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Ronceverte River Festival Great Rubber Ducky Race tickets now on sale

Tickets for the annual Great Rubber Ducky Race at the Ronceverte River Festival, scheduled for this year on June 14 and 15, can be found at the following locations:

Tri-County Produce, City of Ronceverte City Hall, The Sportsman Tavern, Primitive Goods WV, Foo-Fur's Grooming, Weikles Auto Clinic, Martin & Jones, Ronceverte Public Library, Factory Tire WV, Lionakis Diner, People's Bank in Ronceverte, Ronceverte Service Station (Johnnys), Buckeye Farm Center, Greenbrier Valley Outdoors, Cornerstone IGA, The Loft Liquor Store, Cherry Lane Auto Sales, Greenbrier Medical Arts Pharmacy (Fairlea), City National Bank (Kroger), Cricket Wireless (Lewisburg), the Greenbrier County Courthouse, C&M Service Gas Station (Frankford), The Barn Store (Union), and The Pickaway Store.

Keep an eye out for more locations to be added. If your business would like to sell tickets, please reach out to the Ronceverte River Festival Facebook page or call 304-445-5551.

Start your day with 'Tasty Bites'



Jessica Marvin with her kids outside "Tasty Bites," a new breakfast restaurant in Alderson she owns and operates. (Photo by RealWV)

By Stephen Baldwin

RealWV, www.therealwv.com

Our mawmaws and pawpaws always told us that breakfast is the most important meal of the day.

Now thanks to Jessica Marvin, residents of the tri-county area around Alderson (where Greenbrier,

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Voter registration deadline fast approaching

Interested voters have until April 23 to register, Greenbrier County early voting relocated due to courthouse construction

By Sarah Richardson

The May 14 Primary Election is now less than a month away, and Secretary of State Mac Warner is reminding all West Virginia citizens that it is time to check your voter registration status and to register now if you haven't already done so. The process to check your voter registration status is simple, just visit <https://apps.sos.wv.gov/elections/Voter/amiregisteredtovote>, enter in your name and date of birth, and see your voter registration status. To register to vote, visit <https://ovr.sos.wv.gov/Register/Landing>, or visit Greenbrier County's Deputy Election Clerk Jason Morgan at the Greenbrier County Courthouse from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Registered voters who have moved or changed their name since the last election should update their voter registration.

Sample ballots are also now available to view online. According to Warner, sample ballots available through the search tool are specific to the voter's residential address and take into consideration the voter's Congressional, Senatorial, Delegate, and in some cases, Municipal Districts. Some of the Primary Election ballots may also include local bonds and tax levies for voters to consider.

"We are asking voters to take a little time to educate themselves before they go to vote to learn more about the candidates and the initiatives that will be on their ballot," said Secretary Warner. "The online search tool for sample ballots is safe and accurate to use."

Visit <https://wv.omniballot.us/sites/54/ballot/app/sb/vr> to view your sample ballot, you must be a registered voter to do so.

For Greenbrier County residents, early voting is typically held at the Greenbrier County Courthouse in Lewisburg. However, due to ongoing renovations to the courthouse, early voting will instead be held this year at the Romano Law Office, which is located directly across the street from the Lewis Theatre in the old Masonic Temple building at 860 Court Street North.

Deputy Election Clerk Morgan said that he feels as if this election year is "one of our most secure elections ever." He explained that there is now a physical printout of each voter's ballot for the voter to review before submitting their vote into the tabulator machine, the machine that scans and counts the votes. Individual ballot marking machines do not count the ballots, they are counted when they are submitted into the tabulator, which secures the physical and digital copies of the ballot for the official canvass count.

Important dates this election year are as follows:

- Apr. 23, 2024 - Voter Registration Deadline
- May 1 - May 11, 2024 - Early Voting in Person - Voter may vote an early ballot at the county courthouse, an annex or a designated community voting location during normal business hours. Early voting must be conducted between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. on the last two Saturdays before the Primary Election.
- May 7 - Noon, May 14, 2024- Emergency Absentee Voting

Registered voters and other qualified voters in the county are authorized to vote an emergency absentee ballot in the following circumstances may be eligible to receive an emergency absentee ballot in the following circumstances:

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County Commission lays the levy, discusses bids for demolition of abandoned and dilapidated structures

By Chelsea Blair

The meeting began with Commissioners Tammy Shifflett-Tincher and Lowell Rose discussing the proposed Levy Rate for 2024-2025. The Levy rate has remained at \$12.93 per \$100 from 2014 to current year. Tincher stated the county's budget and expenses are balanced and in order, therefore, she motioned to approve the Levy Rate to remain at \$12.93. All parties agreed. The rate is to be forwarded to the State Auditor's Office for approval.

Next on the agenda included reviewing of bids for demolition of group one and two of the Abandoned and Dilapidated Building Removal Program presented to commissioners, including Commissioner Nick Dailey who joined by phone, by Greenbrier County Code Inspector Steven Simmons. The program is funded by a grant received by the West Virginia DEP, with Greenbrier County receiving just under \$600,000 in funds. Tincher praised Simmons by saying he has done a fantastic job so far since undertaking the position of Building Code Inspector.

Rose and Tincher opened the sealed bids that each included appraisals of three structures with asbestos and three structures without asbestos. Bids placed on

the three structures in Rainelle, Caldwell, and Crawley do not contain asbestos, however, three structures located in Maxwelton, Rainelle, and Crawley do contain asbestos.

The first bid presented was for a total of \$26,000 for structures without asbestos and \$33,239 for structures with asbestos submitted by Treadway Dirt Work, LLC. Next was a bid submitted by Whitten Construction, LLC with a total of \$22,390 for structures without asbestos and \$44,698 for structures with asbestos, All Construction with a total of \$16,301 for structures without asbestos and \$30,124.78 with asbestos, LD Hannah and Son with a total of \$11,040 for structures without asbestos and \$19,528 for structures with asbestos, Lynch Construction with a total of \$15,500 for structures without asbestos and \$28,670 for structures with asbestos, Empire Salvage and Recycling with a total of \$22,500 for structures without asbestos and \$14,833.50 for structures with asbestos and lastly BFL Contracting INC with a total of \$27,000 for structures without asbestos and Spring Creek Construction with a total of \$14,833.35 for structures without asbestos.

Bids will be reviewed by Simmons and selected by the County Commission at a later date.

Courthouse Farmers Market opening day set for April 20

The Robert C. Byrd Clinic is thrilled to announce the return of the Courthouse Farmers Market for the 2024 season! The popular market will kick off on Saturday, Apr. 20, and will run every Saturday from 8 a.m. to 12 noon throughout the growing season.

"We are honored to once again host the Courthouse Farmers Market," said Joshua Barclay, Marketing Director at Robert C. Byrd Clinic. "The market provides a wonderful opportunity for our community to access fresh, local produce, support local farmers, and enjoy the outdoors. It's a great way to get to know local farmers, find healthy and delicious food, and support our local economy."

