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Gov. Justice asks court to delay Sporting Club sale

By Stephen Baldwin
RealWV, www.therealwv.com

On Valentine's Day, lawyers for the Justice Companies filed a motion for preliminary injunction seeking to stop a planned sale of The Greenbrier Sporting Club properties. Citing "this community's economic well-being," the legal filing argues that Carter Bank & Trust is racing too quickly and would injure the residents of the Greenbrier Valley by going through with an advertised sale.

As previously reported by Brad McElhinny and other outlets last year, loans totaling more than \$300 million came due to Carter by the Justice Companies on Apr. 15, 2023. Since then, Carter has been working towards acquiring Justice assets to offset that debt. In an SEC filing to their shareholders last month, Carter said it planned to "pursue aggressively all remedies afforded it to collect all amounts due and owing by the Justice Entities."

Then last week, Carter placed a legal ad providing notice of large portions of the Greenbrier Sporting Club on the courthouse steps in March. The planned sale includes the golf course, lodge, and more common areas in the private club.

In this week's legal filing, lawyers for the Justice
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Indictments

The Greenbrier County Grand Jury convened earlier this month and returned the following indictments:

Christopher Landis, Ronceverte, DOB 12/15/1995, Forgery (x2), Uttering (x2)

James Malcomb, Rainelle, DOB 4/17/1974, prohibited person in possession of a firearm, possession with Intent to Deliver a Controlled Substance - Heroin

Charles Stanley, II, Ronceverte DOB 10/2/1989, Grand Larceny

Garland Shortridge, Rainelle DOB 7/24/1955, Burglary

Jody Bales, Quinwood DOB 7/27/1968, Burglary, Petit Larceny

Taylor Hardiman, White Sulphur Springs DOB 10/27/1999, Possession with Intent to Deliver a Controlled Substance - Methamphetamine

Hailiee Burdette, Buckeye DOB 2/19/1999, Possession with Intent to Deliver a Controlled Substance - Methamphetamine

Calvin Clere, Ronceverte DOB 4/3/1996, Delivery of a Controlled Substance - Methamphetamine, Gross Neglect of a Child Resulting in Substantial Risk of Serious Bodily Injury or Death (x3)

Kayla Seldomridge, Ronceverte DOB 5/8/1987, Gross Neglect of a Child Resulting in Substantial Risk of Serious Bodily Injury or Death (x3)

Drew McQuire, Sinks Grove DOB 5/8/1989, Malicious Assault

Calvin Clere, Winifrede DOB 4/3/1996, Escape

Shane Dolin, White Sulphur Springs DOB 9/27/1998, Death of a Child by a Parent by Child Abuse

Jarret Hoke, White Sulphur Springs DOB 2/19/1987, Escape

Jennifer Houck, Crab Orchard DOB 1/3/1980, Embezzlement

Chasity Elam, Rainelle DOB 5/28/1986, Fraudulent Use of an Access Device (x7)

Stephen Kressley, Ronceverte DOB 12/30/1988, Failure to Register as a Sex Offender or Provide Notice of Registration Changes (x2)

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Lewisburg Chocolate Festival ticket sales to start March 8



The 16th annual Lewisburg Chocolate Festival will be held this year on Apr. 6 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in downtown Lewisburg. Ticket sales will begin online at 10 a.m. on March 8 at www.unitedwaygreenbrier.com. A direct link will be shared on the event's Facebook page, "Lewisburg Chocolate Festival" on the day of. Follow the page to be notified when the ticket link goes live.

FAQs:

How many tickets should I buy?

Tickets come in packs of 5 for \$5. Each tasting costs 1 to 2 tickets. Most people purchase roughly 25 tickets per person.

Can we wait and buy tickets the day of the festival?

We strongly encourage you to pre-order tickets. We keep a very small amount on hand to sell at will-call. Last year we sold out in less than 40 minutes.

Will my tickets be mailed to me?

All tickets are picked up at will-call on the morning of the festival. Don't worry! Our will-call is a well oiled machine, the line moves very quickly!

Does the festival accept outside vendors?

Due to the unpredictability of the weather on the day-of, we do not accept outside vendors. Chocolatiers can reach out if we have spots open in downtown merchants

we can sometimes fill a spot with chocolatiers.

Can I bring my dog?

Dogs are not allowed at the chocolate festival for their own safety. Kiddos tend to drop chocolate, the whole town is filled with chocolate! We love your pups and want to keep them safe.

Where can I get a full lineup of events and map?

The festival brochure will be posted to the Lewisburg Chocolate Festival's Facebook page closer to the festival date. There will be fun activities, live music, chocolate tastings, chef demonstrations, a photobooth, and more.

When can I register for the HospiceCare Chocolate Chase?

Registration has opened for the HospiceCare Chocolate Chase 5K/10K. HospiceCare once again invites you to dust off those running shoes and race for a great cause, while celebrating the culinarily spectacular Chocolate Festival in beautiful Lewisburg. The races will start and finish at The Greenbrier County Courthouse in downtown Lewisburg and is open to all ages. All proceeds benefit the local Hospice in Lewisburg.

• Pre-registration: \$20 for the 5K, \$25 for the 10K

• Pay on day-of: \$25 and \$30 on race day.

Sign up now at <http://tinyurl.com/bd5h35pe>

White Sulphur Council discusses large trash disposal fees, infrastructure, and more

By Sarah Richardson

The White Sulphur Springs City Council met this week in council chambers to discuss infrastructure, large trash disposal fees, and more. Mayor Kathy Glover explained some of the expenses and costs with regards to keeping water and sewer service, along with other infrastructure, running for residents.

"Currently we do have what is called a number three loop rotator at the wastewater plant that has gone bad," she said. "In it is also a gearbox, and altogether, before labor, parts are going to run about \$18,000 to \$22,000 just for parts. It takes 60 days to get them here, then there is the labor, and also a crane that will have to be available on site to pull the rotor and the shaft and the pulley out, and all of that has to be ready and ready to roll and that crane is paid for by the hour."

The Wastewater Sanitary Board gave approval for the

mayor to spend up to \$30,000 on this repair, but "hopefully it won't take that much," said Glover. "But there is a possibility that it could."

Additionally, there is a sludge pump that needs rebuilt, and the Sanitary Board authorized up to \$25,000 to do so. "We are hoping that it will come in around \$21-22,000 and won't take that much," said Glover.

Glover also reviewed a 10-inch main line water break that happened on Jan. 16 on Route 92, and that repair incurred additional costs of \$6,000 for road work and cleanup after the repair was complete. "We lost a million gallons of water in six hours," Glover reports. She said that city work crews were spread thin, but commended city employees for jumping in "and doing whatever it took" to make that repair.

Councilmember Ryan Lockhart reported that the Finance Committee is considering a garbage pickup rate

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Burns trades theatre stage for silver screen

Suzanne Stewart,
Staff Writer, Pocahontas Times

Katelynn Burns was bitten by the acting bug when she was in high school at Greenbrier East. She joined the Greenbrier Valley Theatre in Lewisburg, and found her passion on the stage.

"I was kind of a shy kid, so it was a great way to feel like I could express myself," she said.

After graduating high school in 2013, Burns went on to earn a degree in musical theater from West Virginia University. She honed her skills and decided that she was going to go for it and move to a city for actors. But which one would she choose?

"I moved to Atlanta," she said. "I heard Atlanta was up and coming at the time, and I was thinking that it was close enough to home, but big enough to find some opportunities."

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Katelynn Burns discovered her love for acting in high school when she joined the Greenbrier Valley Theatre in Lewisburg. Now, she is an up-and-coming actor with several TV performances and short films under her belt. Her most recent project is Aquarium, which was filmed at Marshall University in Huntington. (Photo courtesy of Katelynn Burns)



This week in the House of Delegates for week ending February 9

Members of the West Virginia House of Delegates advanced several bills this week as the 60-day regular legislative session passed the halfway point.

The House adopted Senate Concurrent Resolution 24, which awarded the First Responders Honor Board's three nominees for the Medal of Valor. The Medal of Valor is presented to firefighters, law enforcement officers, emergency medical services personnel and other professionals who go above and beyond the call of duty in their professional capacities.

All three nominees were recognized and honored in the House Chamber Tuesday: West Virginia State Police Cpl. David S. Fry, Upshur County Department of Homeland Security/County Emergency Manager Deputy Director Derek V. Long and Upshur County Sheriff John Michael Coffman.

House Bill 5127, which would expand the state's "Learn and Earn" program, overwhelmingly passed the House Monday. The bill, sponsored by Economic Development and Tourism Committee Chairman Gary

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The House of Delegates on Feb. 9, 2024

(WV Legislative Photography, Photo by Perry Bennett)

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 Tanya Boling, Asbury DOB 12/21/1978, Failure to Register as a Sex Offender or Provide Notice of Registration Changes
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 Kyle Hamrick, Ronceverte DOB 12/29/1979, Sexual Abuse in the First Degree (x2), Sexual Abuse by A Parent, Guardian, Custodian or Person in Position of Trust to a Child (x6), Sexual Assault in the First Degree, Incest
 Raymond Dunbar, White Sulphur Springs DOB 7/22/1964, Strangulation, Battery
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 Brandon Russell, Columbus, OH DOB 4/16/1986, Delivery of a Controlled Substance - Fentanyl

Greenbrier County CVB to host Tourism Summit

The Greenbrier County Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) is set to host its second Tourism Summit on Mar. 19, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Conference Center in the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine’s Student Center. Registration for the day-long summit is \$40 and includes a buffet lunch.

Hinged around “Building a Stronger Destination,” the Greenbrier County CVB’s summit will showcase the tourism industry’s positive impact on the Greenbrier Valley and how partnerships and community involvement strengthen a destination for potential travelers.

