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Chocolate Festival map and tasting menu released

The Lewisburg Chocolate Festival map and tasting menu has been released for the Apr. 6 event. All pre-sale tasting tickets are sold out, and now the only way to purchase tickets is on the day of the festival at Will Call at the downtown Lewisburg City National Bank location. If you purchased tickets ahead of time, they will be available for pickup from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Will Call. The festival runs from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. with a shuttle service courtesy of MTA running every 20 minutes from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. to and from the Wal-Mart parking lot to the Lewisburg United Methodist Church parking lot. See inside this edition for the full map, activity schedule, and tasting list!

Greenbrier Co. Commission remembers Blaine Phillips, tables budget approval

By Matthew Young
RealWV, www.therealwv.com

The Greenbrier County Commission, on Tuesday, met for the first time since the passing of Commissioner Blaine Phillips, and began with a moment of silence in his honor.

“As we all know, we have lost our colleague, Blaine Phillips, last week,” Commission President Tammy Tinchler said. “We send our prayers of comfort to his family, we appreciate his friendship, and we know that this will be a loss to our county.”

The first item of new business before the commission was consideration and approval of a letter of support for First Energy’s application for participation in the federal Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnership (GRIP) grant program.

According to Tinchler, the GRIP program is facilitated through the U.S. Department of Energy, and the funding must be applied for through an energy provider. The program is intended to target “projects that provide substantial benefits to disadvantaged communities in [the] service area, and enable equitable and diverse participation during the supplier bidding process to promote innovation, open doors, and create partnerships that fuel the economy.”

Joining the meeting via telephone was John Norman. External affairs manager with First Energy, who said, “In a nutshell, (the GRIP program) is designed to enhance the nation’s grid infrastructure.”

“We decided to seek five federal grants (through the GRID program),” Norman added. “Two of the five, which total \$300 million, will directly impact West Virginia.”

According to Norman, \$100 million will be directed towards the creation of the West Virginia-Maryland Smart Grid, and \$200 million will go toward metering enhancements.

Before approving the letter of support, Tinchler noted that the project would only impact the First

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Lewisburg City Council discusses stage at Green Space, wayfinding, and zoning

By Sarah Richardson

The Lewisburg City Council convened on Tuesday, Mar. 19, to discuss the wayfinding signage project, downtown parking, the updated draft Zoning Ordinance, distemper in area skunks, and more.

Commissioner Valerie Pritt presented the draft Zoning Ordinance to Council on behalf of the Planning Commission, which voted on Mar. 7 to approve this draft of the updated Zoning Ordinance. State code requires a study and report on zoning within the City, and the WVU Land Law clinic has undertaken this since 2016. City Attorney Tom White said that at this juncture the Council will need to accept the zoning study, including the draft zoning ordinance, so that dates for public hearings can be set for the public to have an opportunity to come forward and discuss the changes to the ordinance.



Lewisburg Mayor Beverly White and newly-promoted Cpl. Sheldon Simmons of the Lewisburg Police Department at March’s City Council meeting.

The council unanimously passed the motion, and set the following dates for public hearings: Tuesday, May 7, at 9 a.m., and Wednesday, May 8 at 7 p.m., both at Lewisburg City Hall. The public is invited to attend and submit comments of the proposed

Lewisburg Zoning Ordinance. Copies of the proposed ordinance, including maps, will be available for review prior to the hearing at City Hall from Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and at the Greenbrier County Library during regular busi-

ness hours. Information is also available online at <https://lewisburg-wv.org>.

Lewisburg City Manager Misty Hill presented a rendering of a wayfinding map to Council for review. The City has been coordinating with the Mills Group to design

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Smash Pots pop-up kitchen comes to Lewisburg

By Sarah Richardson

Last weekend, visitors to the Washington Street Pub were treated to the Greenbrier Valley’s newest pop-up kitchen, Smash Pots. Spearheaded by Chef Thaddeus Brandon, Smash Pots is bringing loaded potatoes to several area hotspots this summer. With a pop-up kitchen, the eatery doesn’t have its own, permanent spot, but “pops up” at locations for a limited time.

Brandon, who was raised in White Sulphur Springs and graduated from Greenbrier East, says that he has always had a passion for cooking, and knew he wanted to start his own business for the last several years. While he loves his day job of producing barrels at the WV Great Barrel Company, he said that he still felt a drive to follow his vision and pursue his passion project in his free time.

“I worked at the Livery Tavern for five years, and was Head Chef for three of those years,” he said of his culinary background. “I wanted to start my own business, but I didn’t know exactly what yet. Where I have that love of cooking, I kind of put those two things together, and here we are.”

When asked why he chose potatoes, he said that he was brainstorming late-night food ideas that were easy, filling, and sort of a fan favorite. “Who doesn’t like potatoes?” He thought that a pop-up kitchen would help fill a late-night food need in downtown areas outside of standard restaurant business hours.

“I’m a people pleaser, to an extent. I want to be creative, but also have food that makes people feel good,” he said. “Cooking is just a nice little love language.”

He said that his first pop-up event last weekend at The

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Thaddeus Brandon presents one of his loaded potato creations at his first Smash Pots pop-up.

Gov. Justice vetoes vaccine bill

Takes action on all remaining bills passed in recent Legislative session

Gov. Jim Justice announced that he has vetoed HB 5105, which would have removed vaccination requirements for students in virtual public schools and allow private and parochial schools to set their own standards.

Gov. Justice said the following in his veto letter: “Since this legislation was passed, I have heard constant, strong opposition to this legislation from our State’s medical community. The overwhelming majority that has voiced their opinion believe that this legislation will do irreparable harm by crippling childhood immunity to diseases such as mumps and measles. West Virginia historically has seen very few instances of these diseases, specifically because the vaccination requirements in this State are so strong. Importantly, the vaccines at issue have been required in this State for decades and have kept our communities safe. Our surrounding states, however, have seen spikes in such illnesses recently. These spikes, we are advised, are the result of the lesser vaccine requirements in those states. The image below shows surrounding states with reported measles cases as of Mar. 21, 2024, highlighted in blue.

“Additionally, we have heard from many private and parochial institutions all around the State, likewise requesting this bill be vetoed. We have heard from this community that they see this bill as purely divi-

sive and, if signed into law, requiring consideration of adopting policies that will result in parents pulling their children from their schools.

“I have always and will always defend our freedoms as West Virginians and as Americans. I hear how strongly people believe in one side or the other on this subject, and I respect all opinions. But I must follow the guidance of our medical experts on this subject. Our medical community in West Virginia serves our people every single day, helping protect our people from disease and poor health. Their wisdom should not be ignored - especially when it comes to the health and safety of our children.

“West Virginia is way ahead of the pack in protecting our children from preventable diseases like the measles, and in this matter, I will defer to our licensed medical professionals who have come forward overwhelmingly to say this bill could and likely would result in reduced immunity and harm to West Virginia’s kids. Our kids are our future. They are our most important resource, and I will protect them with everything I have. Accordingly, I hereby disapprove and return Enrolled Committee Substitute for House Bill 5105.”

Gov. Justice has now acted upon all legislation passed in the 2024 Regular Session of the West Virginia Legislature.

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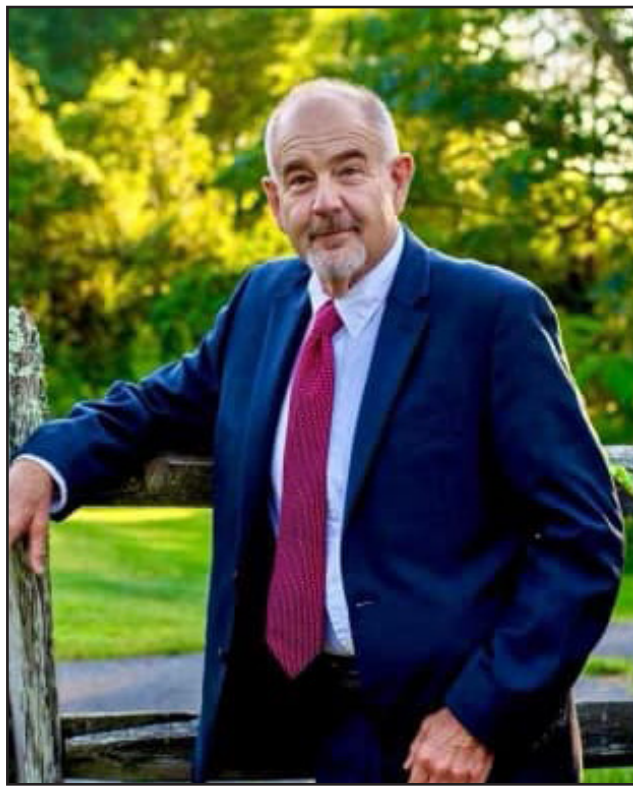
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County Commissioner Blaine Phillips passes

It is with great sadness that the Greenbrier County Commission announces the unexpected passing of Commissioner Blaine Phillips on Wednesday, Mar. 20, 2024.

Before his election as a County Commissioner, Blaine had long committed himself to serving the citizens of Greenbrier County. Upon his election, he spent a great deal of time training and learning the intricacies of his office to be the best public servant possible. Blaine's excitement for the future of the county, and his dedication to family and business gave him the perfect public servant's heart.