The Courthouse Farmers Market features a variety of vendors selling fresh fruits and vegetables, baked



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Dunkle named GCS Teacher of the Year

Emily Dunkle, Greenbrier East High School's Teacher of the Year, has been named the 2024-25 Greenbrier County School's County Teacher of the Year. As an agriculture teacher at GEHS, she goes above and beyond for her students.

Recently also named as the WVDE New CTE Teacher of the Year, Mrs. Dunkle serves as the FFA Advisor, helps during the summer with the Ham Bacon & Egg Sale, and is partnering with the National Fish Hatchery to build Mallord Duck Housing. Her dedication to career exploration, inspiring students, and promoting agriculture education is unmatched. We are grateful for Emily Dunkle's positive influence on GCS students and celebrate her commitment to cultivating future generations of farmers.



Emily Dunkle, Agriculture teacher at Greenbrier East High School

Alderson Main Street seeks flower basket sponsors

Alderson Main Street has announced that it is the time of year to sponsor flower baskets for Alderson's lamp posts. A sponsorship of \$100 pays for the flower basket and some of the cost of watering them all summer. Everyone appreciates the beauty they add to town. There are 16 lamp posts with baskets. Checks can be mailed to Alderson Main Street, Box 117, Alderson, WV 24910.

New book released on Red Sulphur Springs

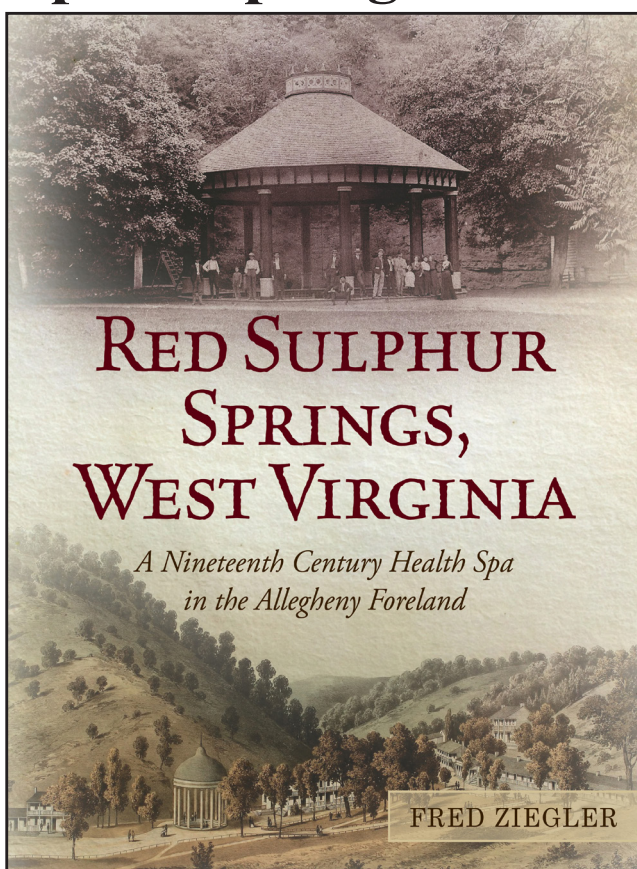
A new book has been released by 35th Star Publishing, "Red Sulphur Springs, West Virginia: A Nineteenth Century Health Spa in the Allegheny Foreland," by Fred Ziegler.

Red Sulphur Springs was part of a social phenomenon centered in the nineteenth century and shared by over one hundred similar health and entertainment watering places in the borderland mountains of the Virginias. Today, just two remain in business: The Greenbrier of White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia, and The Homestead of Hot Springs, Virginia. These mineral springs varied in composition as well as their purported cures. Red Sulphur Springs specialized in tuberculosis, which in those days was called consumption.

A cast of characters owned "The Red" - from pioneer Nicholas Harvey who erected a set of log cabins on the site in 1795, to polymath William Burke who built the cottage rows in the 1830s and wrote very entertaining books about the experience, to local farmer Addison Dunlap and brothers who ran it during the heyday of the mid-century, to U.S. Vice President Levi P. Morton who applied his wealth to the resort and its neighborhood for a number of improvements from the 1890s well into the 1910s.

For the time traveler, this book is well-illustrated with vintage photographs, event tables to document each stage in development, and period newspaper articles and advertisements. In addition to the history of ownership of the springs, it covers the effect of both epidemic and business cycles in the mountains of rural West Virginia, the evolution of transportation prior to the railroad for visitors who traveled hundreds of miles, as well as the earth science behind the various minerals that find their way to the surface springs.

For more information and how to order, visit <https://35thstar.com/product/red-sulphur-springs/>.



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Farmer's Market

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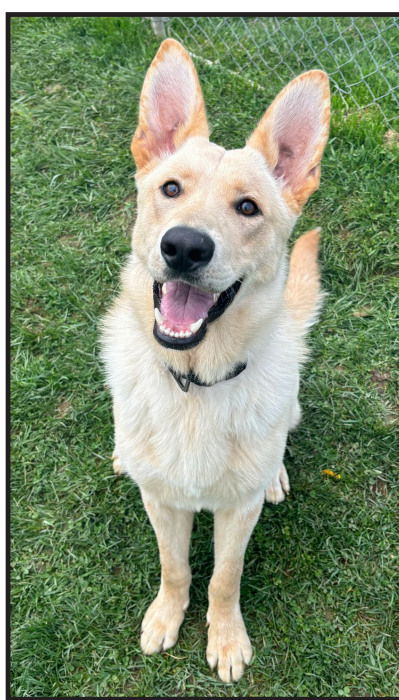
goods, meats, cheeses, flowers, and other locally produced goods. The market is a great way to support local agriculture and enjoy the bounty of the season.

Robert C. Byrd Clinic encourages everyone to come out and enjoy the Courthouse Farmers Market this season!

About Robert C. Byrd Clinic:

The Robert C. Byrd Clinic is a comprehensive not-for-profit Rural Health Clinic committed to providing outstanding healthcare to the residents of the Greenbrier Valley and surrounding counties. This clinic is accredited by the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) as a Patient Centered Medical Home (PCMH) and has been recognized for organizational excellence by the West Virginia Rural Health Association. For more information, visit rcbclinic.org.

PICK OF THE LITTER



WILD BILL

Wild Bill is a two-year-old male German Shepherd mix and weighs 63 pounds



BEAR

Bear is a five-year-old male hound mix and weighs 57 pounds.

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

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

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

Call 304-645-4775 for more information.