Keynote speaker Al Hutchinson, president and CEO of Visit Baltimore, shares how cultivating relationships is the foundation of a successful destination.

“We are thrilled to have Al Hutchinson share his 30 years of experience with our partners in the Greenbrier Valley,” said Kara Dense, president and CEO of the Greenbrier County CVB. “Having worked with larger cities such as Mobile, AL, Pittsburgh, PA and now Baltimore, MD. Al has a successful track record of creating a dynamic destination based on key partnerships within the community.”

Secretary of Tourism Chelsea Ruby will also shine a light on travel trends in West Virginia and how the West Virginia Department of Tourism continues to put the Mountain State in the national and international spotlight. The final session will focus on Artificial Intelligence and how small business owners can utilize the powerful tool to their advantage. Other sessions include a Legislative recap from Richie Heath of the West Virginia Hospitality and Travel Association and an update from Dr. Bonny Copenhaver, president of New River Community and Technical College, about what’s on the horizon for the school.

For more information about the Tourism Summit and to register for the event, visit greenbrierwv.com/about-cvb/tourism-summit.



Al Hutchinson, president and CEO of Visit Baltimore



Secretary of Tourism Chelsea Ruby will also present an update on the State of Tourism in West Virginia.

Kendra Culyer named National Merit Scholarship finalist

Greenbrier East High School would like to congratulate senior Kendra Culyer. Kendra has advanced to finalist standing in the 2024 National Merit Scholarship competition. She is one of only 15,000 students nationwide to make it this far. In March, this number will be cut in half as the corporation determines the year’s final 7,140 National Merit Scholarship winners. Best of luck to Kendra in making the final cut next month. Greenbrier East is very proud of her accomplishments!



GEHS Principal Ben Routson and GEHS senior Kendra Culyer

WVDEP now accepting applications for 2024

Make It Shine Spring Cleanup

Application deadline is March 8

Applications are now available for the 2024 West Virginia Make It Shine Statewide Spring Cleanup. This annual event is sponsored by the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection’s (WVDEP) Rehabilitation Environmental Action Plan (REAP) Program.

This year’s cleanup will be held during the first two weeks of April (Apr. 1 through Apr. 14) and applications are due by Friday, Mar. 8.

The Make It Shine program will provide resources such as cleanup materials, waste hauling, and landfill fees to community groups volunteering to conduct litter cleanups in state streams or on public lands.

More than 3,500 volunteers from nearly 140 groups participated in the 2023 cleanup, removing 215 tons of litter, remediating 87 dumps, and collecting 1,267 tires from 281 acres of public lands and 87 miles of streams across West Virginia.

Applications are available online. Once your project is approved, REAP staff will coordinate delivery of cleanup supplies, waste hauling and disposal. For more information, contact Chris Cartwright at DEPwvmis@wv.gov or by phone at 1-800-322-5530.

This event is completely dependent on volunteers, so sign up today and help make West Virginia shine!

REAP, whose motto is ‘Keeping WV Clean and Green,’ was created in 2005 and strives to clean up West Virginia and rid the state of litter. The program empowers citizens to take ownership of their communities by providing technical, financial, and resource assistance in cleanup and recycling efforts. More information is available on the REAP webpage.

PICK OF THE LITTER



DIXIE

Dixie is a one year old pit bull terrier mix and weighs 40 pounds



VICTORIA

Victoria is a five-year-old female 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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Briefly

Williamsburg Shooting Match

Hope you are staying warm. Come join us for the Williamsburg Shooting Match Feb. 17 at 7 p.m. Come early! Come hungry! Delicious hot food and refreshments will be available starting at 6 p.m. Families welcomed; you don't have to shoot to come get a meal! Match will be eight rounds, 12-gauge guns only. Full choke, .660 inch minimum. Screw in chokes must be from a recognized supplier (patented) and extend no more than 3 inches beyond original barrel. Barrel length 34" maximum. First Seven rounds @ \$2.50 per shot, eighth round 50/50 @\$7.50 per shot. Shooters must compete in the first 7 rounds in order to compete in the 8th round. 50/50 splatter match is \$1 per chance between rounds - Cash prizes will be awarded. You do not need to be a shooter to win! The match will be held at the Community Building 6571 Shoestring, Trail, Williamsburg. We hope to see you all there. Sponsored by a joint effort of Williamsburg Community Action. For more information and directions visit our website: www.williamsburgwv.com or Bill Jarvis, 304-645-3690.

Williamsburg Flying Falcons

4-H Potato Bar

Come assemble your own stuffed baked potato with the Williamsburg Flying Falcons 4-H. There will be sour cream, chives, chili, onions, tomatoes, broccoli, cheddar cheese, shredded pork, and bacon pieces to choose from, along with many homemade desserts and a drink on Sunday, Feb. 18. The lunch will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Williamsburg Community Building. The cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children under 12, dine-in or take out. The proceeds will help send club members to camp and on their annual club trip. Call 304-645-6867 with questions. The Williamsburg Community Building is located at 6571 Shoestring Trail, Williamsburg.

Republican Executive Committee to meet in Rupert

The Greenbrier County Republican Executive Committee and Associate Members monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, Feb. 29, at 6:30 p.m. at the Rupert Community Center. Please plan to join us as we will be introducing the Republican Candidates for the upcoming Primary Election.

Marriages

Wanda Gail Fox and Tommy Austin Neal
Samantha Jo Lytton and Steven Michel Shafer II

Greenbrier County Magistrate Court Convictions

Gary Blankenship, Jr., Rupert, marking of traps, GP, fine \$20
Jeffrey Shane Justice, Lewisburg, possession of controlled substance, NCP, fine \$100, jail 90 days - suspended and placed on 12 months unsupervised probation, restitution \$58.78
Travis Hunter Schutzmann, Lewisburg, spotlighting, NCP, fine \$100, jail 10 days to be served on Home Confinement
Kandrea Samantha Sims, Rainelle, failure to obey traffic signals, GP, fine \$10
Heather L. Hill, White Sulphur Springs, speeding, NCP, fine \$46
Kristen S. McClung, Hines, speeding, GP, fine \$20

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Howell, R-Mineral, would include WVU Potomac State College in the state Community and Technical College system's "Learn and Earn" program of paid internship opportunities.

"The employer gains a highly qualified employee and a skilled labor pool," Howell explained. "With this arrangement, students earn valuable on-the-job training while attending school, meaning they don't have to quit one job to go to school; they can do both."

House Bill 5179, also known as "Jaycie's Law," passed the full House by a unanimous vote Wednesday. The measure would require the West Virginia Department of Education to support pregnant and parenting students so they can stay in school while taking enough time for the proper medical recovery. Excused absences for labor, delivery, prenatal and postnatal medical appointments, sick children, as well as at least eight weeks of excused absences for the mother and two weeks for the father after the birth of the child all would be required. County boards of education also would be required to provide academic support options, such as virtual schoolwork and weekly visits with a homebound instructor to ensure the students remain on track for graduation. The bill also calls for schools to refer pregnant and parenting students to pregnancy help organizations.

Also Wednesday, House members unanimously passed House Bill 4933, which would exclude dentures from the current \$1,000 yearly Medicaid limit. That limit includes diagnostic, preventative and restorative dental services, which excludes cosmetic services but prevented many West Virginians from getting both upper and lower plates at the same time.

A total of 1,542 bills have been introduced in the House, and 86 of those have passed the full House. Twelve bills have completed the legislative process. The deadline for House bills to be introduced is Feb. 13. The session ends at midnight Saturday, Mar. 9.

Public Meetings

Rainelle Town Council

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

Greenbrier County Farmland Protection Board

will meet on the fourth Thursday of each month at the WVU Extension - Greenbrier Co. Office, 1046 Maplewood Avenue, Fairlea WV 24901. The public is invited to attend. Call 304-520-3221 for more information.

Lewisburg Building Commission

will meet Tuesday, Feb. 20, at 5 p.m. in the Paul R. Cooly Council Chamber in Lewisburg City Hall, 942 Washington Street West, Lewisburg. Items for discussion are:

- Public Works Building Change Order #4 - DCI/Shires, Inc.
- Approval of Minutes - Jan. 16, 2024

Lewisburg City Council

will meet Tuesday, Feb. 20, at 7 p.m. in the Paul R. Cooly Council Chambers, 942 Washington Street West. Also available via Teleconference. For information on how to participate on ZOOM contact Lewisburg City Hall at 304-645-2080 by 3 p.m. on the day of the meeting. On the agenda:

- Resolution:
 - Resolution 544, Water System Improvement Project Pay Request 21
 - Resolution 539, City of Lewisburg Stormwater Study (CDBG-Mit Fund) Pay Request 7
- Communications from Mayor White
 - Appointments to the Board of Zoning Appeals and the Planning Commission
- Communications from City Manager Hill
- Communications from Boards and Commissions:
 - Planning Commission report
- Communications from City Council Members:
- Communications from Police Dept. Chief Teubert
- Communications from Fire Dept. Chief Thomas
 - Mutual Aid Agreement, Fairlea and Lewisburg Volunteer Fire Departments
- Communications from Council Committees:
 - Finance Committee Report
 - Arts & Humanities Funding Request, Greenbrier Valley Home & Garden Tour
 - Video Lottery Funding Request - Greenbrier East Project Graduation 2024
 - Public Works Building Change Order #4 - DCI/Shires, Inc.
 - The Thrasher Group, Inc. Pay Request #11 - Fire Station One
 - Water Maintenance Employee with pay scale
 - Travis Howard - Class II Water Operator Certification pay increase
 - Merit Pay
 - Public Works Department Report from Director Legg
- Approval of Minutes - regular session, Jan. 16, 2024
- Visitors' reports (3-min. limit per subject not on agenda)

Greenbrier Public Service District #1

will meet Friday, Feb. 23, at 8 a.m. at the District Office, 9035 Seneca Trail South, Fairlea. On the agenda:

- Approval of Minutes - Jan. 26, 2024
- Financial Report
- Manager Report
- Field Report
- Engineering Report
- Phase B extension project:
 - Payment Resolutions
 - Other Phase B project-related business brought before the Board
- Phase C extension project:
 - Payment Resolutions
 - Other Phase C project-related business brought before the Board
- Meadowbrook Estates wastewater system project:
 - Payment Resolutions
 - Other Meadowbrook Estates wastewater system business brought before the Board
- Other business brought before the Board

WVDEP seeks input, data for Triennial Water Quality Standards Review

The deadline to submit comments, supporting data is March 4

The West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection's (WVDEP) Division of Water and Waste Management (DWWM) is accepting recommendations for revisions to Legislative Rule §47 CSR 2, "Requirements Governing Water Quality Standards." This rule establishes requirements governing standards of water quality for the surface waters of the state.