Blaine Phillips

Blaine was our friend and a true Greenbrier Countian, and although we will remember his service and honor his dedication, his absence will be profoundly felt by his community. Our hearts and prayers are with Blaine's family and friends as we mourn with them in their time of sorrow. Thank you for your friendship and service, Blaine.

– Commissioners Tammy Tincher and Lowell Rose

Vehicle accident claims two lives

On Sunday, Mar. 24, at approximately 3:30 p.m., members of the Greenbrier County Sheriff's Office responded to a two-vehicle automobile accident on U.S. Route 219 south of Ronceverte and near Organ Cave. The accident was a head on collision with entrapment. The driver and passenger in one of the involved vehicles succumbed to their injuries at the scene. Their names are being withheld pending family notifications.

The Greenbrier County Sheriff's Department Crime/Accident Scene Reconstruction Team processed the scene. Ronceverte Police Department and the fire departments of Ronceverte, Fairlea, and Lewisburg responded.

Lieutenant D.W. Hedrick of the Greenbrier County Sheriff's Office is the investigating officer.

Smash Pots

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Pub was a success, with a mix of in-house and to-go orders each day. The next Smash Pots pop-up will be held at the Washington Street Pub on Friday, Mar. 29, and Saturday, Mar. 30, from 8 p.m. to close. Future pop-up sites on the radar include the Sportsman Tavern and Greenbrier Valley Brewing Company.

"As long as you're doing something that you love, with care, it's going to turn out. You have to have a passion about something," he said. His ultimate goal is to expand into a full food truck, but for now, the menu is a "tight and simple" variety of dishes he aims to be something different and filling.

Thaddeus said that he is the proud son of Veronia (Brandon) Meadows, and that she has been one of his biggest supporters throughout his business launch.

Other pop-up events will be announced in the future, follow "Smash Pots" on Facebook or Instagram at "smashxspots."



Smash Pot's loaded potatoes include an "OG" loaded baked potato slathered in toppings, as well as a chicken bacon ranch potato, a southwest potato, and a street corn version, all of which are topped so heavily you can't tell at a glance there is even a potato at the bottom.

Lewisburg City Council

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a wayfinding signage system and kiosk map for downtown Lewisburg to assist in highlighting shops, restaurants, historical sites, the arts, and more in the downtown region. Council approved moving forward with the project, and more information will be available as the plans develop.

Hill also reported that Region IV is applying for grants for the new fire station, which will be located near Lewisburg Cinema 8. The City also is applying for grants to help cover water line upgrade costs for roughly \$1.5 million, and has applied for three grants for the planned dog park at Dorie Miller Park. "Odds are, hopefully, favorable," said Hill.

Councilmember Arron Seams reported that during this month's Finance Committee meeting, discussions were held on how to "better enforce the parking downtown." A plan was presented that includes adding signage on corners downtown regarding moving parked cars that will "let us have an enforcement mechanism" with parking, according to Seams. Hill added that when vehicles sit downtown for "days on end" it makes it difficult for the City to street sweep and keep up with debris. Seams added that they discussed parking for downtown residents, and they left the meeting "with an understanding that those apartments do have alternative parking with each of those units, so there are other options for residents that park on the street."

Also presented at Finance were renderings for a stage to be installed at the Green Space for events. Financials were not yet discussed, as the renderings need approved by Finance, Council, and then the Historic Landmarks Commission before the Mills Group can price out the costs with building the approved designs. Finance and Council approved the renderings. Councilmember Little noted that Council had set aside nearly \$40,000 in leftover Arts and Humanities funds for this project, however, now there are estimated costs associated with the project totaling an additional \$80,000. "While I think this would be a wonderful thing, I just don't know how we can pick up the bill for what we thought was a

\$40,000 project and is now a \$120,000 project. I don't know how the City should be responsible for all of that," said Little. Councilmember Pritt disagreed, saying that she was under the impression that the finances would "trickle," and said it was a good goal for Lewisburg to have this space.

Councilmember John Little said following lengthy meetings regarding next year's city budget, he is proud of the teamwork and dedication involved with all the moving parts of budget planning. He sang the praises of City Treasurer Susan Honaker and her years of dedicated service to the City. "I was so impressed, and thank you for that," said Little. As of this May, Honaker will have worked for the City for 20 years.

The public should be aware that several skunks in the area have tested positive for distemper, and to be alert for altered behavior in area wildlife. If a suspicious skunk is spotted in city limits, please contact Jack Hudnall at Hudnall Wildlife Services. It is advised to make sure that all pets are fully vaccinated for distemper.

In other news:

- Patrolman Sheldon Simmons of the Lewisburg Police Department was promoted to the rank of Corporal.
- Councilmember Sarah Elkins reports that White Sulphur Springs will be receiving \$2.6 million to design and develop the largest bike part in the state. "It'll take two years, probably, before we see it, but the money is there," said Elkins. The park will be located at Hope Village. She also reports that a small bike trail, roughly a mile long, is now installed behind the new Hammer Cycles location across from Lewisburg Elementary School.
- Resolution 545, Water System Improvement Project Pay Request 22, was approved in the amount of \$1,383,862.71. Of these funds, \$1,372,496.33 comes from the USDA, and \$11,366.38 comes from the WDA EEG.
- Last month Mayor White appointed Al Emch to the Board of Zoning Appeals, however, due to his residence not being located within city limits, he cannot serve on the board. In his place, Mayor White appointed Courtney Jessup to the Board with unanimous approval.

PICK OF THE LITTER



EL VIRA

El Vira is an eight-year-old female domestic shorthair



FREDDIE

Freddie is an 11-month-old male lab/pit mix

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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Multiple arrests made in Rainelle

On Saturday, Mar. 23, members of the Greenbrier County Sheriff's Department responded to a complaint within the city limits of Rainelle. That investigation led them to another residence, located on Second Street in Rainelle, and the officers subsequently obtained a search warrant for that home.

Eleven individuals were located within the residence and a search of the property resulted in the seizure of approximately 3.29 grams of what appeared to be methamphetamine and a 1.5 ounce bag of what appeared to be marijuana. Multiple amounts of drug paraphernalia; to include baggies, bowls, pipes, needles, burnt foil, and straws were also seized.

As a result of the investigation three individuals were placed under arrest.

James Robert Baglin, 59, was charged with one count of possession of a controlled substance.

Trey Martin Anderson was charged with one count of possession of a controlled substance.

Cleve Deal, 43, was arrested on a Child Support capias.

All three individuals were transported to the Southern Regional Jail.

Captain J.J. Martin and Sergeant M.T. Doss are the investigating officers.

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Briefly

Pence Springs Flea Market announces March 31 opening date

The Pence Springs Flea Market has announced they will be opening for the 2024 season one week early, starting on Sunday, Mar. 31, rain or shine. The flea market is held every Sunday regardless of the weather from Mar. 31 through Oct. 27, with gates opening for customers at 7:30 a.m. The flea market is located between Hinton and Alderson at 8361 State Route 3, WV-12, Pence Springs. Visit www.pencespringsfleamarket.com for more information.

Launch party set for local off-road biking chapter

The Greenbrier Valley Off-Road Biking Association (GVORBA) is up and running! We are your local IMBA (International Mountain Bicycling Association) Chapter, and we'd love to invite you to a launch party to share what we've been up to and our goals for the future. You'll have an opportunity to meet our board and founding members and learn more about how you can get involved. Save the date: Friday, May 3, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Greenbrier Valley Visitor's Center, Lewisburg.

Senior Prom - a prom for all ages

The community is invited to the Senior Prom Apr. 5 presented by the Greenbrier County Committee on Aging in partnership with the WVSOM Geriatrics Club from 6 to 9 p.m. at the WVSOM Alumni Building. There will be music and dancing, snacks, and a cash bar. Tickets may be purchased at the Fairlea or Rupert Senior Centers - \$15 per person or \$25 per couple. Call 304-645-7842 for more information and for sponsorship opportunities. Donations to benefit the Greenbrier County Committee on Aging may be sent to GCCA, 1003 Greenbrier Street, Rupert, WV 25984.

Williamsburg Shooting Match

Spring has sprung! Join us for the Williamsburg Shooting Match that will be held Apr. 6 beginning 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! The 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, WV. We hope to see you all there. Sponsored by a joint effort of the Williamsburg Community Action. For more information and directions visit our website: www.williamsburg-wv.com or call Bill Jarvis at 304-645-3690.

Williamsburg Spaghetti Dinner

Spring is here, get out and join Williamsburg for a spaghetti dinner on Saturday, Apr. 13, from 4 to 7 p.m., \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 10. The dinner will include spaghetti with meat sauce, or meatless sauce, salad, garlic bread, drink and dessert. This dinner is a fundraiser to aid the funding of the Williamsburg Fair fireworks. Come eat in or take out!

WVDOT reminds citizens of law regarding placement of political signs on state rights of way

As Primary Election Day in West Virginia approaches, the West Virginia Department of Transportation (WVDOT) wants to remind the public of laws regarding political signs placed on state rights of way.