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

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Briefly

Williamsburg Shooting Match

Come join us for the Williamsburg Shooting Match that will be held Apr. 20 for the last shooting match of the spring season beginning at 7 p.m. 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! Come early! Come Hungry! Delicious hot food and refreshments will be available starting at 5 p.m. Families welcomed; you don't have to shoot to come get a meal! 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.williamsburgwv.com or call Bill Jarvis at 304-645-3690.

Recycling Center Open House set for April 22

There will be an Open House for Earth Day on Monday, Apr. 22, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Greenbrier County Recycling Center, 450 Monroe Avenue, Ronceverte. There will be free hot dogs, chips, and drinks from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Come tour the facility and learn about the recycling process!

Free Spaghetti Dinner Meet the Candidate event for Vannoy set

Meet, greet, and eat a free spaghetti dinner with Roger Vannoy, retired marine, candidate for West Virginia House of Delegates 47th district on Wednesday, Apr. 24 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Renick Community Center, 217 Huff Street, Renick. WVBBH certified staff from Acorns to Oaks recovery resources will be at the event to discuss awareness and community harm reduction. Roger has been endorsed by West Virginia Education Association, VoteVets, Sierra Club WV, and 314Action.

The Renick Community Center

will hold an Open House gathering on Saturday, May 4, from 2 to 5 p.m. at 217 Huff Street, Renick. Celebrate with neighbors and friends and enjoy live music, vintage photos of Renick, an exhibit by the late photographer and former Renick resident Ken Sherman, and win fun door prizes. Walk on the new trails and try out the outdoor exercise equipment. There will be music and family fun.

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.

Greenbrier Public Service District #1

will meet Friday, Apr. 26, at 8 a.m. in a regular session at the District Office, 9035 Seneca Trail South, Fairlea. On the agenda:

- Approval of Minutes - Mar. 22, 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

Marriages

Lily Beatrice Stone and Caleb Ardon Talbott
Candida Hope Brown and Buford Anthony Williams
Bridgette Nicole Smith and Robert Hamilton
Householder

Greenbrier County Magistrate Court Convictions

Brett Michael Sheppard, Lewisburg, petit larceny, fine \$100, jail 21 days - suspended and placed on 9 months unsupervised probation, NCP

Joe D. Bostic, Lewisburg, speeding, fine \$50, GP
Betty J. Feury, Lewisburg, failure to obey traffic signals, fine \$15, NCP

Xinyuan Zhou, Charlottesville, VA, speeding, fine \$32, NCP

Jennifer Jo Holloman, Victor, DUI, fine \$100, jail 20 days - suspended and placed on 1 year unsupervised probation, GP

Daniel Lee Holcomb, White Sulphur Springs, 1) hunting wildlife from a motorized vehicle, fine \$20; 2) spotlighting, fine \$100, jail 10 days to be served on Gbr. Co. Home Incarceration, GP

Matthew S. Campbell and Stephanie Campbell to Irene E. Smail: lot 16 and part of lot 14, 4,420 square feet, Lewisburg District, Map 25 Parcel 0219. Filed April 1, 2024.

John Morgan Gibson estate, John M. Gibson II, Jennifer H. Gibson, and Mary B. Daily to Mary B. Daily: 0.514 acres, Ronceverte District, Map 13 Parcel 32.5. Filed April 1, 2024.

John Morgan Gibson estate (by executor John Morgan II and executrix Jennifer H. Gibson) to John M. Gibson II: 20.73 acres, Falling Spring District, Map 70 Parcel 1. Filed April 1, 2024.

John E. Buckland to John E. Buckland and John E. Buckland Jr.: 0.57 acres, Meadow Bluff District, Map 74 Parcel 28.1. Filed April 2, 2024.

Sanket Patel, Darshna Patel, Rajesh Patel, and Avani Patel to Rajesh Patel and Avani Patel: 1.163 acres, Fort Spring District, Map 9R Parcel 19. Filed April 2, 2024.

Sunshine State Investment Group LLC to Gerald Weathersby: lot 29, Quinwood District, Map 4 Parcel 105. Filed April 2, 2024.

Gerald Weathersby to Dhyana H. Skinner and George M. Litten: lot 29, Quinwood District, Map 4 Parcel 105. Filed April 2, 2024.

Linda Perry and Charles T. Perry to Aaron T. Perry and Carla R. Capps: 148.13 acres, Williamsburg District, Map 44 Parcel 0003. Filed April 2, 2024.

Jane Morningstar to Jane Morningstar and Susan Ross: 12.67 acres, Falling Spring District, Map 66 Parcel 82. Filed April 2, 2024.

Terence T. Reiley to Terence T. Reiley and Robin A. Reiley: waiver of repurchase option, lot 74 The Ridges, White Sulphur District. Filed April 4, 2024.

Wesley D. Jessee to Samantha M. Beck and Angela C. Beck: lots 68 & 69A, White Sulphur District, Map 9 Parcel 304, 305. Filed April 4, 2024.

Heather J. Rose and Steve Beery to Robert G. Ducharme: 0.311 acres, Lewisburg District, Map 19 Parcel 119. Filed April 4, 2024.

Laura J. Milstein to Greenbrier Valley Restoration Project Inc.: deed of pedestrian easement and agreement, Lewisburg District. Filed April 4, 2024.

Steven W. Whited and Sharon H. Whited to Taylor Ford: 2 parcels, Frankford District, Map 18 Parcel 24, 25. Filed April 5, 2024.

Jane M. McCoy, Roger L. Gibson, and Gibson to Jane M. McCoy and Shawn Brown: lot, Frankford District, Map 6K Parcel 44. Filed April 5, 2024.

John S. Preston and Nancy L. Preston to Roger Pence and Tamera Pence: 0.584 acres, Fort Spring District, Map 6 Parcel 0026. Filed April 5, 2024.

John S. Preston and Nancy L. Preston to Roger Pence and Tamera Pence: 0.584 acres, Fort Spring District, Map 6 Parcel 0026. Filed April 5, 2024.

Gary E. Holliday and Nellie D. Holliday to Linda Castaing: 1.65 acres, Meadow Bluff District, Map 82 Parcel 0048. Filed April 8, 2024.

Douglas R. Eitel and Laura Eitel to Joseph Johnson and Katie White: lot 15 Lewisburg District, Map 14 Parcel 36.9. Filed April 8, 2024.

Julie W. Williams, Jennifer W. Roberts, Joanna P. Tingle, and Jana P. Olson (heir of the June D. Peters estate) to Sarena R. Judy and Jeremy K. Judy: 1.698 acres, Ronceverte District, Map 6 Parcel 0131. Filed April 8, 2024.

Tasty Bites

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Monroe, and Summers County meet) will have a new breakfast option at Tasty Bites.

“We’ll serve breakfast all day and grab and go lunch items, plus desserts,” explains Jessica. “My grandmother always said everything she made should be tasty. Not good, not right, just tasty,” says Jessica. “So when I became a mother I always told my kids to enjoy their ‘tasty bites.’ And it just kind of stuck.”