State water quality standards are developed to help protect and preserve water quality necessary to meet and maintain designated or assigned uses, such as swimming, recreation, public water supply, and aquatic life.

The WVDEP is accepting these recommendations for suggested rule changes in preparation for the Water Quality Standards Triennial Review, as required by the federal Clean Water Act. The agency reviews these recommendations before determining changes that will be proposed in 2024 for the 2025 Legislative session.

Written comments, recommendations and any supporting scientific information will be accepted through Mar. 4, 2024 and can be submitted via email to WQSCComments@wv.gov, or by regular mail to:

Attn: Dawn Newell
Water Quality Standards, DWWM
WV Department of Environmental Protection
601 57th St., S.E.
Charleston, WV 25304

Comments submitted in early 2022 based on a prior press release will also be considered and do not require resubmission.

Any proposed rule revisions will include a separate public comment period and a public hearing.

For the Record

Deeds

All Arts LLC to Courts and Stratton LLC: 147 X 80, Lewisburg District, Map 19 Parcel 84. Filed Feb. 5, 2024.

Lance Bailey and Elizabeth Bailey to Atlantic Wallace LLC.: 12.09 acres, Lewisburg, District, Map 24 Parcel 4.3. Filed Feb. 6, 2024.

Carolyn S. Hanshew to Donna S. Boggs: 8.03 acres, Blue Sulphur District, Map 13 Parcel 23. Filed Feb. 6, 2024.

Chen T. Su to Weldon Acres LLC: 290.47 acres, White Sulphur District, Map 11 Parcel 0001. Filed Feb. 6, 2024.

Dian L. Johnson and Donna S. Johnson to Thalheim Inc.: water line right of way deed, Lewisburg District. Filed Feb. 7, 2024.

Rodney Mills and Anatia G. Mills to Christopher P. Lilly and Samantha M. Lilly: 25.36 acres, Falling Spring District, Map 67 Parcel 15. Filed Feb. 7, 2024.

Marie E. Dangott (by attorney-in-fact Richie Dangott) to D.S.W. Properties LLC: part of lot 30S, side of Main Street, 50 X 60, Ronceverte, New River, Pocahontas, Ronceverte District, Map 10 Parcel 0199.0000. Filed Feb. 7, 2024.

Billy L. Webb to Hassan Chebaro and Patricia Chebaro: 1.70 acres, tract one Valley Ridge subdivision, White Sulphur District, Map 11D Parcel 0009. Filed Feb. 8, 2024.

Terry A. Fleshman to Tonya A. Golden: 0.581 acres, Lewisburg District, Map 19H Parcel 47. Filed Feb. 8, 2024.

Joseph Moshy to Michelle L. Tincher and Paul A. Tincher: lot 15, Frankford District, Map 15 Parcel 191. Filed Feb. 8, 2024.

Ralph D. Blankenship to AXA Properties LLC: 4.00 acres more or less, Anthony Creek District, Map 40 Parcel 18.1. Filed Feb. 9, 2024.

Renee N. Bennett Gibson to Herbert F. Ley III and Lorene K. Ley: 0.055 acres more or less, Ronceverte District, Map 9 Parcel 564. Filed Feb. 9, 2024.

Craig A. Honaker to Willie J. Forren and Jenny M. Forren: 3.00 acres, Irish Corner District, Map 25 Parcel 0016.0002. Filed Feb. 9, 2024.

Cynthia B. Chambers, Susan B. Burner, Michael K. Boswell, and Elizabeth B. Fuller to Anthony Creek LLC: 1.74 acres, Anthony Creek District, Map 42 Parcel part of 7. Filed Feb. 12, 2024.

283TWE962 Trust (by trustee Ronald Freitas) to 283TWE962 Trust (by trustee Ronald Freitas): lots 163 & 164, Rainelle District, Map 1 Parcel 312, 313. Filed Feb. 13, 2024.

Watts M. Williamson Revocable Trust Agreement to Laura W. Williamson, John W. Watts, and Evelyn W. Way: 740.74 acres, White Sulphur District, Map 8 Parcel 1. Filed Feb. 13, 2024.

Angela D. O'Dell to Lori D. Johnson: lots 26, 26A, and 26B, White Sulphur District, Map 25F Parcel 0070, 0071, 0072. Filed Feb. 13, 2024.

Pill & Pill PLLC (sub trustee) to Almost Heaven Habitat for Humanity Inc.: trustees deed, lot 10 0.034 acres, White Sulphur District, Map 16 Parcel 24.10. Mikeel D. Rich and Connie S. Hilton to Isaac W. Deskins and Megan M. Copenhaver: 1.114 acres, White Sulphur District, Map 31 Parcel 0015.0000. Filed Feb. 13, 2024.

Patricia R. Humphreys to Melanie E. Bair and Jonathan D. Humphreys: lots 16 & 17, Fort Spring District, Map pH Parcel 138, 139. Filed Feb. 13, 2024.

Paul Skorich and Debra Skorich to Jessica Hilleman, Jacqueline Skorich, Eli Skorich, and Zachary Wardlow: 1.198 acres more or less, Lewisburg District, Map 25 Parcel 114. Filed Feb. 14, 2024.

Rodger Hedrick to Rodger L. Hedrick and Deborah A. Hedrick: 2 tracts, Williamsburg District, Map 47 Parcel 42S. Filed Feb. 14, 2024.

Gregory S. Masters and Heather Masters to Levi Scott Masters: 0.129 acres, Ronceverte District, Map 8 Parcel 10.1. Filed Feb. 14, 2024.

Rodger Hedrick to Rodger L. Hedrick and Deborah A. Hedrick: 20 acres and 42 poles, Williamsburg District, Map 47 Parcel 37. Filed Feb. 14, 2024.

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increase to offset an increase in dump fee rates. He explained that at this time no firm rates have been decided, but there are several possibilities being considered at this time. He hopes to have more information by the next council meeting.

“Currently we pick up everything: sofas, large pieces of furniture, large pieces of trash, and we’ve done that for a long time as part of the \$19.50 rate. We may look at continuing to pick those things up, but maybe with a charge.” He used a \$5 or \$10 per large item pickup charge as an example as a way to offset the monthly cost for families where budgets are tight. “We’d like to look at first, a small increase, and then in six months visit it again and probably do another increase within a 12-month period so you won’t feel the effects all at one time.”

Councilmember Thomas Taylor added, “In reality, our garbage truck should only be picking up regular household trash that’s bagged,” but said a call to the waste facility for large pickup items on an individual basis is something more in line with how he believes the service should work.

When asked if this will affect this year’s spring cleanup in April, councilmembers said they doubted this would be implemented in time to have any impact on the annual cleanup for this year. Several members noted that they still support the spring cleanup with no additional costs for those wanting to participate.

In other news, Councilmember Lockhart reports that financial trends for the city are heading upwards, “improving every month,” and attributes it to “not splurging and buying, and truly thinking about things before we do it, and researching it.”

Also, a fully-funded stormwater project grant is under design, with hopes it will be put out to bid in either late spring or early summer.

Councilmember Taylor read part of a press release stating: “Gov. Jim Justice and the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection (WVDEP) announced that 69 communities will receive over \$15.6 million in grant funding as part of the second phase of the State’s Reclamation of Abandoned and Dilapidated Properties Program (DLAP). The funding

represents a significant step forward in the state’s ongoing efforts to address and mitigate the challenges posed by abandoned and dilapidated properties across West Virginia. In this ambitious second phase, a total of 69 communities, including towns, cities, and counties, have been approved for grants amounting to \$15,662,250.”

Of this funding, White Sulphur Springs is slated to receive \$234,000 to help with dilapidated properties throughout town.

Councilmember Audrey Van Buren reports that softball signups have started and memberships are growing. Councilmember G.P. Parker said that the Recycling and Beautification Committee is pricing flowers to place on the walking bridge this year, as well as flowers for Main Street.

Susan Lyons approached Council to ask if they could place a Blessing Box on Tuckahoe Road at Rotary Park, which was unanimously approved by Council.

An ARPA funding request for \$2,500 for up to 10 participants to participate in a website operations training program was approved by Council. Mayor Glover said this could be useful for accessing forms, posting emergency communications, and improve overall communication between Council and the community. The request for funding was approved by Council.

A representative from the White Sulphur Springs Public Library presented to Council an overview of the services the library provides to the community. As part of the library’s five-year-goals, they would like to stay open later the in day, two days a week, to help improve access for those who work during regular hours. The library has lost some funding, and has applied for a grant to replace the aged carpet in the building, with the \$7,000 grant requiring a \$7,000 match to be secured. For more information on how to support the library’s carpet fundraising, call the library at 304-536-1171.

