt. It's one of a few where

Sandler has paired with Drew Barrymore in the lead roles. Check out "50 First Dates" if you want a fun Sandler-Barrymore double feature.

"Love, Simon" (2018): In this movie, Simon, a high school student, hasn't yet come out to his friends and family, but has been exploring a budding romance with an anonymous boy online. The big reveal of that boy's identity is a moment of anticipation.

"Pride and Prejudice" (2005): Jane Austen's classic novel has undergone many interpretations on the silver screen. The 2005 version starring Keira Knightley and Matthew Macfadyen as Elizabeth and Darcy is a fan favorite. With its beautiful tableaux and enchanting soundtrack, viewers can't help but root for this unlikely couple.

"Always Be My My-Be" (2019): This Netflix original movie has Ali

Wong and Randall Park playing former childhood best friends with some unfinished business. When they are reunited as adults on different paths, will they find a connection? Keanu Reeves has a guest cameo.

"Chocolat" (2000): A mysterious French woman and her young daughter open a chocolate shop in a remote place where villagers are afraid of change. Her confections seemingly have magical powers to fix the ills of people, if only the shopkeeper can lure the stubborn to give them a taste. Johnny Depp stars as a love interest.

"Notting Hill" (1999): If Meg Ryan is the queen of rom-coms, Hugh Grant may be the king. In this movie, an unassuming British book shop owner gets cast into the limelight when a famous American actress played by Julia Roberts hides in the stacks and eventually becomes more than just a customer.

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