The daily breakfast menu includes biscuits, eggs, bacon, hash browns, omelets, pancakes, sausage, oatmeal, and more.

Customers can also expect lunch specials such as BBQ on croissant and desserts like pineapple upside down cake, all made fresh daily.

Jessica is only 27, but she already has 10 years of experience in the culinary profession. “I figured why not,” she says of opening her own restaurant. “I have learned from some wonderful chefs over the years and to have the same passion as them is a blessing.”

What inspires Jessica to cook and bake every day? “The satisfaction of having people eat and love it. Whenever I was younger my grandmother baked all the time and the happiness she got from making everyone else happy rubbed off on me.”

She says her husband is a blue collar worker who leaves early each morning for work and often only has time for a quick bite. She hopes to provide folks in that situation the opportunity to eat a wholesome, affordable meal before heading off to work.

“A good start to the day sets the whole mood,” she says with a smile.

Tasty Bites is located at 201 S Monroe Street in Alderson. They are open Monday through Tuesday and Thursday through Saturday from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call 304-445-3121 for more information.

For the Record

Deeds

Tommy H. Mullins to Tommy H. Mullins and Susan K. Shreve: 3 acres more or less, Falling Spring District, Map 35E Parcel 55E. Filed April 9, 2024.

Brian Martin to Gavin Smith, Raiden Smith, Marcos Martinez, and Seraphine Fowler: 14,850 square feet & 0.76 acres, Irish Corner District, Map 5 Parcel 15.2, 17. Filed April 9, 2024.

William Cumby and Marilyn Cumby to Charles Holiday and Krystal Holiday: 0.633 acres, Blue Sulphur District, Map 18 Parcel 11. Filed April 9, 2024.

Tanner Richmond to Charles E. Amos II: lot nos. 6 & 7, White Sulphur District, Map 25 Parcel 74, 75. Filed April 9, 2024.

Michael L. McMillion, Kevin W. McMillion, and Harold McMillion (by attorney-in-fact) to Joshua Sherwood and Kathryn Sherwood: lot 13 block 2, Lewisburg District, Map 24 Parcel 0285. Filed April 9, 2024.

Shawn A. Honaker and Rachel A. Honaker to Martha A. Lehman: 11.48 acres, Irish Corner District, Map 17 Parcel 0073. Filed April 9, 2024.

Roger Baker to Matthew N. Mandel and Aleyana C. Mandel: lots 16 & 18, block 3, Seneca Estates, Lewisburg District, Map 29 Parcel 39. Filed April 10, 2024.

Jerry R. Brooks to Cynthia K. McDermott and Paul M. McDermott: 25.405 acres, Blue Sulphur District, Map 23 Parcel 6. Filed April 10, 2024.

Teresa Lilly to Aaron A. Szilvester: lot 110, Rupert District, Map 2 Parcel 57. Filed April 10, 2024.

Barbara E. Mullins (by devisee of Rubie G. Gibbs) to Barbara E. Mullins: lots F2 and F3, Fort Springs District, Map 9R Parcel 0049. Filed April 10, 2024.

Elizabeth M. Preston, Lydia P. Hicks, Margaret P. Kulkarni, Silas M. Preston Jr., Michelle L. Rogers, Michael A. Thomas, James T. Preston, and Mary B. Preston (by trustees) to William D. Sarver III and Nancy M. Sarver: 188.10 acres, Lewisburg District, Map 7 Parcel 21. Filed April 10, 2024.

John B. McCuskey State Auditor (by appointee) to WV Co. Tax Cert Purch 2021 LLC: 2,660 square feet, Irish Corner District, Map 4 Parcel 0021. Filed April 11, 2024.

Lance Syner to Gherman Holdings LLC: 1.040 acres, Lewisburg District, Map 15 Parcel 119. Filed April 11, 2024.

Julius L. Ervin to Katie A. Ervin and Gretchen E. Manspile: 3.14 acres, Frankford District, Map 44 Parcel 24.1. Filed April 11, 2024.

Julius L. Ervin to Katie A. Ervin and Gretchen E. Manspile: 1.00 acres, Lewisburg District, Map 13 Parcel 30.7. Filed April 11, 2024.

Christina H. Loudermilk and James M. Bailey to Valorie Quick: 1.069 acres, Frankford District, Map 9 Parcel 44. Filed April 11, 2024.

Ruby R. Toler, Charles L. Toler, and John L. Toler to Rajesh Patel: 0.861 acres, Ronceverte District, Map 10 Parcel 0124. Filed April 11, 2024.

Charles A. Higginbotham and Carla S. Higginbotham to Joshua M. Higginbotham: 1.776 acres, Frankford District, Map 8 Parcel 19. Filed April 12, 2024.

Bobby L. Clutter to Barbara J. Simmons: 36.24, 2.5, and 120 acres, Falling Spring District, Map 52, 59 Parcel 6, 29, 30. Filed April 15, 2024.

Jackie L. Morris and Constance A. Morris to Shannon R. Huffman: 0.75 and 10.56 acres, White Sulphur District, Map 27 Parcel 35, 41.2. Filed April 15, 2024.

Marguerite L. Wyatt (by attorney-in-fact Joseph A. Wyatt) and Robert M. Wyatt to Dean W. Lattin and Margaret Lattin (trustee of the Lattin Living Trust): lots 5 & 6, 224 X 140 X 236 X 140 X 140 X 112. Lewisburg District. Map 13L Parcel 58. Filed April 15, 2024.

Jane G. Hughes (executrix of the Ronald L. Hughes estate) to Steven W. Hughes and Tracy A. Hughes: 0.84 acres, Irish Corner District. Map 5 Parcel 57. Filed April 15.

Gordon Whitman and Kristina M. Whitman to Kristina M. Whitman, Marah Whitman, and Lucas Whitman: 1.00, 0.23, and 0.14 acres, lot 1, Frankford District, Map 23L Parcel 0002, 0003, 0004, 0030. Filed April

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Volunteer fire departments in West Virginia finally have a permanent funding source

After more than a decade of lobbying, Gov. Justice signed a bill to fund West Virginia's more than 400 volunteer fire departments using money from the state lottery fund.

By Henry Culvyhouse for Mountain State Spotlight

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Scratch-off and Powerball tickets will become the newest funding source for volunteer fire departments, after Gov. Jim Justice signed off on a bill last month.

With little fanfare - and near unanimous approval - lawmakers passed a bill earlier to provide an extra \$12 million for volunteer fire departments in the state each year from the state lottery fund.

Randy James, president of the Volunteer Fire Chiefs Association, said the boost is much needed. As the Chief of the Frametown Volunteer Fire Department in Braxton County, James said equipment, like battery rescue tools to remove people from crashed cars, costs tens of thousands of dollars.

"That money is a big help for us," he said.