A city-wide cleanup is planned in partnership with the Greenbrier County Health Department on Mar. 13, with the Health Department providing supplies. More information will be available closer to the date of the event, and volunteers are needed. To participate in the cleanup, reach out to the Health Department for more information.

Katelynn Burns

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I didn’t want to go all the way to LA, it’s expensive. New York is kind of the same thing. Chicago was just too cold. “Atlanta seemed like the best fit of all.”

It was hard to say goodbye to West Virginia, but Burns has returned as often as she can to visit family and for film projects.

“I moved about three months after I graduated,” she said. “It was tough saying goodbye to West Virginia. I’m probably the most homesick actor. Most of my friends were like, ‘I can’t wait to get out of here,’ whereas I can’t wait to get back.”

Although the film industry is cut throat and hard to break into, Burns managed to get her start rather quickly with indie (independent) film projects, reenactment parts in TV shows and student films.

“There are a lot of indie film projects happening in Atlanta, and you sort of have to work your way up,” she said. “My first jobs would have been student films, passion project films that are very one and done - grab a camera and tripod, and steal a shot because they don’t have a permit for it, and you have to wing it on the spot.”

As for the TV roles, Burns did a reenactment part in the series American Detective with Lt. Joe Kenda, which aired on the ID Network. “It’s so odd to play a character that is a real person,” she said. “They’re going to watch you later.”

In addition to acting parts, Burns has most recently been a stand-in on the TV miniseries Class of ’09, where she got to work with several famous actors.

“I got to meet some pretty amazing actors,” she said. “I was a stand-in at the time for Kate Mara who was one of the football players’ girlfriends in We Are Marshall. That was a surreal experience. I

was star struck at the time. I’ve had a lot of moments like that where I meet people I grew up watching.”

Ironically, Burns’ biggest project to date - a film titled Aquarium - was filmed at Marshall University in Huntington. Burns’ costar, Steve Judy, who is also a producer on the film, got his degree at Marshall University.

“I still get a lot of work from home,” Burns said. “You’d be surprised how often I’m running back home to West Virginia to shoot projects with other West Virginia creators.”

Aquarium recently had a premier in Huntington and will soon be available on Vanalida TV. “It’s a 1950s period piece, and it takes place in a bunker - a Cold War bunker,” Burns explained. “It’s sort of a metaphor for being in a relationship where you’re holding on to a person because you’re scared to let go. It’s about these two people who have realized that they would be better off if they were not together. It’s about the implosion of a relationship.”

Burns said it was a heavy and dramatic subject to film, but is pleased with the final product. “It was a heavy one to film, but beautiful nonetheless,” she said. “I loved doing it and getting to work with them. I have not worked on an indie set that had such great people working behind it. Of course, Marshall University was super helpful. They were very supportive of us. They gave us props and the space. They were wonderful.”

Aquarium was filmed during the COVID-19 pandemic, and Burns said it felt as though the film was a real “art imitates life” situation, knowing that several relationships around the world crumbled due to being quarantined together for a long period of time.

After filming Aquari-

um, things slowed down a bit, partially due to the SAGAFTRA strike, but now that the strike is over, Burns hopes to get back to work and in front of the camera again. During the down time, she had modeling jobs and has been featured several times in Gladys Magazine. She has also taken time to write her own screenplays that she hopes to develop in the future.

“I’ve got a couple scripts that I’m working on,” she said. “The hardest part is just putting it out there. It’s a vulnerable process, but it’s also very cathartic. I’ve got a couple horror, supernatural pieces. I don’t seem like the type of person, but I love scary movies. I grew up watching them with my dad. I think I’ve always had a love for them and would really love to write my own - in my own way.”

“I’ve got a very artistic horror film in mind that I hope to bring to life one day,” she added. While she is honing her craft and developing her own stories, Burns continues to consume media in every form to find inspiration and to expand her horizons. “I’m always watching things that are making me feel better for watching them,” she said. “Whether you’re an actor, director or someone in the industry, you’re always watching to make yourself better.”

“I just watched Poor Things at the theater,” she continued. “It’s a wild one. It’s very experimental and pushing the bar. It’s a beautiful film. It’s well acted; well shot and good directors. It hit every mark, but it does push the boundaries. “I think that’s what inspires me to do what I’m doing.”

Burns is the daughter of Matthew and Patricia Burns, of Lewisburg, and the granddaughter of Nancy Martin, and the late Jim Martin; and Larry and Shelia Burns, all of Marlinton.

Gov. Justice, WV DCR celebrate milestone: 53 new officers graduate, Southern Regional Jail achieves zero staff vacancies

Gov. Justice and the West Virginia Division of Corrections and Rehabilitation (WV DCR) announced a major achievement in staffing West Virginia correctional facilities with the graduation of 53 new officers and staff last week.

This milestone comes on the heels of successful recruitment efforts and increased pay scales that have significantly reduced staff vacancies across the state.

In addition to last week’s graduating class, 483 officers and staff graduated from Classes 63 through 77 during calendar year 2023.

The recruiting efforts, including increased pay scales for correctional officers, are paying dividends. Staff vacancies are decreasing in facilities statewide. Most notably, Southern Regional Jail and Correctional Facility in Raleigh County has zero staff vacancies currently, down from a 30% vacancy rate in September 2023. Other facilities with zero vacancies include the Anthony Correctional Center, Charleston Correctional Center, Gene Spadaro Juvenile Center, Lakin Correctional Center, Parkersburg Correctional Center and Tiger Morton Juvenile Center.

“I’m thrilled to see the growing interest in correctional careers in West Virginia,” Gov. Justice said. “By recognizing the value of these positions and taking action to improve pay and benefits, we’re attracting talented individuals who are dedicated to making a positive impact. This graduation is a testament to the collective efforts by many, and we all remain committed to supporting our correctional officers as they build brighter futures for themselves and our communities.”

The rigorous West Virginia Corrections Academy program equips graduates with a comprehensive curriculum, encompassing vital subjects such as Correctional Documentation, the Prison Rape Elimination Act, Emergency Procedures, Interpersonal Communication Skills, Suicide Prevention, Autism Awareness, Trauma-Informed Correctional Care, Scenario-Based Training and various other pertinent classes.

“We are immensely proud of the accomplishments of our Basic Training Class graduates,” said WV DCR Commissioner William Marshall. “Their dedication and determination are to be commended, and we are confident they will uphold the mission of the West Virginia Division of Corrections and Rehabilitation.”

For more information about employment opportunities with the WV DCR, go to dcr.wv.gov/careers.

WVDEP announces 2024 Vernal Pool Monitoring Workshops

The West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection (WVDEP), in collaboration with the State Division of Natural Resources (WVDNR) and the United States Geological Survey Amphibian Research and Monitoring Initiative (USGS ARMI), is excited to announce a series of Vernal Pool Monitoring Workshops set to take place across the state in 2024. These workshops aim to educate participants about the vital role of vernal pools in local ecosystems and train them in monitoring techniques to support amphibian conservation efforts.

Vernal pools are temporary wetlands that form in the winter and early spring and serve as crucial breeding grounds for various amphibian species, including wood frogs, spring peepers, and several types of salamanders. These habitats are free from fish and other aquatic predators, offering a safe haven for these species to reproduce.

The workshop series will feature expert-led presentations on amphibian biology, wetland ecology, and the specific dynamics of vernal pools. Attendees will have the opportunity to engage in hands-on learning through visits to nearby vernal pools, where they will practice identifying amphibian egg masses, adult amphibians, and for frog species, their unique calls.

Scheduled locations for the 2024 workshops include the Fort Mill Ridge Wildlife Management Area, the WV Botanic Garden, Kanawha State Forest, New River Gorge National Park, and a privately-owned site along the Greenbrier River in Pocahontas County, in partnership with the Greenbrier River Watershed Association. These workshops are made possible thanks to the generous cooperation of these hosting sites.

Participants are encouraged to apply their new skills by conducting monitoring surveys in vernal pools within their communities and submitting their findings to the WVDEP’s vernal pool network. This citizen science initiative is crucial for gathering data to enhance our understanding of amphibian populations and the health of these unique ecosystems across West Virginia.

For more information about watersheds and wetlands in West Virginia, please visit the WVDEP website and the Watershed Improvement Branch and Wetland Resource Guide pages. To register for one of the vernal pool workshops, please email SaveOurStreams@wv.gov and include your name and the workshop you wish to attend.



The WVDEP will host Vernal Pool Monitoring Workshops across the state, including one along the Greenbrier River. The public is invited to register to attend.

OBITUARY

Reverend Gary Waple

Lewisburg-Reverend Gary Waple, 77, passed away Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2024, at his home. Born Mar. 9, 1946, he was the son of the late George Henry and Catherine Elizabeth Cottrel Waple.

Gary was an ordained Deacon of the Episcopal Church. Rev. Waple served the surrounding

area for 30 years in many ways. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his twin brother, Grant Waple.

Survivors include his loving wife, Carol Waple; son, Jonathan Waple (Sarah); grandson, Jackson Waple and granddaughter, Hayden Waple.

It was Gary’s wish that there be no visitation nor

funeral. There will be a graveside service with family in the spring. Rev. Waple asks that each of us share the blessings and gifts that God has given us with those who are in need.

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Church Bulletin

Lenten Tilapia Dinners begin February 16 in White Sulphur Springs

The traditional Lenten Tilapia Fish dinners, sponsored by the Greenbrier Valley Council 8689 Knights of Columbus, will begin Friday, Feb. 16 in the White Sulphur Springs Center behind the Emmanuel United Methodist Church in downtown White Sulphur Springs.