"WVDOT understands the seriousness of this law while also understanding the need for candidates to place signs in areas as part of the political process," said Joe Pack, P.E., Chief Engineer of Operations.

The WVDOT has a duty to uphold the laws surrounding political signs placed on state rights of way. West Virginia Division of Highways (WVDOH) has the intent to enforce the provisions of West Virginia Code a7-19-1 as to the removal of the signs.

WVDOH workers will pull any signs from the state rights of way and, for a short time, store them in the county highway offices to be picked up by the candidates or their representatives. WVDOH workers must also take time out of their maintenance schedules to remove signs.

Primary Election Day in West Virginia is May 14, 2024.

Greenbrier County Magistrate Court Convictions

Catherine Alexis Briggs, Mullens, speeding, fine \$34, GP
Allison M. Harvey, Cool Ridge, speeding, fine \$34, NCP
Lorena Moreno, Chester, VA, speeding, fine \$58
Ethan C. Jones, Charmco, speeding, fine \$54, GP
Ragan Matthew Bostic, Ronceverte, driving impaired, fine \$100, jail 15 days - suspended and placed on 12 months unsupervised probation, NCP
Reuben P. McMillion, Renick, speeding 10 mph or less in excess on highway, fine \$12, GP
Mark S. Liebendorfer, Lewisburg, speeding 10 mph or less in excess on highway, fine \$5, NCP
Florence Mae Watkins, White Sulphur Springs, possession of controlled substance, fine \$100, 60 days at Seneca Mental Health with emphasis on substance abuse, NCP
Andrew Michael Schoolcraft, Bradley, speeding, fine \$20, GP
Eric Ray Clendenin, Beckley, reckless driving, fine \$100, jail 90 days - suspended and placed on unsupervised probation: 2 years completion of 6 months of Shadow Track Voluntary Interlock Program, NCP
Shawn Austin Tasker, Rupert, speeding, fine \$18, NCP

For the Record

Deeds

Lulu Underwood Starrett Trust to Starrett Family Trust: 0.77 acres, Frankford District, Map 15E Parcel 6. Filed March 18, 2024.

Starrett Family Trust to Michael J. Butts and Christine E. Anzelmi: 0.77 acres more or less, Frankford District, Map 15E Parcel 6. Filed March 18, 2024.

Charles B. Alderman and Deborah D. Alderman to Clayton H. Alderman and Charles G. Alderman: 40,132 acres, White Sulphur District, Map 10 Parcel 17. Filed March 19, 2024.

Old Head LLC to IT Community LLC: 60 X 165 lot, Lewisburg District, Map 20 Parcel 56. Filed March 19, 2024.

Donald P. Clements and Donna C. Ramsey to Amber Ramsey: 1.42 acres, White Sulphur District, Map 16 Parcel 0033. Filed March 19, 2024.

Catherine V. Miller to James L. Gragg: lot 2 West Meadows, Frankford District, Map 22 Parcel 121. Filed March 19, 2024.

Yong Dong to Kevin Simek: 20 acres, Blue Sulphur District, Map 16 Parcel 21. Filed March 19, 2024.

Caroline Watts estate (by Evelyn W. Watts executrix) to Lacy E. Oney: 1.152 acres, Frankford District, Map 22 Parcel 0150. Filed March 19, 2024.

Pamela Lane and Aaron Lane to Aaron and Pamela Lane Family Irrevocable Living Trust: 0.448 acres, Frankford District, Map 17 Parcel 47. Filed March 20, 2024.

W. Thomas McNeel and M. Edgar McNeel to Billy J. Bobbitt: ½ interest, 25 acres, Williamsburg District, Map 47 Parcel 54. Filed March 29, 2024.

Fred M. Kellerman and Scarlett E. Kellerman to Fred M. Kellerman and Scarlett E. Kellerman: 2.18 acres and 1.29 acres, Frankford District, Map 0087 Parcel 2. Filed March 20, 2024.

Boulder Bluff and Greenbrier Valley Land Company LLC to Shawn A. Honaker and Rachel A. Honaker: 11.48 acres, Jokes Mill Road, Irish Corner District, Map 17 Parcel 0073.0000. Filed March 20, 2024.

Allen Shafer to Allen Shafer: 1.203 acres, Lewisburg District, Map 20J Parcel 0006. Filed March 20, 2024.

Earnest W. Sorrells and Eric W. Sorrells to Kameron Pack and Tiffany S. Pack: 2 parcels, Meadow Bluff District, Map 47H Parcel 52. Filed March 21, 2024.

City of White Sulphur Springs to Lindsey T. Wolford and Candi L. Wolford: 15 foot driveway, Map 2, White Sulphur District. Filed March 21, 2024.

Charles A. Sulser and James L. Sulser to Nelda Nutter: 0.279 acres, Anthony Creek District, Map 47 Parcel 0074 0001. Filed March 21, 2024.

Christopher Terry and Renee Terry to Steven M. Winnings and Ellie A. Persinger: 3.12 acres, Irish Corner District, Map 11 Parcel 0069. Filed March 21, 2024.

Marie R. Goodwin (trustee of the Marie R. Goodwin Revocable Trust) to Marie R. Goodwin: lot 74 Crowfields, Lewisburg District, Map 21 Parcel 0058. Filed March 22, 2024.

David J. Rapp to Michael S. Bell: 0.198 acres, Frankford District, Map 19 Parcel 7. Filed March 22, 2024.

James A. Richardson and Tammy L. Richardson to Travis Tyler Jr.: 2 tracts, Meadow Bluff District, Map 47H Parcel 49. Filed March 22, 2024.

Aidan Sullivan and Benjamin Sullivan to Reuben L. Dancey and Sherry G. Dancey: lot no. 24, Meadow Bluff District, Map 60K Parcel 9. Filed March 22, 2024.

Girlonza N. Scott and Katherine J. Scott to Montani Semper Liberi Development LLC: 5.324 acres, Lewisburg District, Map 6 Parcel 13.4. Filed March 22, 2024.

Clifford G. Carr, Joyce A. Carr, and Clifford G. Carr Jr. to Cynthia G. Rudd and Charles C. Rudd: 1.19, 1.19, 1.24, 1.27 acres, Meadow Bluff District, Map 60L Parcel 128, 129, 130, 131, 133. Filed March 22, 2024.

Marriages

Selena Marie Burke and Trevor Bell Fullen
Briyana Destiny Rayne Dunbar and Hunter Truman Lee Brady
Sara Nicole Crouch and Casey Theron Goodson

WV Parkways Authority releases Easter holiday travel estimates

The West Virginia Parkways Authority is getting ready for a busy, five-day Easter holiday travel weekend along the West Virginia Turnpike.

Parkways officials are predicting 565,000 transactions from Thursday, Mar. 28, through Monday Apr. 1. The busiest day is expected to be on Friday, Mar. 29 (Good Friday), with 135,000 anticipated transactions. Easter Sunday, Mar. 31, is predicted to be the lightest day of the weekend with 90,000 transactions.

Easter Sunday 2024 falls on Mar. 31, which was the same date for Easter in 2013. Parkways leaders looked at the 2013 numbers, year-to-date travel numbers, and previous years' transactions to make their 2024 forecast.

"Early weather forecasts indicate mid to high 50s during the day with a slight chance of rain, that could mainly just affect which day of that week experiences the most travel," said Jeff Miller, West Virginia Parkways Authority Executive Director. "Right now we expect Friday, Mar. 29, to be the busiest travel day. Please plan your trip accordingly and expect high volumes of traffic during peak travel times."

The estimated transactions for the 2024 Easter holiday weekend are as follows:

- Thursday, Mar. 28: 125,000
- Friday, Mar. 29 (Good Friday): 135,000
- Saturday, Mar. 30: 95,000
- Sunday, Mar. 31 (Easter): 90,000
- Monday, Apr. 1: 120,000

Miller reminds drivers that E-ZPass is the quickest and most economical way to travel along the West Virginia Turnpike. Gov. Jim Justice announced the E-ZPass Single Fee plan in 2018 to help drivers save money on tolls.

The Single Fee Discount Program costs \$26.25 per year (plus \$13 transponder fee) for unlimited use of the West Virginia Turnpike. Click here to get an E-Z Pass or to renew an existing E-ZPass.

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

meets on the fourth Thursday of each month at 10:30 a.m. at the Greenbrier County Courthouse, 912 Court Street North, Lewisburg, WV 24901 in the County Commission Meeting Room. The public is invited to attend. Call 304-520-3221 for more information.