The extra money can also go towards making payments on new trucks, James said. Depending on the size and function, a new fire engine can cost more than \$1 million in today's economy.

In West Virginia, the more than 400 volunteer fire departments are funded through a variety of ways - boot drives, spaghetti dinners, mail-flyers asking for donations and county fire fees.

All departments also receive a stipend from the state from a small tax on property insurance. For about 15 years, there's been a push to raise that tax to get increased funding for VFDs, but lawmakers have consistently shot it down.

During the 2023 legislative session, lawmakers made another go at finding more funding, but it died on the vine during the last night of the session. That plan would have provided permanent funding for volunteer fire departments and EMS providers.

In August, delegates and senators returned to Charleston to scrounge up more money for VFDs. They approved an extra \$6 million to go into the fund bankrolled by the insurance tax, \$3 million to go to a new fund for counties with fire levies or fees and the other \$3 million to get distributed to all counties, based on population

This engine from the Ceredo Volunteer Fire Department was built in 1991.
(Courtesy photo credit: Ceredo Volunteer Fire Department)



and need.

However, none of that was a permanent fix. By January, half of the \$12 million had been tapped out.

"Last year, it was a one-shot surplus deal," James said. "We didn't know if we were ever going to see that money again."

Del. Daniel Linville, R-Cabell, had proposed last year that lottery money be used to help fund volunteer fire, instead of raising the surcharge tax.

Linville said when he first floated using lottery for fire funding, he looked at more than 20 years worth of data to see if the money would be steady enough for the long haul.

"We feel quite confident that there will be a stable revenue stream for a long, long, long into the future," he said.

For departments big and small, James said the extra money each year could be a game changer.

But this wasn't something

Randy James, president of the Volunteer Fire Chiefs Association, speaks with lawmakers last year.

(Photo by Will Price/WV Legislative Photography)



that happened overnight - James said volunteer fire has been advocating and pressuring lawmakers for years to get more money for the service.

"I started going to the Capitol in '96 on a pretty regular basis. And then after I retired in '14 I told people I tried to get my mail down there during the session," James said. "You have to be down there daily, in my opinion."

OBITUARY

Eleanor "Tommy" Shiflet Porterfield



Eleanor "Tommy" Shiflet Porterfield, 95, of Lewisburg passed away Monday, Apr. 15, 2024, at The Peyton Hospice House. Born Mar. 8, 1929, in Gap Mills, WV, she was the twin daughter of Rev. Alvin Burton Shiflet and Grace Givens Shiflet.

Tommy attended Gap Mills Schools and graduated from Gap Mills High School in 1947. She attended Davis and Elkins College and graduated in 1951 with a BA degree in Elementary Education.

On June 21, 1951, she married William Alvin Porterfield and they moved to Lewisburg where she began her teaching ca-

reer in Greenbrier County Schools. She taught first grade from the fall of 1951 to the spring of 1957 at Ronceverte Elementary School. She substituted while her daughters were young and returned full time to the classroom at Lewisburg Elementary School in the fall of 1965. There she taught first grade until the spring of 1987 when she retired.

Growing up as the daughter of a Presbyterian minister, she was always active in doing work with the church. In the 1970's, she and Alvin became active members of the Lewisburg United Methodist Church. Tommy taught Sunday School, sang in the choir, was active in her circle and United Methodist Women. She helped manage the church kitchen for many years and was famous for her delicious rolls.

Tommy was a Charter member of the Lewisburg Lioness Club, a member of the DAR and 50 year member of Chapter F of

the PEO Sisterhood. She was active with her children and served as a 4-H leader and volunteered countless hours with band boosters at Lewisburg Junior High School and Greenbrier East High School.

Tommy loved to travel and, in their retirement, she and Alvin traveled throughout the United States, Europe, The Holy Land, New Zealand and Australia. She was a die-hard WVU Fan and had season football tickets for over 30 years. She loved watching WVU Sports and she and Alvin hardly ever missed a Greenbrier East football or basketball game. She and Alvin loved the State Fair of WV and exhibited vegetables, flowers, and food items. Every year, they won numerous awards. They went every day to the fair and enjoyed visiting with family, former students and friends.

Tommy was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Alvin in

2017, her brother William Marion Shiflet and his wife Kappy, her brother-in-law Dr. James R. Neale III, sister-in-law Lanelle Porterfield Griffith and husband Carl, brother-in-law Kendall Porterfield and wife Juanita, sister-in-law Phyllis Porterfield Shrader and husband Julian, her infant grandchild William Alvin Wyatt, and infant great-grandchild Grier Ellen Wyatt.

She is survived by her daughters Jeanie Wyatt and husband Mike, Sheryl Hulmes and husband Rich all of Lewisburg; her grandchildren Robbie Wyatt and Megan of Philippi, Susie Wyatt and Jonathan of Gap Mills, Amy Wyatt Mitchin and husband Joe of Morgantown, Ryan Hulmes and wife Pahton

of Pittsburgh, PA, and Chris Hulmes of Lewisburg; and her five great grandchildren Sydney, Abigail, Rhett, Hadley and Reagan. She is also survived by her twin sister Elizabeth "Tooty" Shiflet Neale of Melrose, FL, and many nieces and nephews who she loved dearly. She was "Maw Maw" to all her grandchildren as well as all their friends.

The family would like to thank all the people that helped with her care. A special thank you to their dear friends Dr. Tom von Dohlen and his wife Rene' who went above and beyond to help MawMaw when her health was declining.

Funeral services will be at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Apr. 28, at the Lewisburg Unit-

ed Methodist Church with Rev. Bev Columbo officiating. Burial will follow in Rosewood Cemetery, Lewisburg, WV.

A gathering of family and friends will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Apr. 27, at the Lewisburg United Methodist Church.

Memorial donations may be made to The Alvin Porterfield Memorial Scholarship Fund c/o of Jeanie Wyatt, 442 Talbott Circle, Lewisburg, WV 24901.

Pallbearers will be her nephews Bill Shiflet, Mark Sparks, Jim Neale, Keith Porterfield, Ronnie Porterfield, Rob Miller, and Bill Griffith.

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Voter Registration

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- Voter is in a licensed health care facilities within an adjacent county or within 35 miles of the county seat (county policy required);
- Voter is in nursing home within the county if he or she has resided there for a period of less than 30 days (county policy required); or
- Voter becomes confined, on or after the seventh day preceding an election, to a specific location within the county because of illness, injury, physical disability, or immobility due to advance age or other medical reason (county policy required).
- May 8, 2024 - Deadline for Absentee Ballot Applications
- May 11, 2024 - Deadline for Early Voting in Person
- May 13, 2024 - Deadline for Hand-Deliver Absentee Ballot to the Clerk's Office
- May 14, 2024 - ELECTION DAY
- May 14, 2024 - Absentee Ballots Received Electronically from Eligible Voters Accepted - Absentee ballots submitted electronically by eligible military and overseas voters and eligible voters with physical disabilities are accepted by close of polls.
- May 15, 2024 - Absentee Ballots without Postmark Accepted
- May 20, 2024 - Absentee Ballots Postmarked by Election Day Accepted

To learn more about the upcoming election, to request an absentee ballot, to register to vote, or to become a poll worker, please visit GoVoteWV.com - a secure website hosted by the WV Secretary of State's Office.