“The culinary staff will be the same as in the past,” noted Grand Knight Andrew Wrzosek of Waitesville, who added it includes Chef Sue Moats of The Greenbrier Sweet Shop, Chef Paul Cicora of the West Virginia School of Osteopathic School, formerly of The Greenbrier; Deborah Fabry, retired Chef from The Greenbrier; and Bill Strange who started working the dinners from the first one, providing the desserts for the first year of the dinners back in the early 1990’s.

The menu will be tilapia, scalloped potatoes, cole slaw, hard rolls, dessert, and drinks, all for only \$15 a plate with an extra piece of fish \$5. Children under 5 years old are served free and those aged between 5 to 12 may get the tilapia for \$5 or the complete meal for \$15. “We are again offering eat in or to go between the hours of 4:30 and 7 p.m.,” reports Mike Williams, financial secretary for Council 8689 and noted that the dinners are being held to raise funds for community, youth, church and council projects serving the Pocahontas, Monroe, Greenbrier and eastern Fayette Counties area.

For further information, contact the office of the Catholic Churches of the Greenbrier Valley 304-536-1813 or the Knights of Columbus 304-645-1373. The dinners will be offered also on Feb. 23, and March 1, 8, 15, and 22.

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, 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 or please contact Chad Harris at 304-646-4710.

St. James’ Episcopal offers Lenten Study on Women of the Old and New Testaments

Beginning Thursday, Feb. 22, St. James’ Episcopal Church, Lewisburg, will offer a weekly lecture series on the topic, Women of the Old and New Testaments. Presented by the clergy of St. James’, each week’s event will begin at 6 p.m. with a simple meal of soup and bread and continue with a 20-minute program followed by a time of questions and discussion.

Drawing on a number of biblical, historical and theological sources, the series will include such biblical figures as Elizabeth, Ann, Phoebe and Mary Magdalene. The

first night, the Reverend Zach Drennen will discuss Deborah, the fearsome and wise judge from the Book



There will be a weekly lecture series on Women of the Old and New Testaments at St. James’ Episcopal starting Feb. 22.

West Virginia 211 celebrates 211 Day

Superbowl Sunday was also 211 Day, celebrating the go-to resource 211, which helped 30,520 people in West Virginia access help for immediate or long-term challenges last year.

Throughout 2022, trained call specialists connected people to locally available services, including help with rent, food, utility bills and health care. For example, there were 15,581 referrals for utility assistance, 7,949 referrals for rent assistance, and 3,503 referrals for shelters and other programs for the unhoused.

211 is a free, confidential, 24-hour information and referral service that connects West Virginia’s residents with health and human services support. Anyone in need of help or information can call 211 or text 898-211 to reach a trained 211 Community Resource Specialist. In 2022, the service received 26,140 phone calls, 2,174 live chats, and 1,696 texts from people in all across the state.

April Knight, State Director of West Virginia 211 is encouraging people to use the service.

“People reached out to 211 this year to find information on basic needs, like heating or utility assistance, elder care, or to find the closest food bank. They also called for everyday information like where to take their child for developmental screening or how to locate job training or find free tax filing support,” Knight said.

211 has helped a number of people, including a caller who needed help with an electric bill which was more than 1 month of their household income. After speaking with the caller a little more, the 211 Community Resource Specialist learned of other needs and was able to connect the family with programs to help with the electric bill and also resources for coats and shoes for the children, blankets for the family, and toys for Christmas.

A vast amount of local information is available through the service, including health and mental health resources, health insurance programs, support for older Americans and people with disabilities, adult day care, Meals on Wheels, respite care, home health care, transportation, homemaker services and support for children, youth, and families.

West Virginia 211 is supported by the United Way offices located throughout the state.

Starting on Feb. 11, 211 is currently available to 99% of people in the U.S. and across all of Canada.


If you or anyone you know needs help, call 211 or visit West Virginia 211 (wv211.org).

of Judges. Rev. Drennen notes that “this is a wonderful opportunity for a deep dive into the rich scriptural and historical legacy of the oft-overlooked women who helped shape the Jewish and Christian faiths for millennia.” Subsequent lessons will be taught by the Reverend Joseph Lutz and the Reverend Amy McClure.

The series runs each Thursday through Mar. 21. Everyone is welcome to attend regardless of religious affiliation. See lewisburgstjames.org for more information about St. James’ Episcopal Church.



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Sporting Club

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Companies argue that the planned sale is illegal, as it seeks \$250 million in assets while they owe more than \$300 million. Additionally, they say they may not owe that amount due to a federal court action they took last year seeking \$1 billion in damages against Carter.

“The attempted sale is nothing more than a race to strip Plaintiffs of their assets (in a hastily scheduled auction on the courthouse steps that likely would bring pennies on the dollar) before their claims against the bank can be adjudicated,” says the filing in Greenbrier County Circuit Court, assigned to Judge Jennifer Dent.

Golf course, lodges, & restaurants

As previously reported, the crux of the legal battle seems to be over certain “shared facilities” on the grounds of the Sporting Club including the golf course, main lodge, and mountaintop lodge. Both lodges also include restaurants.

Carter’s planned sale includes those shared entities or common properties. Sporting Club members argue that they own those as part of their equity membership, not Justice Companies. Carter contends the assets were pledged as collateral in loans by Justice Companies.

This week’s filing does not appear to dispute that the shared entities were pledge as collateral, but it does say the Justice Companies and surrounding community would be “irreparably harmed” by their sale.

“The threatened sale of the Shared Facilities would badly damage the Sporting Club. The Shared Facilities are the principal amenities available to Sporting Club members, and if they become unavailable as the result of a sale, the value of members’ residences would plummet immediately.”

It goes on to say, “The effect would not be limited to the Sporting Club. The Greenbrier itself would be seriously damaged...Local jobs will be lost. And the foundation of Greenbrier County’s economy will suffer damage that will be difficult or impossible to repair.”

Club members react

Speaking on the condition of anonymity for fear of retribution by ownership, Sporting Club members are exploring their options.

They conveyed “lots of grumbling” last week. They are unhappy that their dues have risen sharply (more than doubling in the last 12 years, plus paying additional fees such as the Historic Preservation Fund tax on all services and goods). They think the Development Company is not paying the dues on all the properties they own, which is causing them to shoulder more of the financial burden of the community. At the same time, they are concerned about who might have a controlling stake in the future with several recognized entities being rumored to have shown interest in purchasing the community and the resort over the last two years. The executive who’s been in charge of Sporting Club real estate for more than a decade recently resigned and moved, adding further instability to the situation.

Ultimately, they would like to gain control of the property themselves, which they believe would provide for a fairer dues structure. Meanwhile, the Justice Companies filing contends that if a sale does proceed then a fire sale would occur among members for “pennies on the dollar.”

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Interested Recycler

Dear Interested Recycler,

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Dear Recycle Lady,

My husband is getting ready to change the oil in our cars. Is there somewhere locally that accepts used motor oil?

Concerned for the Environment

Dear Concerned,

Yes, fortunately there is a local collection station. In our area used oil can be taken to the Advance Auto Parts store in Fairlea (304-645-5088), located at 47 Seneca Trail S, (US Route 219 South) close to where Save-A-Lot used to be. Motor oil never wears out, it just gets dirty, so it can be recycled, refined, and used again. A single quart of motor oil, if disposed of improperly, can contaminate up to 2,000,000 gallons of fresh water. Please encourage your husband to take the used motor oil to Advance Auto Parts and thanks for writing.

Dear Recycle Lady,

Are you familiar with the Give Back Box program? It is a great way to get rid of items you no longer need, eliminate clutter, and make a difference in the life of another person. Do you have any additional information about the program?

Pack Boxes

Dear Pack Boxes,

I agree with you. The Give Back Box

is a wonderful program. Monkia Wiela founded the Give Back Box program in 2012. When researching to find a use for unused boxes in her warehouse, Wiela discovered that an estimated 11 million tons of clothing, footwear, towels, bedding, drapery, and other textiles ended up in U.S. landfills every year. If you want more details about what inspired the program, go to givebackbox.com. If you are interested in participating in the program, gather items like toys, gently used men's, women's and children's clothing, shoes & handbags, belts, pet items, household items such as bed linens, blankets, pillows, towels, curtains, and rugs. Place them in a box you received from an online order or any sturdy box you already have. Don't use packing materials, use the items you are shipping as packing material instead. Don't include any liquids, fragile or dangerous materials. Depending on your interest, the boxes can be shipped to places like Goodwill, Boys and Girls Clubs, Salvation Army, Homeless Shelters, or Animal Shelters. Boxes can be shipped by UPS or the U.S. Postal Service at no charge as pre-paid shipping labels are available at givebackbox.com. However, heavy boxes have a shipping cost.

Good News: New Jersey is the first state in the nation to include climate change education across all content areas. These standards are designed to prepare students to understand how and why climate change happens, the impact it has on our local and global communities, and how to act in sustainable ways. (earthday.org)

Have questions about recycling, or interesting information about recycling? Send questions or requests to greycycle450@gmail.com. Dear Recycle Lady is sponsored jointly by the Greenbrier Recycling Center and Greenworks Recycling.

A Look Back

By William "Skip" Deegans

Whether former President Trump may have an opportunity to again hold an office in the United States government could hinge, in part, on the words of a West Virginian.

Peter Van Winkle, a Parkersburg attorney and railroad executive, was involved in the creation of West Virginia. In 1850, he was a member of the Virginia State Constitutional Convention. Later, in 1861, he was a member of the West Virginia Reorganization Convention in Wheeling. He was a delegate to the convention in 1863 that framed West Virginia's constitution. That same year, he became a member of West Virginia's House of Delegates.