Lewisburg City Parks Commission

will meet Tuesday, Apr. 2 at 7 p.m. in the Paul R. Cooley Council Chamber at City Hall, 942 Washington Street West. On the agenda:

- Communication from members
- Pickleball Summer Youth Program
- Project updates
- GGSL Greenbrier Girls Softball League at Hollowell Park
- Little League
- Dorie Miller Park - softball ballfields
- Five and ten year plans for the Parks System
- Approval of Minutes - Oct. 3, 2023

Historic Landmarks Commission

will meet Monday, Apr. 8 at 5 p.m. in regular session in the Paul R. Cooley Council Chamber at City Hall, 942 Washington Street West. On the agenda:

- Approval of Minutes - Mar. 7, 2024
- Comments from the public
- Linda Underwood, 116 East Foster St. - build a porch on existing log cabin
- Yarid's Shoes, 885/887 Washington St. - replace roof
- The City of Lewisburg, 942 Washington St. W - build a stage at the Greenspace
- Bestitle, 1128 Washington - window sign
- Florian Schleiff, 263 Echols Lane - build a garage
- Florian Schleiff, 151 Foster St. - build a garage
- Jim Morgan, 140 Oak St. - add additional solar panel to existing three
- Libby Tomas, 1505 Washington St. - replace soffit, fascia and porch flooring
- Emil Stalis, 331 Lafayette St. - install 10x12' shed
- Comments from Members
- Comments from Zoning Officer

The next scheduled meeting of the Historic Landmarks Commission will be Monday, May 13 at 5 p.m. with a deadline of Friday, Apr. 26 at noon.

Morrissey's Mobile Office sets April stops

Attorney General Patrick Morrissey announced a representative from his office will meet with central and southeastern West Virginia residents in April to discuss consumer-related issues and answer any potential questions.

"These public events are a great way for consumers to talk one-on-one with our consumer representatives," Attorney General Morrissey said. "Residents can easily get questions answered, learn what is going on in their area and how to keep personal information safe and secure."

Justin Arvon, a consumer outreach and compliance specialist with the office, will host the events scheduled below:

- Apr. 4: noon to 1 p.m., Wendy's, HC 30 Box 182AA, 38232 Midland Trail E., Caldwell
- Apr. 8: 11 a.m. to noon, Hinton Town Hall, 322 Summers St., Hinton

For information on additional requirements specific to any location, attendees are encouraged to contact Justin Arvon at 304-590-6462. In case of inclement weather, please call ahead.

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Gov. Justice announces state's biggest Gold Rush Giveaway

WVDNR will stock 68 lakes and streams with golden rainbow trout April 1–13

Gov. Jim Justice announced that the West Virginia Gold Rush will be bigger and better than ever this year and include five times the number of chances to win prizes when the popular trout stocking event returns for its seventh year on Apr. 1.

“As a lifelong angler, there’s nothing that brings me more joy than to announce the return of this incredible event. The West Virginia Gold Rush not only showcases the breathtaking beauty of our natural landscapes but also highlights the world-class fishing opportunities our state offers,” Gov. Justice said. “From avid anglers to families looking for a fun outdoor activity, I want to encourage everyone to participate in this exciting event and help make this year’s Gold Rush the best one yet.”

This is the seventh annual Gold Rush, which had its inaugural stocking in April 2018. Since then, Gov. Justice has promoted the event by adding more golden rainbow trout, more stocking locations and more chances to win prizes.

“Gold Rush wouldn’t be what it is today without the leadership of Gov. Justice and his commitment to enhancing the angling experience in our state,” WVDNR Director Brett McMillion said. “As we celebrate the seventh anniversary of the Gold Rush, we look forward to seeing all of the ways this exciting event helps recruit the next generation of anglers and helps us keep West Virginia’s outdoor traditions alive and well for years to come.”

From Apr. 1 to Apr. 13, the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources will stock more than 50,000 golden rainbow trout at 68 lakes and streams around the state, including waters in or near 15 state parks and forests. Stocking locations and details about the Gold Rush can be found at WVDnr.gov/goldrush.

The Gold Rush Giveaway

The Gold Rush Giveaway will return this year bigger and better than ever. Out of the 50,000 golden rainbow trout stocked during the event, 500 trout will receive a numbered tag, five times the number of tagged trout in



The seventh annual Gold Rush will start on April 1.

past years. If an angler catches a trout with one of these tags, they can enter the tag number at WVDnr.gov/gold-rush for a chance to win one of five free West Virginia lifetime fishing licenses, a one-night stay at a state park or forest cabin or a \$25 West Virginia State Parks gift card.

In addition to increasing the number of tagged trout, the WVDNR is also giving away exclusive Gold Rush merchandise to everyone who reports their tagged golden rainbow trout catch during the event.

Fishing Licenses and Regulations

All anglers 15 and older must have a West Virginia fishing license with a current trout stamp and a valid form of identification while fishing during Gold Rush. Licenses and stamps can be purchased online at WVfish.com.

Anglers are encouraged to upgrade their fishing experience by opting for a physical license card when they purchase their 2024 fishing license and trout stamp. Anglers are also reminded to follow West Virginia’s fishing regulations. For more information about stockings and other fishing resources, visit WVDnr.gov.

Gold Rush Lodging Discount

To encourage anglers and their families to plan a Gold Rush adventure, West Virginia State Parks is offering a 15% discount on lodge rooms and cabin stays until Apr. 15. To receive the discount, book online at WVstateparks.com and use the offer code GOLD at checkout. Offer is valid only at parks receiving Gold Rush stockings.

Co. Commission

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Energy service area, specifically the eastern side of Greenbrier County.

In matters relating to personnel, commissioners approved the hiring of a new employee within the County Tax Office and a part-time dispatcher at the County 911 Center, as well as the recommended lists of poll workers for both Republicans and Democrats.

Approval of the county’s 2024/2025 fiscal year budget appeared on the day’s agenda, however discussion was tabled as the budget was not ready for presentation. As state code requires that the county budget be passed by March 30, the commission will reconvene on Thursday at 9 a.m. for that purpose.

Editor’s Note:

After reconvening on Thursday, March 28, the Commission approved the \$18,714,882 budget. Tinchler said that number includes a 14 percent public employee insurance increase for all county employees. “This is the second year that all counties in West Virginia has experienced this increase,” noted Tinchler. Law enforcement will see an increase in retirement, along with a longevity pay increase in accordance with state code changes. There will be a five percent, across-the-board, county employee pay increase, with an additional 2.5 percent for law enforcement. Overall, this budget is roughly \$1 million more than last year’s. The proposed budget will now be sent to the State Auditor’s Office for consideration.

Carnegie Hall seeks volunteers for 2024 Kids’ College

Carnegie Hall is seeking volunteers to assist with the 31st Annual Carnegie Kids’ College during the weeks of July 8-12, and July 15-19, 2024.

This year’s Kids’ College will be a unique opportunity for rising Kindergarten through 7th grade students to expand their artistic and scientific horizons in a safe and nurturing environment. Volunteers will assist teaching artists in classes such as pottery, origami, baking, basket weaving, drama, watercolors, archeology, music, and more.

It is preferred that volunteers are able to commit to at least one full-session for the entire week. This means that volunteers should be available each morning (8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.) for one week, or every afternoon (12:45 to 4:15 p.m.) for one week.

Placement is first-come, first-served and may be influenced by instructor requests and enrollment factors. Adults or youth entering 9th grade and above may sign up by visiting carnegiehallwv.org or <https://fs26.formsite.com/6usHp2/vjpy-cetrnu/index>.

2024 Kids’ College registration will be available in April. For any questions or more information, contact Education Director Harmony Flora at 304-645-7917 or education@carnegiehallwv.org.

This Week in West Virginia History

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

March 31, 1919: Governor John Jacob Cornwell signed legislation that created the West Virginia State Police. He appointed Jackson Arnold, grandnephew of Gen. Thomas J. “Stonewall” Jackson and former executive officer of the 1st West Virginia Infantry, as first superintendent.

April 1, 1884: Nurse Florence Aby Blanchfield was born in Shepherdstown. She served in the Army Nurse Corps during World War I, oversaw expansion of the corps from 1,000 to 57,000 during World War II and became the first woman to hold a permanent commission in the regular army.



April 1, 1934: A sales tax went into effect in West Virginia for the first time. The two-percent tax helped fill the revenue void caused by the drop in property values during the Great Depression.

April 2, 1900: Marlinton, the county seat of Pocahontas County, was incorporated. The town is generally considered to be the site of the first European-American settlement in the Greenbrier Valley.



April 3, 1755: Frontier scout and “long hunter” Simon Kenton was born in Fauquier County, Virginia. Upon leaving home, Kenton first traveled north through present West Virginia to Pittsburgh and then explored, hunted and trapped through much of the Ohio Valley.



April 3, 1908: Samuel Starks died in Charleston. Starks became the first Black state librarian in the nation when he was appointed to the position in 1901 by Governor Albert B. White.



April 4, 1948: Renowned gospel singer Squire Parsons was born in Newton, Roane County. A graduate of Spencer High School and West Virginia Tech, he is best known for his song “Sweet Beulah Land.”

April 4, 1980: Musician Red Sovine died in Nashville. Sovine, born Woodrow Wilson Sovine in Charleston, gained country music fame for his recitations, especially those incorporating sentimental truck-driver themes.

April 5, 1856: Booker T. Washington was born enslaved in Virginia. In 1865, he moved with his family to Malden, in Kanawha County, to join his stepfather, who had escaped from slavery during the Civil War. He became one of the most influential educators in U.S. history.



April 5, 1920: Gifted hand weaver Dorothy Thompson was born. She taught generations of people about fiber arts. For her dedication to preserving folklife traditions, she was named a National Heritage Fellow in 2000. She died in Tucker County in 2008.