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IMPORTANT PRIMARY ELECTION INFORMATION FOR ALDERSON AND SURROUNDING AREA VOTERS WHO HAVE VOTED AT CITY HALL (Monroe) and ALDERSON COMMUNITY CENTER (Greenbrier):

- APR. 23 is deadline to register to VOTE!
- MAY 1 begins Early Voting.
- MAY 14 is Primary Election Day.

THE VOTERS WHO HAVE NORMALLY VOTED AT THE ALDERSON COMMUNITY CENTER (currently under construction for new elementary school) will vote at the CAFETERIA OF THE CURRENT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (500 Elmwood Avenue) ON MAY 14.

MONROE VOTERS WHO NORMALLY VOTED AT CITY HALL FOR COUNTY/STATE ELECTIONS WILL VOTE AT THE ALDERSON SENIOR CENTER (228 Monroe Street, South) for the Primary and General elections.

Williamsburg CEOS asks: How can we help others in a crisis situation?

The Williamsburg Community Educational Outreach Club (CEOS) met on Apr. 9 at the home of Loretta Shirley and shared a wealth of knowledge concerning how to help others in a crisis situation as Burl Post shared information from the West Virginia University Extension Service CEOS lesson titled "Preventing Suicide in our WV Communities."

Members participating included Loretta Shirley, Linda Spencer, Cassandra Perkins, Blanche Knicely, Laura Ann Tiller, Patty Post, and guest Lisa Miller-Piche.

The club will meet at the Williamsburg Historical Museum at noon on May 14 with Cassandra Perkins presenting the lesson "Home Grown: Appalachian Crafts from the Past." This lesson explores Appalachian craft history and ways individuals can preserve and teach the next generation. Members will be making a "craft" that will share a skill that they can teach others too.

We are building and growing families and our communities by sharing our skills and experiences and learning new skills from the WVU extension service and each other. All are welcome and encouraged to participate.

2024 Mountaineer Horseshoe League recruiting members

The Mountaineer Horseshoe league in Ronceverte is recruiting pitchers for the 2024 season.

We are recruiting male and female pitchers to join our group of 18 pitchers which we had in 2023.

Also, we are interested in forming a cadet division which would involve boys and girls under the age of 13 and a junior division for young men and women from 13 to 18 years old.

The league will hold an organizational meeting on May 7 at 6 p.m. at the Mountaineer Horseshoe courts in Ronceverte. Anyone who is interested may contact Allen Withrow at 304-776-1374 or puwithrow@gmail.com.

The league will begin pitching on May 21 at 6 p.m.

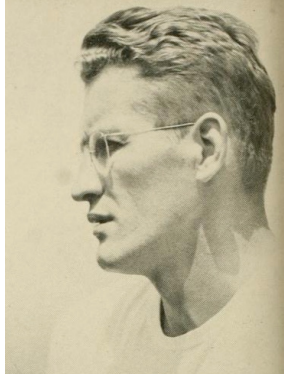
This Week in WV History

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.

April 21, 1908: Traditional musician Phoebe Cottrell Parsons was born in Calhoun County. Parsons's traditional clawhammer banjo style, unaccompanied ballad singing, riddles and storytelling influenced countless numbers of younger musicians.

April 21, 1936: President Franklin Roosevelt established the Jefferson National Forest. The West Virginia portion of this forest includes nearly 20,000 acres in Monroe County.

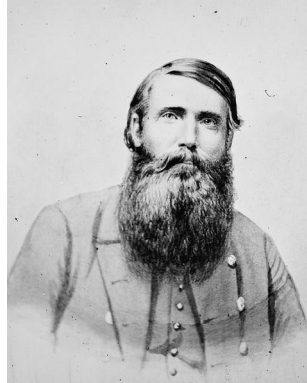
April 22, 1908: Marshall "Little Sleepy" Glenn was born in Elkins. Glenn coached basketball at West Virginia University from 1934 to 1938 and football from 1937 to 1940. He was inducted into the WVU Sports Hall of Fame in 1992.



April 22, 2003: Activist Judy Bonds, a Raleigh County native, received the Goldman Environmental Prize for her fight against mountaintop removal mining. Her efforts inspired thousands and turned a local issue in West Virginia into a national cause.



April 23, 1857: Andrew S. Rowan was born in Gap Mills, Monroe County. Rowan, a military officer, was chosen as the messenger when President William McKinley wanted to send a message to Cuban General Calixto Garcia during the Spanish-American War. The 1899 pamphlet A Message to Garcia made the incident famous.

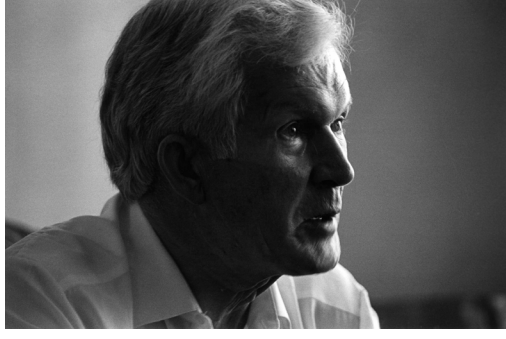


April 24, 1865: McNeill's Rangers surrendered to Union troops at New Creek (now Keyser). The Confederate guerrilla force probably never numbered more than 100 men at any time but managed to inflict regular damage on Union operations.

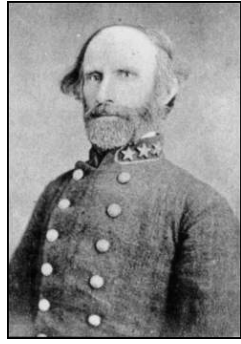
April 25, 1863: About 1,500 Confederate soldiers under Gen. William "Grumble" Jones advanced through Greenland Gap, a deep pass through New Creek Mountain in present Grant County. The Confederates encountered 87 Union soldiers who held off several assaults before finally surrendering.



April 25, 1923: Union leader Arnold Ray Miller was born at Leewood on Cabin Creek in Kanawha County. In December 1972 he defeated Tony Boyle to become president of the United Mine Workers.



April 26, 1816: General Alexander Welch Reynolds was born in Lewisburg. He served in both the U.S. and Confederate armies. After the war, Reynolds accepted a commission as a colonel in the forces of the khedive of Egypt, which ruled Egypt under the Ottoman Empire.