As a conservative Republican and Unionist, he became one of West Virginia's first two United States Senators. While he is best known for casting a decisive vote that blocked the impeachment of President Andrew Johnson (who reportedly he did not admire), he participated in the debate on the 14th Amendment to the United States Constitution as the Senate addressed the subject of who shall not be allowed to serve as an officer of the United States. According to Section 3 of the 14th Amendment, a person may be disqualified from holding office in the United States government who "...shall have engaged in insurrection or rebellion against the same, or given aid or comfort to the enemies thereof." Van Winkle, speaking on the floor of the Senate, underscored the importance of Section 3 by stating, "This is to go into our constitution and to stand to govern future insurrection as well as the present, and I should like to have that point definitely understood." The 14th Amendment was



Photo: Courtesy of West Virginia & Regional History Center, West Virginia University.

Sources: The Guardian, Amici Curiae No. 23-179 re: Donald J. Trump v. Norma Anderson, et al., New Netherland Institute, U. S. Senate Historical Office.

ratified on July 9, 1868.

Last month a group of 25 prominent United States historians presented an Amicus brief to the United States Supreme Court and used Van Winkle's remarks to bolster their argument as to why former President Trump is disqualified from serving again as President of the United States.

Condemned by the West Virginia press and the West Virginia Legislature for acquitting President Johnson, Van Winkle's political career came to an end and he died in Parkersburg in 1872.

Carnegie Hall's Spring 2024 Classes & Workshops now available

As part of its commitment to lifelong learning, Carnegie Hall offers a series of classes and workshops to enlighten and inspire learners of all ages. These unique learning opportunities are taught primarily in small group settings at the Hall. The Spring 2024 Classes & Workshops options are now available.

Starting in February and continuing through June, classes and workshops include clay/pottery, weaving, herbal arts, felting, painting/drawing, music, woodturning, and more. There are classes for adults, children, and the entire family.

In addition to classes and workshops, the Spring 2024 schedule includes a home school series, an after-school series, and family fun dates. Carnegie Hall will also continue its Appalachian Heritage Lecture Series featuring a lecture by award winning storyteller, author, and recording artist Bil Lepp. Also back by popular demand is Traditional Sausage Making with Lost Creek Farms.



Needle Felted Landscape

The Spring 2024 Class & Workshop Series teaching artists include Kathy Talley, Luke Davis, WV Woodturners Association, Dennis Ott, Tommy Rafes, Jan Darrah, Sean O'Connell, Brenda Harman, Mike Costello, Amy Dawson, Amie Durrman, Kelsie Tyson, Bob DuCharme, Karen Leland, Aletta Cherry, John Coffey, and Teri Hartford.

For a complete list of classes and workshops and to enroll visit carnegiehallwv.org/classes-and-workshops or pick up a Classes & Workshops brochure at 611 Church Street, Lewisburg.

Greenbrier East High School Wrestler of the Week

Name: Parker Hale

Grade: 11th Grade

G.P.A.: 4.0

Current Record: 26-14 (16 Pins)

Parents: Nicole and Wayne Hale

Hometown: Maxwelton

Favorite Wrestler: Nick Suriano (2x NCAA CHAMPION and International Champion)

Favorite Quote: "For with God, nothing shall be impossible." - Luke 1:37

Began Wrestling: 4th grade

Past Accomplishments: 2x State Qualifier, Conference Finalist

Why he Wrestles: "It is the toughest, but the most fun sport that I have ever been a part of. It has matured me like no other sport!"

Coach's Comments: "Parker was a Coalfield Conference Tournament Finalist. He works extremely hard every day, even when no one is looking. He continues to improve every



week. Parker is also an outstanding student and person. We are extremely lucky to have such a talented wrestler and person on our team."

Miluk Humor: My daughter is a terrible cook. She has vending machines in her kitchen. Ha! She made "chocolate mousse." An antler got stuck in my throat! Terrible cook. Ha!

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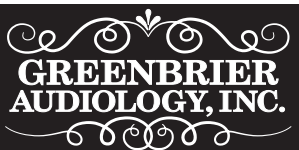
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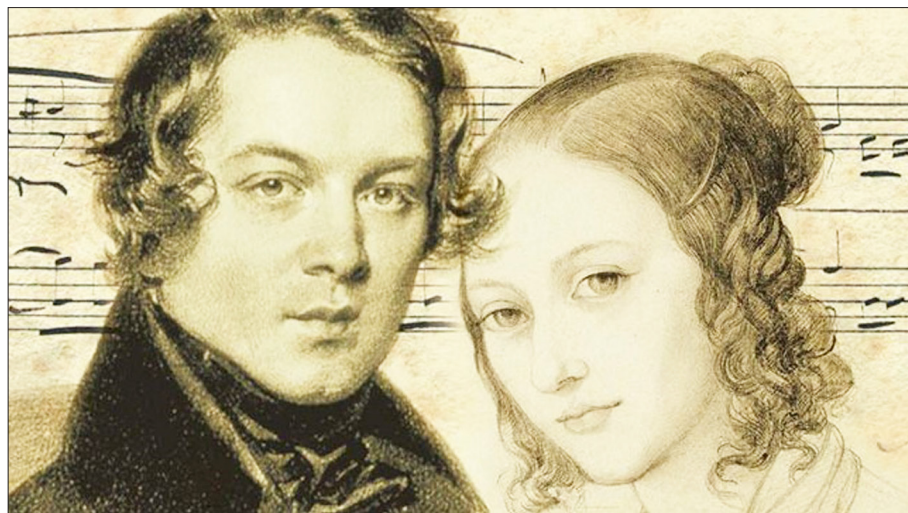
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Carnegie Classics Series continues with 'Love Story! Robert and Clara' featuring Barbara Nissman and Friends



Painting of Robert and Clara Schumann



Barbara Nissman

Carnegie Hall's Classics Series is a three-concert series hosted by Steinway "Legend" and 2023 West Virginia Music Hall of Fame inductee Barbara Nissman, designed to introduce classical music and Carnegie Hall to new audiences, as well as inspire and entertain current classical music enthusiasts. The 2023/2024 Classics Series concludes on Saturday, Feb. 24, at 7 p.m. in the Hamilton Auditorium.

In the final program, Love Story! Robert and Clara, pianist Barbara Nissman will tell the story of two great musicians, Robert and Clara Schumann. Their life together sounds like a soap opera. It was a life of love and loss and inspired music-making. Clara Schumann was probably the greatest female piano virtuoso of her time, and her husband Robert was among the great composers of the nineteenth century. Robert and Clara were truly the power couple of the Romantic age.

Barbara will share their unique story, combined with some of Robert's compositions. She will be joined by four musician friends for an exciting performance of Schumann's Piano Quintet. A wonderful finish to this season's successful Carnegie Classics Series.

Barbara Nissman is an internationally renowned concert pianist and since 1989 has been a West Virginian "by choice," residing on a farm in Greenbrier County. Hailed as "one of the last pianists in the grand Romantic tradition of Liszt,

Rachmaninoff, and Rubinstein," Nissman has performed as soloist with some of the world's leading orchestras, and has worked with some of the major conductors of our time.

Inducted into the inaugural class of Steinway Legends chosen from more than a century of Steinway Artists, Nissman is regarded as one of the world's great concert pianists. With a mission to bring her passion and joy to audiences around the world, Nissman continues to inspire and uplift people through her music.

In 2014 she formed her own record label, Three Oranges Recordings (threeorangesrecordings.com) that now includes a discography of over 30 recordings with many more projected for the future. In 2017 the Three Oranges Foundation was established to further its mission of making classical music accessible to a wider audience and to promote Barbara's various educational projects including a series of educational video master classes.

Tickets are \$25/adults and \$5/students. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.carnegiehallwv.org, call 304-645-7917, or stop by 611 Church Street, Lew-

isburg.

You won't want to miss this musical event - informal chat combines with great music-making for a memorable evening.

The Carnegie Classics Series is made possible with support from the James F.B. Peyton Fund, the National Endowment for the Arts and the West Virginia Division of

Culture and History, with approval from the West Virginia Commission on the Arts. Additional funding is also provided by Eugene and Annie Jeffus.

Carnegie Hall WV is a nonprofit organization supported by individual contributions, grants, and fundraising efforts such as TOOT and The Carnegie Hall Gala.

SCRAMBLERS

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

Native: ITCHEEN

Dismay: LAMAR

Give: ATONED

Force: IPOEMS

"You didn't let me finish — it's YOUR _____ who is coming to visit us!"