April 5, 2010: An explosion at the Upper Big Branch Mine in Raleigh County killed 29 workers. Only two men escaped from the mine alive. It was the state’s worst coal mining disaster since 1968, when the Consol No. 9 Mine at Farmington exploded, killing 78 workers.



April 6, 1938: The Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) established Camp Kanawha in Kanawha State Forest. The CCC removed all the abandoned houses, coal tipples, and other structures no longer in use, and constructed roads, the forest superintendent’s residence, office, maintenance building, and picnic shelters.

April 6, 1944: Guitarist and singer David Morris was born in Ivydale, Clay County. With his brother John on fiddle, the Morris Brothers founded music festivals, supported union and environmental causes, and promoted West Virginia traditional music nationwide. He died in 2016.

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Ham, Bacon and Egg Sale brings in over \$87K

The 73rd Annual Greenbrier Valley 4-H and FFA Ham, Bacon and Egg Show and Sale was held on Friday, Mar. 15, and had 77 participants showcasing over 118 items for a sale totaling \$87,827.85.

This program allows youth in FFA and 4-H to take their livestock project a step further, while turning them into young entrepreneurs! Participants with poultry projects are trained to successfully raise a laying hen, as well as how to select a perfect dozen of eggs based on interior and exterior quality. Swine participants are instructed on the proper procedures and techniques to cure a ham and bacon taking their product from harvest to the dinner table. These carefully crafted products are then judged for quality and auctioned off to dedicated supporters of FFA and 4-H in the area.

With the combined support of parents, volunteers, local businesses, 4-H Clubs, FFA chapters, and WVU Extension, youth across Greenbrier and Monroe Counties continue to expand their knowledge, master skills, and build character through the Ham, Bacon and Egg Program.

This year's ham and bacon judge was Virgil Wilkens, a retired Vocational Agriculture Instructor from Hundred High School in Wetzel County. Our eggs were judged by the West Virginia Department of Agriculture Regulatory and Environmental Affairs Division.

Greenbrier and Monroe County 4-H and FFA would like to thank this year's buyers: State Fair of WV, Jubilee Farms, Bobby Yang, Farmers Home Fire Insurance Company, McCoy Fencing, Warren's Real Estate Auctions, John A Peplowski, Assured Partners/Mark Hafertepen, Morgan Funeral Home, 4C HVAC Solutions, Smooth Ambler, Greenbrier Valley Equipment Company, Aviagen Turkeys Inc., Rasman Walker - State Farm Insurance, Greenbrier Valley Outdoors, The Greenbrier, Remember When Country Store, Sue Spicer State Farm Insurance, Greenbrier Ford, Greenbrier Chevrolet, Greenbrier Motors, Wilson Brothers NAPA, Tim & Wanda Hoke, The Bank of Monroe, Monroe Insurance Group, Gary's Garage, Valley Vet Clinic, Long Lane Farm- Ronnie Glover, Greenbrier Excavating & Paving, Farm Credit of the Virginias, Freedom Ag & Energy, Beech Ridge Energy, Mann Dozer & Backhoe Service, Tom Knight, Pickaway Pickins Restaurant/Atkins Equipment, Rolling Hills K Farms, Long



The Greenbrier Hotel represented by Executive Chef Bryan Skelding purchased Adyson Hines's Champion Ham. Adyson is from Monroe County 4-H program. Adyson's ham went for \$1,331.04 at the sale.



Julian Arbuckle of Farmer's Home & Fire Insurance purchased Arabella Crookshanks Champion Bacon. Arabella is from Greenbrier County 4-H. Arabella's bacon went for \$869 at the sale.

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We want to thank this year's auctioneers Billy Morgan, Ben Morgan, and Chub Warren. These auctioneers help ensure our sale goes smoothly each year, and help each participant get the best price for their product.

We are grateful to Big Al from Highway 64, who was live on 103.1 the Bear from 5 until 7 p.m. We want to recognize the sponsors for his program, Boone Tractor and Todd Belcher Insurance for supporting Highway 64 and our sale.

We want to thank our sponsors for this year's sale: The State Fair of West Virginia, Greenbrier & Monroe 4-H Clubs and FFA Chapters and their Advisors, Greenbrier & Monroe County Extension Agents and Staff, Lewisburg Lions Club, Monroe County 4-H Agriculture Club, Virgil Wilkins, WV Department Of Agriculture, Greenbrier Meats, and Mountain Steer Meat Company.

The 74th annual Greenbrier Valley 4-H and FFA Ham, Bacon and Egg Show and Sale will be held in March 2025. Come out and support the future of agriculture in West Virginia!



A. Charles Lilly, DDS, purchased Emily Clendenin's Reserve Champion Eggs. Emily is from Greenbrier County 4-H and went for \$1,100 at the sale.



Sue Spicer, State Farm Insurance Agent, purchased Anna Cole's Champion Egg. Anna is from Greenbrier County 4-H and went for \$1,200 at the sale.

Progressive CEOs meet at Extension Office in March

The Progressive CEOs met on Mar. 12 at the Extension Office. Members attending were Elsie Dunkle, Patty Gray, Lynn Humphreys, Sally Holliday, Betty Jo McNeel, and Colleen Walton. President Patty Gray opened the meeting with a meditation and thanked all members for their attendance. Minutes of the last meeting were read by Betty Jo McNeel and approved. The Treasurer's report was given by



Progressive CEOs: Front: Elsie Dunkle (left), Sally Holliday, and Colleen Walton; Back: Betty Jo McNeel (left), Lynn Humphreys, and Patty Gray

Lynn Humphreys reporting a balance of \$277.19. Patty Gray suggested that as members of CEOs we contribute \$1 per member to the Bee-Cause program to provide educational pathways to making real world connections between bees and ecosystems. A motion was made by Lynn Humphreys and seconded by Sally Holliday that we participate in the program. Patty reminded members to keep count of their volunteer hours for the year to be turned in during the month of August.

Our CEOs members did not meet the months of January and February. Patty reported January Health Motivator was about the importance of taking inventory and keeping healthy numbers of your BMI, blood pressure, cholesterol, etc. The February Health Motivator was about relaxing, spending time outdoors in the fresh air, exercise, eating healthy, volunteering and socializing. The March Health Motivator is the importance of good sleep - 7 to 9 hours, avoid caffeine at bed time, sleep in

a cool, dark room.

Patty reported, as requested by the WVU Extension Office, that we change the name of our organization CEOs to a shorter, easier name with no more than three words and to send ideas to the Extension Office in Morgantown.

March 19 and 20 will be the 2024 Spring Virtual Conference, if members would like to participate on Zoom.

Lynn Humphreys gave a very interesting program on "Bridging the Gap - Involving Younger Generations in Service." She stated that Generation X (1965-1981) is participating in volunteerism at a higher rate than other generations, followed by Baby Boomers (1946-1964) in ways to integrate youth into service.

The next CEOs meeting will be Apr. 9 at Patty Gray's residence. Patty will present the lesson "Restoring and Refinishing Furniture."

Colleen Walton won the door prize. Refreshments were served by hostess Lynn Humphreys.

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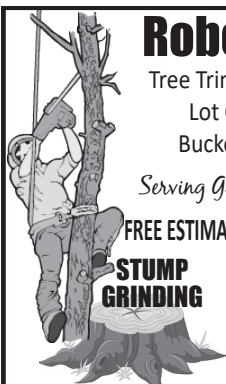
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Dear Readers,

Congratulations and Big Kudos to Lewisburg Boy Scout Troop 70, Cole Morgan, Eagle Scout-to-be, and the supporting cast of hundreds of locals who tossed plastic film into one of the five large recycling bins available. Over one thousand pounds of plastic film has been collected by the Scouts in less than two months. What an accomplishment! Their original expectation was to collect somewhere around 100 pounds a month, instead they collected over 500 pounds a month. The Trex bench that the Scouts will receive will be placed somewhere on the path of Montwell Commons. According to the rules of the Trex Challenge, the Scouts can't do another collection until 2025. Is there another civic group out there that will take on this great project and continue the collection of recyclable plastic film? Not only will they earn a bench of their own, they will be keeping another 1,000 pounds of plastic film out of the landfill. If so, please contact Cliff Baker or me at recyclelady7@gmail.com.

Have questions about recycling, or interesting information about recycling? Send questions or requests to recyclelady7@gmail.com. Dear Recycle Lady is sponsored jointly by the Greenbrier Recycling Center and Greenworks Recycling.

By William "Skip" Deegans

Shown above is a circa 1895 photo of Greenbrier County's Tom Williams. The son of Albert and Elizabeth Williams, he grew up on a farm near Meadow Bluff. Williams enrolled in California's Stanford University in 1893. He was one of Stanford's earliest students as it opened as a coeducational university in 1891. Obviously bright, Williams was selected during his second year by Stanford's president and zoologist, Dr. David Starr Jordan, to accompany Jordan on an exhibition to Mexico to collect zoological specimens. Initially, the project had not been successful. However, in an 1897 letter to The Greenbrier Independent, T. A. Lewis wrote that Williams "came forward as the hero of the hour." He developed the confidence of the Mexicans and Indians who guided them during their three-month trip to many valuable discoveries.