April 26, 1900: Baseball great Lewis Robert "Hack" Wilson, whose 1930 single season runs-batted-in record stands today, was born in Pennsylvania. He started his pro career with the Martinsburg Blue Sox. He returned to Martinsburg after his retirement and is buried at Rosedale Cemetery.



April 27, 1978: An accident at the Willow Island Power Station on the Ohio River killed 51 men. The scaffolding that had been erected for use in the construction of a new cooling tower collapsed, sending the workers plunging to the ground.

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- **Saturday, Apr. 20: Annual Earth Day Fashion Forward**
Lewis Theater at 3 p.m.
865 Court Street North, Lewisburg
Garden Party Fashion Show - Awards for Best in Each Category - Outfits upcycled from vintage clothing - repaired, reused, or repurposed.
Music by Mike Pushkin. Presenter Reid Miller - Designer and consultant to WVU School of Design and Community Development.
- **Saturday, Apr. 20: Monroe County Earth Day**
Old World Libations from 1 to 6 p.m.

3493 Greenville Road, Union
Presenters: Pam Thomas, Rodney Davis, Scott Ernst, Virginia Hamilton and Tammy Hale.

Stations: Monroe Gardeners, Hanging Rock Raptor Observatory, Monroe County Animal League, Archery Team, Snacks for Kids, Fish and Wildlife, Potter’s Wheel, Wreath Making, Seed Swap, Planning Your Garden or Flower Beds, Recycle, Reduce and Reuse, Farmer’s Wife & Food by OWL

• **Monday, Apr. 22: Greenbrier County Recycling Center**
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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.



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Report: New River Gorge ranked #8 Best National Park in USA

In celebration of National Parks Week, Travel Lemming analyzed data to rank all 63 US national parks. West Virginia’s New River Gorge ranks #8 best in the country, beating iconic national parks like Yosemite, Yellowstone, and Zion.

For National Parks Week, Travel Lemming released a data-backed ranking of all 63 US national parks. New River Gorge in West Virginia clinched the #8 spot overall, also ranking among the most affordable and biodiverse parks in the country.

Travel Lemming’s national parks ranking is based on an analysis of data scoring each park across seven factors: affordability, accessibility, biodiversity, crowds, reviews, jobs, and weather.

The report revealed the following insights:

- At 243.1595214 visitors per acre, New River Gorge National Park is the third most-crowded national park in the country.
- New River Gorge is the #4 most biodiverse park in the USA, with 2,776 species present or probably present in the park.
- With an average review score of 4.866666667/5, the park is the #12 best-reviewed national park in the USA.

• New River Gorge scores moderately in the weather category, ranking at #35. Weather was calculated using a human comfort-based points system that incorporates temperature, humidity, precipitation, and lightning strikes.

• The park ranks #5 in Visitor Spending, indicating it’s a cost-effective park to visit. The average visitor spends \$46.44970224 while visiting New River Gorge.

• New River Gorge ranks #28 in the jobs category, with 1040 jobs across various industries associated with the park.

• The park is the #27 most accessible national park in the USA, based on the average distance in miles to its FAA Primary airport and its airport hub.

• Overall, Ohio’s Cuyahoga Valley is the most affordable park, Hawaii’s Haleakalā National Park has the best weather, Tennessee’s Great Smoky Mountains is the most biodiverse, Alaska’s Gates of the Arctic the least crowded, and Missouri’s Gateway Arch the most accessible.

The top 10 US national parks in the USA according to the report are: Shenandoah National Park in Virginia, Joshua Tree National Park in

California, Olympic National Park in Washington, Great Smoky Mountains National Park in Tennessee and North Carolina, North Cascades National Park in Washington, Grand Canyon National Park in Arizona, Channel Islands Park in California, New River Gorge National Park in West Virginia, Everglades National Park in Florida, and the Redwood National and State Parks in California.

Surprisingly, the most renowned national parks did not perform well in the rankings, largely due to the crowds and affordability factors. Yellowstone National Park ranks at position #16, Zion National Park at slot #18, and Yosemite National Park at slot #22.

Travel Lemming Writer Meg O’Connor commented: “As a data scientist and a huge fan of the outdoors, I love how much variety the United States has in its terrain, flora, and fauna. These data-driven rankings provide a numerical glimpse into how diverse our National Parks really are, and I feel like I could live several lifetimes and never get bored of visiting them.”

“Since we truly have some stunning hidden gems in our park system, I think these rankings will help draw attention to some of the lesser-known but absolutely awe-inspiring parks in this country.”

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By William “Skip” Deegans

Vestiges of the old south in the Greenbrier Valley were evident in 1913 when Polk Miller and His Old South Quartette performed at Lewisburg’s Carnegie Hall. Polk Miller, who started the act, died less than a month before the performance, but he was replaced by his brother, Captain Tony Miller, who joined Colonel Tom Booker and Polk Miller’s quartette of African-American singers. An interracial group traveling, especially in the south, was becoming increasingly dangerous, and the Lewisburg concert may have been one of the group’s last performances.

Polk and Tony Miller were white and grew up on a plantation in Prince Edward County, Virginia. Polk Miller learned to play the banjo on the plantation by listening to slaves, and he developed into an accomplished musician. He served as an artilleryman in the Confederate Army and became a successful druggist in Richmond after the war. He developed a remedy for his dog, Sergeant, that led to his line of Ser-

geant’s Pet Care Products that are still sold today. His successes as a businessman gave him the resources to start his musical group and tour throughout the country. His two-hour act consisted of his depiction of black dialect, stories of life on the southern plantation, and songs including Confederate battle marching tunes. Miller was an immensely popular story-teller. Often his performances were used to raise money for Confederate monuments and help Confederate veterans. Following the troupe’s performance at New York’s Carnegie Hall, Mark Twain wrote, “Those who failed to hear Polk Miller and his wonderful quartette at Carnegie Hall last night missed about the only thing now left that is originally, and utterly American.”

Polk Miller and his quartette left a noteworthy legacy. They were recorded on Thomas Edison’s phonographs and are among the first interracial recordings in the United States. These recordings have been preserved and may be heard on Apple Music.

Carnegie Hall Calendar of Events

Saturday, April 20: WWSO State Tour - The West Virginia Symphony Orchestra (WWSO) is thrilled to hit the road with A Melding of Cultures: Spring Tour 2024 on Saturday, April 20, at 7 p.m. Free admission, but must register.

Thursday, May 2: Chris Haddox - Second Stage Performance on Thursday, May 2, at

7 p.m. featuring well-loved, easy-going consummate picker and gifted songwriter in the traditional folk, country, and Americana vein, Chris Haddox. Second Stage Series takes place in the Old Stone Room and is general admission seating. Tickets are \$20/adult; \$5/child.