TODAY'S WORD: _____

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

DIFFERENCES: 1. Fur is different. 2. Hat is different. 3. Saucer is missing. 4. Hair is different. 5. Hair is different. 6. Name tag is higher.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Super Crossword

FOURTH-ESTATE FANTASY

ACROSS

- 1 Not quite first-rate
- 7 "Patience — virtue"
- 10 Car tankful
- 13 Collie of TV
- 19 Cattle farm of the West
- 20 Trumpet blast
- 22 Singer and actor Frankie
- 23 When it's 12:00 p.m.
- 24 Element #3
- 25 Japanese city that hosted the 1998 Olympics
- 26 Start of a riddle
- 29 Japanese buckwheat noodle
- 30 Dr. Seuss' Sam- —
- 31 Amo, amas, —
- 32 "Addams Family" cousin
- 35 Riddle, part 2
- 43 Faint smell
- 45 Foldout bed
- 46 Co-workers of MDs
- 47 Stalactite site
- 48 Florence's river
- 49 Total amount
- 51 "Scram!"
- 52 Minecraft and StarCraft, e.g.
- 55 Riddle, part 3
- 60 Brief promos
- 61 Triceps' place
- 62 Pop's Celine
- 63 See 58-Down
- 66 Bullfighter
- 67 Riddle, part 4
- 70 Put a new front on, as a building
- 72 Unbroken
- 73 Recognized
- 75 With 59-Down, brand of frozen potatoes
- 76 Famously feisty fish
- 77 Riddle, part 5
- 81 Oval shape
- 84 Dejected
- 85 "Who am — judge?"
- 86 Secret writing
- 87 Postal pieces
- 88 Detectives like TV's Magnum, for short
- 89 Karachi's nation: Abbr.
- 91 Very long time periods
- 92 End of the riddle
- 99 Disloyal type
- 100 Impulsive desire
- 101 Illusionist Geller
- 102 Like planted seeds
- 104 Riddle's answer
- 113 Enter very quickly
- 114 Novelist Caldwell
- 115 Common gauge for toy trains
- 116 "Despite that ..."
- 117 Gets smaller
- 118 "Happy Days" actress Ross
- 119 Bunks on ships
- 120 Mil. ranker
- 121 Gym pad
- 122 Hole to receive a lace
- 9 Lure for insect extermination
- 10 The earth as a goddess
- 11 Cut — (dance)
- 12 Pago Pago people
- 13 "Meteor" actor Martin
- 14 1972 Billy Wilder comedy film
- 15 Long, involved story
- 16 Shut loudly
- 17 Actress Skye of "Stranded"
- 18 Grammy winner Brian
- 21 "— the breaks!"
- 27 Former Egypt-Syr. alliance
- 28 Texter's "Holy smokes!"
- 32 "Let me!"
- 33 Bases-loaded situation
- 34 Lightweight kitchen utensils
- 36 Peak
- 37 Chicago daily, in brief
- 38 Global: Abbr.
- 39 Mark for life
- 40 Easter meat
- 41 Adam's mate
- 42 — Moines
- 44 Bob of choreography
- 49 Tahitian skirts
- 50 Package delivery co.
- 51 Carpentry material for some cabinets
- 52 Chi follower
- 53 Spicy Spanish pork sausage
- 54 Taxonomic subdivisions
- 56 Become lively
- 57 Cheer yell
- 58 With 63-Across, for the time being
- 59 See 75-Across
- 63 Oven used to bake naan
- 64 Spiny ant eater
- 65 Most unkind
- 67 Conservation org. with a panda logo
- 68 Pooch's yap
- 69 Big blue body
- 71 Genre of many sitcoms
- 74 Wide shoe spec
- 76 Mining shaft
- 77 Higher ground?
- 78 "You wish!"
- 79 Condé —
- 80 User-edited website
- 81 Rescue squad VIP
- 82 "— -di-dah!"
- 83 False story
- 88 Projecting curves on saddles
- 89 By the day
- 90 Huffington of HuffPost
- 91 So to speak
- 93 Wise-acting
- 94 Thick-skinned critters
- 95 Day, in Chile
- 96 Studly guys
- 97 Abbr. on a bad check
- 98 End a vacation
- 103 Mother-of-pearl
- 104 Surfing need
- 105 Cake finisher
- 106 Holy Week's time
- 107 Eldest of the Brady boys
- 108 Helper: Abbr.
- 109 For fear that
- 110 Half a train track
- 111 — gin fizz
- 112 Camp shelter
- 113 Yank's rival

Pocahontas County Opera House to host Opry Night featuring Mary Sue and Mike Burns with Old-time Festival Friends

The Pocahontas County Opera House is thrilled to announce its highly anticipated annual Opry Night featuring Mary Sue and Mike Burns with Old-time Festival Friends, scheduled for Feb. 17 at 7:30 p.m. The evening is set to feature the finest local and regional talent in old-time music as they recreate beloved favorites with unique twists.

Leading the dynamic ensemble are locals Mike and Mary Sue Burns, revered musicians hailing from Pocahontas County, and members of the popular band Juanita Fireball & the Continental Drifters.

Joining the Burns on the Opera House stage will be the music duo of Rick and Joanne Davidson, who are originating from Lewisville, NC. With a rich history spanning several old-time mountain music bands, they currently share the stage as part of the group Appalachian Thunder.

Also gracing the Opry Night line-up are respected musical partners Andy and Toni Williams. With roots dating

back to The Plank Road String Band and the New Plank Road, they continue to revitalize the music scene from their home base in Lexington, VA.

Rounding out this assembly of talent is Chris McGrath, a talented old-time fiddle and banjo performer who, after perfecting his craft in New England and Ireland, has made significant contributions to the music community of Virginia.

For the first time, this group of talented musicians, who have shared stages at numerous festival sessions, will come together as a single ensemble on the Pocahontas County Opera House stage. Adding a new note to our Opry Night tradition, the evening promises to be an unforgettable display of regional talent and the very best of Old-Time Music.

The Opera House welcomes all audiences, offering an informal and family-friendly environment accessible to individuals with disabilities. Special accommodation can be arranged upon request. Seating is on a

first-come, first-served basis, so attendees are encouraged to secure their admission in advance.

This performance is a must-see event at the Pocahontas County Opera House. Tickets are priced at \$10 for adults, and admission is free for those aged 17 and younger. Tickets can be obtained via pocahontasoperahouse.org, the 4th Avenue Gallery in Marlinton, or at the venue on the evening of the performance.

The Pocahontas County Opera House is grateful to receive financial support from the WV Division of Culture and History, with the endorsement of the WV Commission on the Arts. We would also like to extend our gratitude to Pocahontas County Dramas, Fairs and Festivals, Mid-Atlantic Arts, and the Pocahontas County Convention and Visitors Bureau for their generous support. Additionally, we are grateful for the support from the greater community who have shown their love and appreciation for our performances. We appreciate all the help that we have received from these organizations and individuals.



The West Virginia Dance Company will be coming to Greenbrier Valley Theatre on Feb. 17 at 7:30 p.m.

West Virginia Dance Company brings an evening of concert dance to GVT

WV Dance Company will bring its touring program, featuring seven professional dancers, to Greenbrier Valley Theatre (GVT) in Lewisburg on Feb. 17. This beautiful evening of dance will offer something for everyone that aims to unify audience members of any age. The company will also offer a dance workshop earlier in the day to anyone who is interested in participating.

Founded in 1977, WV Dance Company has been serving public venues, schools, colleges and universities with entertaining and thought provoking performances and workshops through the language of dance. Recognized for both artistic achievement and excellence in arts education, WVDC has toured throughout West Virginia, as well as 14 other states, reaching tens of thousands of people each year.

The evening starts with a work by Gerri Houlihan, world-renowned dance artist. Houlihan's dance "4x4" has been set in various locations throughout the world and is now on tour with WV Dance Company! Following will be a work by Donald Laney, "Anne", danced by Lauren McBarron to continue to tell the story of Anne Frank. "Residual Holocausts" a work by Toneta Akers-Toler and danced by Donald Laney will continue to share the stage with Anne Frank to remind all of us of a history that should never be repeated. This work will be dedicated to the people of Ukraine. It was created to

honor Toneta's father, a soldier in Patton's Army who released people from the concentration camps. Although a dark subject, Donald Laney has the dance and acting abilities to make each moment speak in a viscerally powerful movement language.

"Active Inference" choreographed by Donald Laney is movement delight at its best while offering a deep reflection of an individual's internal model of the world. The performance will end with "Suite West Virginia in Six Stories" by Toneta Akers-Toler. The music is composed by all native born West Virginians including Dr. Richard Grimes and Holden Akers-Toler. Storyteller and Composer Adam Booth offers his talents to give us history of women coal miners. Dancers Nash Dawson, Katie Jo Fulks, Donald Laney, Jax RF McAtee, Lauren McBarron, Dane Toney and Sarah Walker beautifully capture the many different styles of dance during the evening. Troy Snyder, lighting design artist, will add his talents to bring the evening to a magical experience for all.

The show will begin at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20 for general admission and seniors, and \$15 for students. For tickets and more information please visit www.gvtheatre.org or call the theatre's box office at 304-645-3838. To sign up for the WV Dance Company workshop, please call the box office.

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1. Ethnic 2. Alarm;
3. Donate; 4. Impose

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Weekly SUDOKU
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Super Crossword

Answers

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Carnegie Hall's Lobby Gallery features Butch Ferguson

Carnegie Hall's January/February Exhibits are underway with three new galleries featuring the works of regional artists. The Lobby Gallery features "Journey Through Nature" by Charles "Butch" Ferguson. The Lobby Gallery is located on the first floor of Carnegie Hall in the Hamilton Auditorium. The exhibit runs through the end of February.

Butch was born in Phoenix, Arizona and moved to West Virginia at a young age. The abundance of wildlife and the beautiful landscape sparked his interest in painting early on, but in the 1970's he found an interest in wood carving. Being a self-taught artist, the path he has taken has been a very versatile one.

His work was juried into the West Virginia Cultural Center at the State Capital. While there, one of his decoy carvings was presented to the then Vice President of the United States, George Bush in October 1988 by then Governor Arch Moore as a gift from the State of West Virginia. He was also honored for his important contribution to preserving West Virginia's heritage in the



"Journey Through Nature" exhibit by Butch Ferguson

arts. In April 1996, Butch was one of the first honored and accepted into the best of West Virginia at Tamarack. He was

received a conservation award for his work in the preservation of the North American Waterfowl Heritage.

Butch spent some time on West Virginia public television teaching wood carving and years in his studio at The Greenbrier Resort. There he received many commissions from The Hotel and their guests. Butch considers himself very fortunate to have his paintings and carvings collected from people around the world. He now enjoys semi-retirement from his home in Lewisburg, West Virginia.