Williams stood out not only in the classroom, but also on the football field where he was a star lineman for the Stanford Cardinals. In 1896, the Stanford team defeated their arch rival, the University of California at Berkeley, 20-0 in a game The San Francisco Call And Post described as the "greatest multitude of spectators that ever assembled in the far West to view an outdoor athletic contest."

After graduating from Stanford, Williams received his medical degree from New York's Columbia College of Physicians in 1901. He returned to Palo Alto, California, in 1904 and became one of the city's first



Photo courtesy of Stanford University. Sources: The Greenbrier Independent, The San Francisco Call and Post, New York Times, San Francisco Examiner.

instrumental in the construction of its football stadium in 1923. He died in Palo Alto in 1947.

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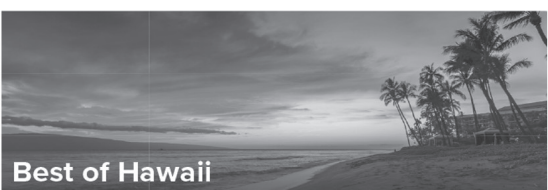
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SCHOOL

Sea Dragons place at State Championship meet

From Mar. 15 through Mar. 17, the Greenbrier Valley Aquatic Center Sea Dragons participated in the WV Short Course State Championship swim meet in Morgantown where they competed against 17 teams and more than 240 swimmers.

Sea Dragons who scored team points by placing in the top eight were Dolly Knight, Lennie Taylor, Zoey Hobbs, and Mary Taylor (4th place in the 8 & Under 200Y Medley Relay), Emily Hobbs (6th place in the 11-12 500Y Free and 8th place in the 11-12 100Y Free), Zoey Hobbs (6th place in the 8 & Under 200Y Free), Ben Kelso (8th Place in the 13-14 200Y Breast), Solomon Rodebaugh (6th place in the 8 & Under 100Y Back), Lennie Taylor (8th Place in the 8 & Under 200Y Free and 8th Place in the 8 & Under 100Y Breast).

Finals qualifiers, the Top 16 in the 11 & Over Age Groups category, were Emily Hobbs (100Y IM, 50Y Free, 200Y IM, 100Y Free), Cooper Homer (200Y Free, 100Y Fly, 50Y Free), Ben Kelso (200Y Breast), and Adelyn Wallington (50Y Back,



The GVAC Sea Dragons

100Y IM, 200Y Back, 100Y Back). There were 48 personal best times and new team records were set by 12 swimmers.

We are very proud of our swim-

ers who worked extremely hard to prepare for States and did amazingly well. The Sea Dragons greatly appreciate all of the support they have received from the community. They had a wonderful winter season, and we are excited to see what the future brings!



The Sea Dragons are pictured here in Morgantown at the WV Short Course State Championship swim meet.

Blaine Yates named to Ohio University's Fall 2023 Dean's List

Ohio University College of Fine Arts student Blaine Yates of Frankford has been named to OHIO's Fall 2023 Dean's List.

The Dean's List recognizes undergraduate students who complete a particular semester with a GPA be-

tween 3.5 and 3.999 with a minimum of 12 credit hours attempted for letter grades that are used to calculate GPA.

In fall semester 2023, approximately 6,000 Ohio University undergraduate students qualified for the Dean's List.

Super Crossword

PHONY-BALONEY

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 gag!

Place **SNEERE** _____

Meld **LEMING** _____

Save **TRAINE** _____

Block **HERDIN** _____

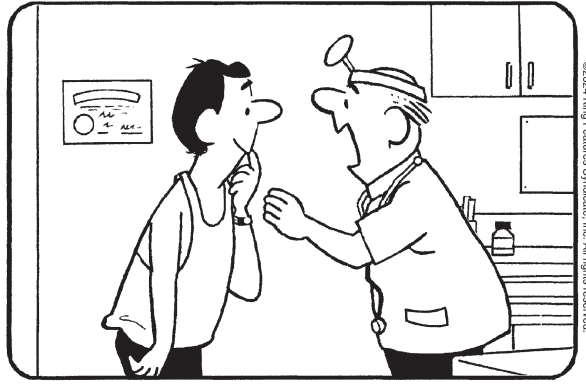
TODAY'S WORD _____

"You never used to take me here before we were _____."

HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



lower: 3. Pocket is different. 4. Cabinet door is wider. 5. Bottle on counter is moved. 6. Watch is added.

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!

ACROSS

1 Wearing nightclothes, for short
6 Meanie's look
11 In addition
15 Eyelid hair
19 Steel, e.g.
20 Ancient Greek region
21 Empty spaces
22 World's fair
23 Illegal detention
25 Columbus is its capital
26 British actor Guinness
27 "Mind your — business!"
28 High, round collar not folding over on itself
31 Without any variety
35 Ingest
36 Boston NBAer, for short
37 Paint job made to look like marble, wood, etc.
41 New Nintendo console of 2012
43 Big antlered beast
47 Opposite of dep., in an airport

48 Thin porridge
50 Saw against the main grain, as wood
52 Bit of money seized by a Secret Service agent
58 Ecol. monitor
59 Middays
60 Tiny arachnid
61 J. — Hoover went on one in a 1991 film
67 Bill & Ted
70 Wombs
71 Bible book after Prov.
74 Q-V linkup
75 "Spider-Man" director Sam
76 Wedlock not based on love
79 Cheer up
81 Burros, e.g.
82 — occasion (never)
83 Paris' river
84 Toronto-to-Montreal dir.
85 Prada or Fendi replica, maybe
91 "Beloved" novelist Toni
94 Buc, Bronco or Niner
95 Beatty of film

97 Cindy Brady player Susan
98 Former jets to the U.K.
101 Bit of non-needed body art
105 Sour plum
107 Stage star Hagen
109 Title for Kate Middleton
110 Component of a coated glass-bead bracelet, perhaps
117 Even score
118 Forum attire
119 In the past
120 Apt cry of disbelief for this puzzle
125 Coagulate
126 Rebuke from Caesar
127 Like a dweeb
128 About, before a date
129 At this place
130 Lather (up)
131 Gather up
132 Hoodwinked

DOWN

1 Global finance org.
2 Teacher's union, in brief
3 Old TV ministry inits.
4 2002 "Friday the 13th" sequel
5 Whole lotta
6 Knightly title
7 Bulblike base of a stem
8 — cat (two-base game)
9 Neighbor of Minn. and Ill.
10 Jewish potato pancake
11 Relative of a guinea pig
12 Lion portrayer Bert
13 Feature of Betty Boop's hair
14 "— Mio"
15 Crude sheds
16 Car shaft
17 Project detail, for short
18 Sell at a pawnshop
24 Opponent
29 "I taut I — a pudgy tat!"
30 Shade trees
31 Flip — coin
32 DEA worker
33 Irish money
34 Bring about
38 Some flawed garments: Abbr.
39 Add-on to the end of a wd.
40 Bit of a bray
42 Most polar
44 Sea nymph
45 Sovereign
46 Letter two before iota
49 VIP vehicle
51 Margarine
53 Deprives of weapons
54 "Sorry, too busy"
55 Bodily digit
56 Big striped cat, in French
57 A/C output qts.
62 Landscape painter Asher Brown —
63 Like low-quality eggs
64 City transport
65 Alcohol in liquor
66 Landlords or landladies
67 Empty
68 Having protruding hearing organs
69 Yang go-with
72 Sings gently
73 U.S. pres., militarily
77 Inquires
78 "Continue"
80 Architect Maya
83 Chiang Kai-
84 Broody rock genre
86 Investigate pryingly
87 Very loudly, in music
88 Miami loc.
89 Stud money
90 Old Storms and Trackers
92 Paraphrase
93 On Sunset Blvd., e.g.
96 Two, in Chile
99 Maintenance job on a car
100 Indy sponsor
102 Ballet outfit
103 Something very easy
104 Vegas casino
106 Some Siouan speakers
108 MetLife rival
110 Concern for a dermatologist
111 Concern for a dermatologist
112 Horror film lab assistant
113 Twice tetra-
114 "Psst" cousin
115 — avis
116 Some old Fords
121 The "S" of GPS: Abbr.
122 Hosp. zones
123 Ideal serve
124 Young fella

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**GREENBRIER COUNTY COMMISSION
REQUEST FOR BIDS
WV GRANT NUMBER DLAP24-14/GBC-01
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The Greenbrier County Commission invites qualified contractors to submit a firm fixed price sealed bid for the demolition of the structures located at the following addresses: 203 Hunter Road, Rainelle, WV 25962, Parcel # 11-47R-68; 164 Old Pike Road, Crawley, WV 24977, Parcel # 11-82-12; 136 Creekview Lane, Caldwell, WV 24925 Parcel # 8-6-2. Sealed bids must be received by noon on Friday April 12, 2024. Submit your sealed bid to the Greenbrier County Commission at 912 Court Street North, Lewisburg, WV, 24901. Bids shall be for the aggregate cost but itemized for each of the three parcels inclusive of the cost of: Demolition, removal and disposal of all structures and foundations, and the cost of reseeded. Debris must be disposed of in a lawful manner. These structures have been inspected for the presence of asbestos, NO ASBESTOS DETECTED, reports are available to bidders. For more information, call Stephen Simmons 304-520-5825.

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**GREENBRIER COUNTY COMMISSION
REQUEST FOR BIDS
WV GRANT NUMBER DLAP24-14/GBC-02
Asbestos Abatement and Demolition of Abandoned and Dilapidated Properties**

The Greenbrier County Commission invites qualified contractors to submit a firm fixed price sealed bid for the asbestos abatement and demolition of the structures located at the following addresses: 1588 Main Street, Rainelle, WV 25962 Parcel # 11-54C-63.1; 140 Old Pike Road, Crawley, WV 24977 Parcel # 11-82-13; 17907 Seneca Trail North, Maxwelton, WV 24957 Parcel # 7-18-23. Sealed bids must be received by noon on Friday April 12, 2024. Submit your sealed bid to the Greenbrier County Commission at 912 Court Street North, Lewisburg, WV, 24901. Bids shall be for the aggregate cost but itemized for each of the three parcels inclusive of the cost of: Asbestos abatement, demolition, removal and disposal of all structures and foundations, and the cost of reseeded. Debris must be disposed of in a lawful manner. These structures have been inspected for the presence of asbestos, ASBESTOS IS PRESENT, and the reports are available to bidders. The demolition contractor must be licensed for asbestos removal or must partner with a licensed asbestos contractor. For more information, call Stephen Simmons 304-520-5825.

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NOTICE

Any individual or entity believing that may have ownership of funds deposited in the Trust Account of Attorney William D. Goodwin, who died on August 18, 2022, should contact Robert B. Allen, Esq., counsel for the William Goodwin Estate, prior to July 1, 2024. Mr. Allen may be contacted at P.O. Box 2031, Charleston, WV 25327, or by phone (304) 342-7592. If no one asserts a claim or there are funds remaining in the Trust Account after July 1, 2024, the West Virginia Supreme Court will be asked to have the remaining funds transferred to the West Virginia State Bar.

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NOTICE that the City of Lewisburg Council will hold two (2) public hearings; one on Tuesday, May 7, 2024 at 9:00 AM and one on Wednesday, May 8, 2024 at 7:00 PM. The hearings will be held at the Lewisburg City Hall, 942 Washington Street West, Lewisburg, WV 24901. The public is invited to attend and submit comments on the proposed Lewisburg Zoning Ordinance. Copies of the proposed zoning ordinance, including maps, will be available for review prior to the public hearings during normal business hours (Monday through Friday 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM) at Lewisburg City Hall and Greenbrier County Library located at 152 Robert W. McCormick Drive, Lewisburg, WV 24901 during normal business hours. The proposed zoning ordinance is also available to view online at <https://lewisburg-wv.org/>. The proposed zoning ordinance replaces the following city ordinances, which will be repealed, numbered as follows: Article 1709: Wireless Telecommunications Facilities, Article 513.10: Establishments Where Gambling is Permitted, and Chapter Three- Zoning Ordinance, Articles 1331 through 1383. Ordinances to be repealed are available to review online <https://lewisburg-wv.org/>. The proposed zoning ordinance divides land in Lewisburg into zoning districts, which specify permitted and conditional uses as well as development standards for real property within the zoning districts. The proposed zoning ordinance also creates a board of zoning appeals, adopts procedures and requirements for nonconforming land uses, variances, and conditional use permits; and specifies certification requirements for the zoning district map that are consistent with the Lewisburg Comprehensive Plan. Members of the public can call Marsha Cunningham, 304-645-2080 ext. 104 if they are unable to view the zoning ordinance at the city hall or online. Written comments and objections to the proposed zoning ordinance may be made and will be heard at both public hearings and must be filed, prior to the hearings, with Lewisburg City Clerk at the Lewisburg City Hall, 942 Washington Street West, Lewisburg, WV 24901.

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**WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Division of Highways
NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS**

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Call Contract	State Project	Federal Project	Description
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DBE GOAL: 10% OF CONTRACT BID AMOUNT. BIDDER MUST PROVIDE WRITTEN ASSURANCE OF MEETING GOAL ON FORM IN PROPOSAL.

REMARKS:
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(2021-S-00000183 - Greenbrier County - WV CO TAX CERT PURCH 2021 LLC)
To: WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TAX & REVENUE, JAMES A. PAYNE, KATHERINE RAFFA, KATHERINE RAFFA, JIM PAYNE, INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have an interest in the subject property.
DISTRICT WILLIAMSBURG MAP 33 PARCEL 0048 0000
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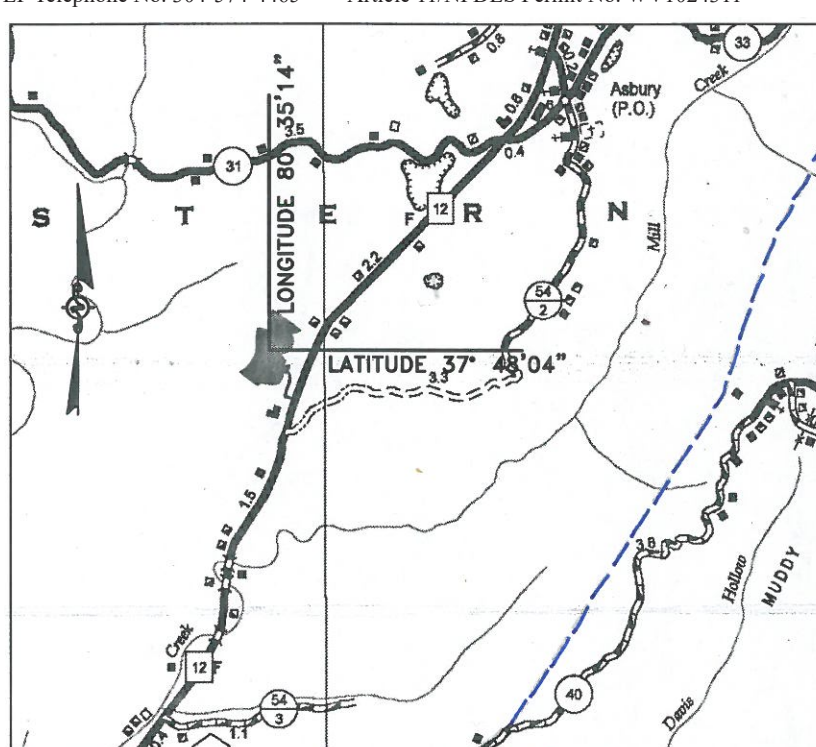
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Notice is hereby given that APPALACHIAN AGGREGATES, LLC, 171 ST CLAIRS CROSSING, BLUEFIELD, VA 24605 has submitted an application for the **reissuance** of Article 11/WVNPDES Permit No. WV1024311 to the Department of Environmental Protection, 1159 Nick Rahall Greenway, Fayetteville, WV 25840 in order to operate and maintain the existing Asbury Quarry in the Alderson and Union limestone seam/mineral bed. The operation will discharge Treated Storm water into Mill Creek of Muddy Creek of Greenbrier River and is located 2 miles, southwest of Asbury, in Blue Sulphur District of Greenbrier County, Longitude 80° 35' 14.0000" and Latitude 37° 48' 04.0000" (Coordinates from USGS Topographic Map).
The Department of Environmental Protection is seeking information on private surface water intakes for human consumption located in the above listed receiving streams and located down stream of this operation. Please provide your name; phone number, mailing address, the name of the stream being with the intake, and the physical location of the intake. This information needs to be submitted to the address above.
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Comments on the Article 11 WV/NPDES application or requests for a public hearing regarding the Article 11/NPDES application shall be in writing and if a public hearing is requested shall state the nature of the issues proposed to be raised in the hearing. Such written comments or requests should be sent to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) at the address above, and **must** also reference the Article 11/NPDES permit number shown above. Comments received by 4/28/24, or thirty (30) days from date of publication, will be considered. A copy of the Article 11/WVNPDES application, draft permit, rationale page, and fact sheet (if required) will be available for inspection and obtaining copies during normal business hours at the DEP Regional Office located at the address above.
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(2021-S-00000168 - Greenbrier County - WV CO TAX CERT PURCH 2021 LLC)
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Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to May 12, 2024.	\$ 955.83
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STEPPIN' OUT

Carnegie Hall's galleries to feature new works for April



"Cycles of Reaction" by Michelle Kelly

Artwork by Fiber Arts Network

Fiber Arts Network pieces

Carnegie Hall's three rotating galleries feature new artists for March and April in the Old Stone Room (ground floor), Lobby Gallery (Hamilton Auditorium), and Museum Gallery (adjacent to the Auditorium).

Michelle Kelly's "Dream Art" will be featured in the Lobby Gallery. Michelle Kelly, an Asheville-based artist, has been a lifelong creative. She has been a photographer, sculpture, jewelry designer, potter, writer, and most recently a mixed media painter. Michelle's most recent project involves partnering with visionaries to turn their desires into tangible works of art.