Carnegie Hall exhibits are free and open to the public, Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., and run through the end of February. For more information, please visit 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.

Arabella Crookshanks named to Hollins University Dean's List

Hollins University congratulates Arabella Crookshanks of Smoot on earning Dean's List honors during the fall 2023 semester. To attain this distinction, students must earn at least a 3.5 average on a 4.0 grading scale.

Congratulations on earning this academic achievement, Arabella!

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Amount paid for the Title Examination and preparation of the list to be served and for preparation and service of notice with interest from January 1, 2021, following the sheriff's sale to April 2, 2024.	\$ 1,466.05
Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to April 2, 2024.	\$ 657.60
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Cost of Certification of Redemption - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor.	\$ 35.00

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Amount paid for the Title Examination and preparation of the list to be served and for preparation and service of notice with interest from January 1, 2022, following the sheriff's sale to March 24, 2024.	\$ 1,191.61
Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to March 24, 2024.	\$ 317.25
Total Amount Payable to Sheriff - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to The Honorable Robert Matheny, Sheriff and Treasurer of Harrison County.	\$ 2,554.91
Cost of Certification of Redemption - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor.	\$ 35.00

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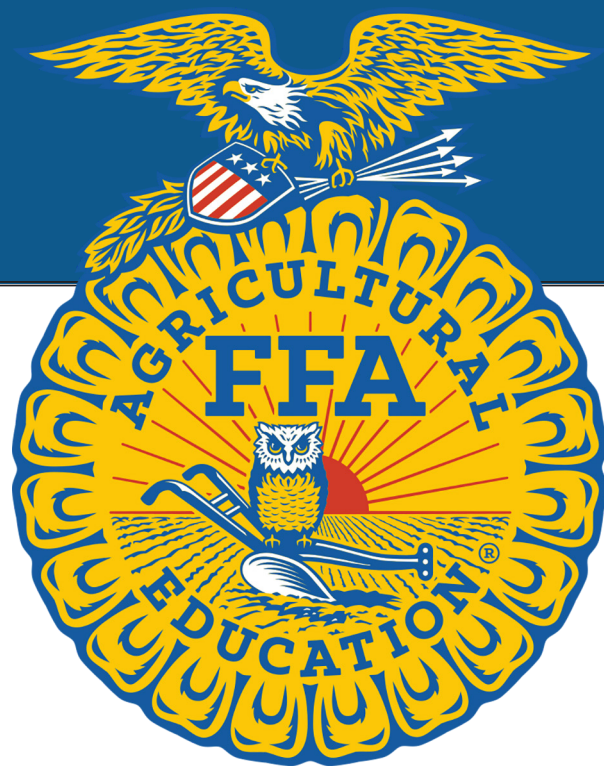
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What is it like being in the Future Farmers of America?



Members of the Greenbrier East FFA chapter visit The Hanna Farmstead in Sinks Grove, WV, which is owned by two alumni of the group.



Members of the Greenbrier East High School FFA chapter.

By the Future Farmers of America, Greenbrier East Chapter, for TheRealWV, www.therealwv.com

The Greenbrier East FFA chapter participates in a variety of activities throughout the year, including agricultural competitions, community service projects, and leadership conferences. Members have the opportunity to compete in events such as livestock judging, land judging, equine judging, public speaking, and agricultural mechanics, among others. These competitions help students develop important skills such as critical thinking, problem-solving, and teamwork.

On December 7, 2023, Greenbrier East FFA sent

an agricultural mechanics team and a milk quality team to Morgantown, WV for what is called CDEs (Career Development Events.) Leah Wylie from the agricultural mechanics' team stated, "CDEs have helped put the skills I've learned in class to use at the competition. It's also allowed me to meet people from all around the state who share the same interests as me."

In addition to competitions, the Greenbrier East FFA chapter also participates in community service projects that help promote agricultural awareness and education. Some of these projects include small projects requested by community members and orga-

nizing fundraisers for local charities.

Along with community service and competitions, this chapter hosts several fundraisers throughout the year. We have two large fundraisers each year. One of the two biggest fundraisers is the Ham Stand, located in the West Virginia State Fair, which is by far one of the most successful fundraisers the chapter has. Students are not required but are encouraged to work at least three shifts during state fair week. The funds are used for anything our chapter needs along with an educational and fun trip to famous farm shows in states surrounding West Virginia. For example, Louisville, Kentucky is the farm show selected for this year. Students who worked at least three shifts during fair week at the ham stand have the opportunity to participate in the field trip.

Each year the West Virginia State FFA chapter holds a state convention. During the convention chapters from around the state are invited to participate in events and sessions hosted by the current state FFA officers. Greenbrier East FFA's officer team, competition participants, and state degree recipients all gather at Cedar Lakes, WV to participate in the convention. The state convention is also hosted to vote for new state officers. FFA also holds a huge event called the National Convention held in Indianapolis, IN every year to talk about new business, give awards, present American degrees (the highest degree you can receive), and present the new national officer team. Greenbrier East FFA's chosen officers of the year all get to travel to Indianapolis to participate in the convention.

This upcoming month includes National FFA Week and regional LDEs. The Greenbrier East FFA chapter decorates the halls and sets up games in the school during lunches for students to participate in during the week. Officers choose different games but every year we do a "petting zoo" with small farm animals. It's the most popular activity by far. The chapter also participates in what's called LDEs (Leadership Development Events.) Teams will be chosen closer to the date of LDEs which is on February 28.

Overall, the Greenbrier East FFA chapter is a valuable resource for students who are interested in agriculture and related fields. Through its activities and programs, the chapter helps students develop important skills and knowledge that will prepare them for successful careers in the agricultural industry.



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Help Grow Future Leaders by Giving Back on Give FFA Day

Individuals across the country can make a difference in the lives of the more than 945,000 FFA members next month by participating in Give FFA Day during National FFA Week.

For the eighth year, during National FFA Week, individuals will have an opportunity to step up and support FFA and agricultural education through Give FFA Day on Thursday, Feb. 22. Funds raised support various programs on local, state and national levels. During the 24 hours of giving, donors can donate to the National FFA and the state FFA associations of their choice.

In February, the organization will celebrate FFA, advisors and members as part of National FFA Week, which includes giving back during Give FFA Day. For over 90 years, the National FFA Organization has strived to make a difference in students' lives. Donations help FFA grow the next generation of leaders. Through FFA, members can find their paths to success.

With almost a million members, there is a need for sustained funding to provide valuable programs, events, skills training and more; through generous supporters like those on Give FFA Day, FFA members can thrive.

"FFA has been instrumental in growing my skills related to leadership, teamwork and communication. Donor support makes it possible for students like me to grow and achieve our goals in both a personal and career capacity," said Lauren Thornhill, an Ohio state FFA officer.

This year, the organization aims to raise \$1 million during the 24 hours of Give FFA Day. FFA hopes to achieve this by challenging everyone to contribute throughout the day. Donors can give to support the mission of National FFA, support their home state, provide the iconic FFA blue jackets, travel assistance to FFA members for career and leadership development events, teacher support and resources and opportunities for female FFA members.

RFD-TV has generously pledged to match the first \$100,000 in donations on Give FFA Day.

In addition, American Family Insurance and John Deere will also match donations on Give FFA Day. Matching details will be announced throughout the day.

"Donors at every level ensure we continue to grow the future leaders of agriculture and the world," said Kim-

berly Coveney, the annual fund manager for the National FFA Foundation. "Give FFA Day is an opportunity for each FFA supporter to magnify their impact on the lives of young people when they join other donors across the country. Every gift makes a difference, and we are grateful for our donors and their continued support and belief in FFA and agricultural education."

To prepare for Give FFA Day, visit FFA.org/GiveFFADay. See how you can give back to the organization and encourage others to do the same.

Annual 4-H and FFA Ham, Bacon, and Egg Show and Sale

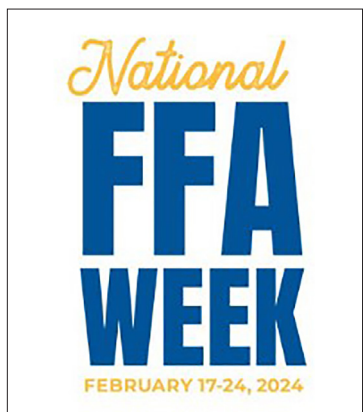
The 73rd annual Greenbrier and Monroe 4-H and FFA Ham, Bacon, and Egg Show and Sale is set for Friday, March 15 at the WV Building at the West Virginia State Fairgrounds. There will be a preview from 3 to 6 p.m. with an exhibitor's meeting at 6 p.m. The sale starts at 6:30 p.m. There are complementary ham biscuits and drinks for buyers. All products are raised and prepared by Greenbrier and Monroe County 4-H and FFA members.

What do the letters FFA stand for?

The official name of the organization is the National FFA Organization.

The letters "FFA" stand for Future Farmers of America. These letters are a part of our history and our heritage that will never change. But FFA is not just for students who want to be production farmers; FFA also welcomes members who aspire to careers as teachers, doctors, scientists, business owners and more. For this reason, the name of the organization was updated in 1988 after a vote of national convention delegates to reflect the growing diversity and new opportunities in the industry of agriculture.

Today, the National FFA Organization remains committed to the in-



dividual student, providing a path to achievement in premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.

FFA continues to help the next generation rise up to meet those challenges by helping its members to develop their own unique talents and explore their interests in a broad range of agricultural career pathways. So today, we are still the Future Farmers of America. But, we are the Future Biologists, Future Chemists, Future Veterinarians, Future Engineers and Future Entrepreneurs of America, too.

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