Michelle's most recent project involves partnering with visionaries to turn their desires into tangible works of art. She does this through collaborating with clients to visualize and bring their evolution into reality through commissioned art masterpieces.

Born in 1976 in Las Animas, Colorado, Michelle has spent the majority of her adult life in the Appalachian Mountains, nurturing and raising her three children. She holds a master's degree in fine art photography and art therapy. As an educator, she has facilitated numerous workshops and retreats. Over the past 20 years, her art has been showcased in a variety of gal-

eries and solo exhibitions, each piece a testament to her ever-unfolding artistic journey.

The Old Stone Room Gallery features an exhibit by the Fiber Arts Network. The Old Stone Room is located on the ground floor of Carnegie Hall. The exhibit runs through the end of April. There will be opening receptions at 5 p.m. on Friday, Apr. 5.

The FAN (Fiber Arts Network) of Lewisburg is a group for all fiber enthusiasts dedicated to promoting the exchange of ideas and sharing of knowledge and techniques in the textile arts.

The members meet on the second Thursday of each month at Carnegie Hall in Lewisburg to share in their experiences and discuss new and exciting things in the fiber arts community.

The exhibits are free and open to the public, Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 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 WV Department of Arts, Culture and History and the National Endowment for the Arts, with approval from the WV Commission on the Arts.

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Map of downtown Lewisburg, WV, showing the route for the StoryWalk event on April 12, 2024. The route is marked with numbered stops from 1 to 33. Key locations include Carnegie Hall, City Hall, and various streets like Church St., Court St., and City Hall. Amenities like free parking, restrooms, and ATMs are also indicated.

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AFM Local 674 to host video streaming workshop

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. On Saturday, Apr. 6, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., the American Federation of Musicians (AFM) Local 674 will host a Video Streaming workshop as part of the Music in Education Series at Carnegie Hall. The class is free, but registration is required.

In this workshop, attendees will learn how to set up and troubleshoot a video streaming system using the AFM local 674 equipment (ATEM mini pro switcher, Zoom Q2n 4K cameras, and other accessories) to create a professional-quality live stream. There will also be a hands-on session.

This workshop is designed for beginners wanting to learn the basics of video streaming and improve their confidence in using the AFM local 674 equipment. This workshop will also give the overall concepts of video streaming regardless of the type of equipment.

Class size is limited, and students must be at least 14 years of age.

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.



Young artist recording a song and streaming a video

LEWISBURG CHOCOLATE FESTIVAL 2024

April 6th | 11am - 3pm



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Saturday, April 13th, 2024
Greenbrier County Visitors Bureau
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PROM Night 2024

Communities can work together to make prom night safer

Spring is in the air and that means high school juniors and seniors across the country are getting ready to party the night away at their respective school proms.

Even though these rites of passage are well-known as opportunities to make lasting memories, prom also is associated with several risky behaviors. Underage alcohol use is among the poor choices that teens may face on prom night. However, parents and community members can work collectively to keep promgoers happy and safe this season.

· **Liquor lock down:** Merchants who sell alcoholic beverages can be especially diligent around prom season to check identification and fail to sell alcohol to anyone who is underage. This includes wait staff at area restaurants. Parents and guardians can make sure their own alcohol at home is locked away so it cannot be borrowed for prom celebrations.

· **Beef up police patrols.** Community leaders can work with local police departments to increase patrols around schools and locations that are frequent meeting spots for teenagers following prom festivities. Law enforcement can respond quickly to parties and other concerns if they devote specialized underage drinking details for prom night.

· **Keep parties age-appropriate.** Parents in the community can keep prom nights safer by not serving or allowing alcohol at any party they are hosting.

· **Safe after-party fun:** Recreational centers, churches and other businesses can offer to host after-parties that are monitored and/or chaperoned. This enables teens to gather at safe locations and continue to celebrate in ways that are age-appropriate, without feeling the pressure to attend less trustworthy



events.

· **Talk about risky behaviors.** Parents, teachers and community leaders can talk to teens about the potentially dangerous behaviors present on prom night. Remind teens they always can come to an adult without the risk of being punished if they find themselves in an uncomfortable situation. Parents can continue to establish trust so their kids can come to them when they need help or advice.

· **Change prom timing.** While “prom night” is the standard, prom dances can occur at any time of the day. Schools concerned about after-hours shenanigans can schedule their events earlier in the day when the potential for drinking or other risky behaviors may be less significant.

Community residents can work together to help make prom season safe for all students.



Tradition behind corsages and boutonnieres

Flowers and special occasions often are intertwined. Floral bouquets or arrangements are gifted for holidays, birthdays and other milestones, like graduation and prom.

Boutonnieres and corsages are traditional, wearable floral pieces. Some may wonder how these blooms became associated with certain celebrations and the proper ways to wear them.

History of celebration flowers

Corsages are frequently worn pinned to a dress or on the wrist. The term “corsage” originates from the French term “bouquet de corsage.” The word “corsage” originally referred to the bodice of a dress. Since the flower was attached to the bodice, eventually the flowers themselves became known as a corsage. Men also wore flowers for special occasions. A single flower called a boutonniere, which translates to “little buttonhole,” was customary on suit jackets.

In the Victorian era, when these traditions originated, flowers and herbs often were worn as a method of warding off evil spirits during special occasions. People of honor donned corsages and boutonnieres to keep themselves safe and healthy from illnesses. Some also surmise that flowers helped ward off the aromas of body odor, as people of past eras did not bathe as frequently as they do today. It once was customary during the 16th and 17th cen-

tries for boutonnieres and corsages to be worn daily. Eventually the practice became something only done for formal events.

As with many traditions from Europe, these customs came with settlers when they populated North America.

Placement of flowers

Boutonnieres traditionally consist of two or more flowers with greenery and filler, such as baby’s breath. The boutonniere is worn on the left lapel of the suit or tuxedo because it is above the heart. The ideal position is four inches in from the tip of the shoulder, angling outward.

The corsage can be pinned to sleeves or straps, but a wrist corsage is often a safe option because it is most versatile. Most corsages are color-coordinated to the woman’s attire. The floral arrangement business FTD says that couples’ corsages and the boutonnieres do not have to match, but flowers that are color coordinated will provide a harmonious look that pops in photos.

Boutonnieres typically cost around \$25 while corsages may cost up to \$45 depending on the flowers used.

Flowers are something to factor into graduation or prom budgets if the goal is to follow floral tradition for these momentous occasions.

Don't miss these prom-themed movies

Prom marks one of the final markers between the carefree days of teendom and young adulthood. The often anticipated night of revelry is spoken about with reverence, with many teens considering prom a make-or-break moment in their young lives.

Is it any wonder that such a rite of passage among teenagers has become such popular Hollywood fodder? Filmmakers have their own takes on the prom narrative, and no movie about high school seems complete without a prom reference. In honor of prom season, here’s a list of popular prom-themed movies.

· **Pretty in Pink (1986):** One of the many movies of this era starring the “Brat Pack,” this film tells the tale of love and social cliques in an American high school. Working-class Andie (Molly Ringwald)

must choose between loving a childhood sweetheart (Jon Cryer) or a rich playboy (Andrew McCarthy). Notable prom details include a handcrafted dress that Andie makes and a prom night confession of love.

· **Never Been Kissed (1999):** Drew Barrymore stars as Josie, a journalist who goes undercover in a high school to uncover a newsworthy story angle, only to become embroiled in her own story when her English teacher develops feelings for her. The memorable prom scene includes students dressed up as famous couples throughout history.

· **10 Things I Hate About You (1999):** This is a modern retelling of Shakespeare’s “The Taming of the Shrew.” Pretty and popular Bianca (Larisa Oleynik) isn’t allowed to attend prom unless her ill-tem-

pered older sister Kat (Julia Stiles) attends as well. Bianca’s boyfriend Joey (Andrew Keegan) bets outcast Patrick (Heath Ledger) that he can’t get Kat to be his prom date, all in an effort to attend the big night. The band Letters to Cleo makes a cameo at the prom.

· **She’s All That (1999):** Clearly 1999 was big on prom movies - and bets as well. Popular school jock Zack (Freddie Prinze Jr.) takes on a bet to make over the high school’s biggest nerd, Laney (Rachael Leigh Cook), into prom queen. The Sixpence None the Richer song “Kiss Me” features prominently as the backing track during the moment when Laney makes her makeover debut.

· **High School Musical 3 (2008):** The third in the series of these Disney hits, the film follows Troy (Zac Efron) and the

rest of the East High crew as they try to navigate senior year. A memorable scene includes Gabriella (Vanessa Hudgens) ditching prom after singing about how it would be a night to remember.

· **Twilight (2008):** Socially awkward high schooler Bella (Kristen Stewart) falls in love with suave, yet undead Edward (Robert Pattinson). Edward is decades old, so he’s been around the high school block before, but takes Bella to prom nonetheless. They eventually dance underneath a twinkle light-encased gazebo.

· **Prom (2011):** Nova (Aimee Teegarden) faces a battle of wills when she is attracted to Jesse (Thomas McDonell), who stands in the way of her perfect prom.

Many movies feature pivotal prom scenes, showcasing their takes on this key rite of teenage passage.

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