Friday, May 17: Club Carnegie - Join Carnegie Hall in the Board Room before the Michael Cleveland & Flamekeeper performance from 6 to 6:45 p.m., Friday, May 17. Free admission. Cash bar and snacks available.

Friday, May 17: Michael Cleveland & Flamekeeper - Mainstage Performance by 12-time Bluegrass Fiddler of the Year Michael Cleveland & Flamekeeper on Friday, May 17, at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$32/adults and \$10/students.

Rotating Galleries: Old Stone Room Gallery - Fiber Arts Network. The exhibit runs through the end of April. Next up “Kaleidoscope” by Marietta Lyall & Friends.

Museum Gallery - “Spirits” by Richard Shrewsbury. The exhibit runs through the end of April. Next up: Ian Hagerty.

Lobby Gallery - “Dream Art” by Michelle Kelly. The exhibit runs through the end of April. Next up Rachel Dennison.

Board Room Gallery - “40 Years of Carnegie Hall” Exhibit

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

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

SCRAMBLERS

solution

- 1. Burst; 2. Belong; 3. Weird; 4. Scare

Today’s Word

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Business

WV Hive, WVU TechLaunch Lab announce finalists chosen to pitch at Southern WV Business Idea Pitch Competition

Leaders of the West Virginia Hive and West Virginia University Institute of Technology (WVU Tech) Launch Lab announced recently the entrepreneurs who will be presenting their business strategies at the Apr. 23 Pitch Southern West Virginia business idea competition on the campus of WVU Tech. Entries received in the ideation and incubation categories were judged, and the in-person presentation line-up includes:

- Top three finalists - Ideation Division:
 - Ansel Ponder, Blue Appalachia, Mercer County
 - Kaleb Cole, Payton Hanshaw, Wyatt Harmon, and Cole Pearson, WVU Tech
 - Kabrea James, Raleigh County
- Top five finalists - Incubation Division:
 - Natasha Zoe, JarHead Farm, Monroe County
 - Wauketa Okoli, Get Lifted, Raleigh County
 - Corey Lacey, Paws N Pals Daycare and Boarding, Raleigh County
 - Pauline Sturgill, Old Mountain Field Fine Arts and CraftsMingo County
 - Ashley Parrish-Mihrim, Magnolia Real Estate &

Property Management, Fayette County

Diana Woods, director of the WVU Tech Launch Lab and coordinator of the event, said this year the format has been restructured from "community" and "student" divisions to "incubation" and "ideation" divisions. She said the incubation division is for entrepreneurs who have already registered their business and have made their first sales. The ideation division is for those who have not yet registered their business or who have registered but have not made their first sales.

Woods said a panel of expert judges will select the winners and award \$5,000 in prizes:

- Incubation Division: First place: \$2,000; Second place: \$1,000; Third place: \$750
- Ideation Division: One prize: \$1,000
- Audience Favorite: \$250

Prize money must be used to further the business idea. WVU Tech students also have the option of putting it toward educational expenses.

During the in-person competition, each entrepreneur will have five minutes to present their business idea to

a panel of judges and explain why it is innovative and how it will make a difference to residents of southern West Virginia. Each presentation will be followed by a brief question and answer period with the judges.

Entries were open to residents and businesses located in Raleigh, Fayette, Nicholas, Summers, Webster, Pocahontas, Greenbrier, Monroe, Mercer, Wyoming, McDowell, Logan and Mingo Counties and WVU Tech students, faculty and staff.

There is no cost to attend the business pitch event from 5:30 to 8 p.m. on Apr. 23 but registration is required: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/pitch-southern-wv-business-idea-competition-tickets-853762515667>

Funds for the awards have been contributed by private sponsors, including gold sponsors United Bank and New River Gorge Regional Development Authority and bronze sponsors Stephens Auto and WV Auto Buyers, Beckley Raleigh County Chamber of Commerce and Fayette County Chamber of Commerce. All sponsorship funds are provided to the contestants as winnings.

WV Hive congratulates Mountain Steer Meat Company on award

James Tuckwiller and Frank Ford, co-owners of Mountain Steer Meat Company, pitched last Wednesday evening in the inaugural Hayhurst Invitational statewide business competition at the Bridging Innovation Week event in Huntington. Their expansion plan was rewarded with a second-place award of \$50,000.

Founded in 2020 in the midst of the pandemic, Mountain Steer Meat Company of White Sulphur Springs raises, processes and distributes local beef to

businesses and customers throughout the state and nationwide.

Judy Moore, deputy director of the New River Gorge Regional Development Authority and executive director of the West Virginia Hive, said, "On behalf of all of us at the West Virginia Hive, we couldn't be more proud of the stellar job Mountain Steer Meat Company did pitching in the Hayhurst Invitational. They are phenomenal entrepreneurs with a tremendous business

future, and we are thankful for the opportunity to walk alongside them on their amazing entrepreneurial journey. A big thank you to Mary Legg, our senior business advisor, for helping to guide their growth and development in multiple ways."

Four other companies were selected to pitch a panel of expert judges on the need for capital to embark on expansion plans. Lost Creek Farm in Harrison County was the winner of the \$100,000 first prize.

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 gap!

Erupt
TRUBS

Associate
BENGOL

Odd
DIWER

Stallie
ACRES

TODAY'S WORD

"Please explain to her that a fresh start does NOT mean a new ...!"

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Spoon is missing. 2. Box is different. 3. Collar is long. 6. Oven handle is missing. 4. Mouth is different. 5. Refrigerator handle is not as missing.

Super Crossword

APPLICATION PROCESS

ACROSS

- 1 Big trucks
- 5 "Serial" podcast host Koenig
- 10 Brothers Wyatt, Virgil and Morgan
- 15 Like GI garb, often
- 19 Woeful things
- 20 Bingham of "Baywatch"
- 21 Slobber
- 22 Nivea rival
- 23 Outfit
- 26 Lasses
- 27 All upset, with "up"
- 28 "... flaw — feature?"
- 29 Actor Knotts
- 30 Wrung (out)
- 32 Deli classic
- 33 Bother a lot
- 35 Frank of rock
- 38 Outward display of courage
- 40 Attachable with a click
- 42 Hits, as a fly
- 44 Fill with love
- 45 "The X Factor," e.g.
- 47 Congeal
- 49 Short sleeps
- 50 Diane once of NPR
- 51 Gentlemen
- 53 Breather
- 56 Apple option
- 59 Cow sound
- 62 Primer for a wall, e.g.
- 67 Names anew
- 70 Outdoor enclosure for a tabby
- 72 Abundant
- 73 Cow sound
- 74 Despot Amin
- 75 It's often played during a massage
- 78 "Let us spray," e.g.
- 79 Recognize
- 80 Central Asia's — Sea
- 81 Honking birds
- 82 Old Jewish ascetic
- 84 Snootiness
- 87 Cur's warning
- 89 Snake's warning
- 90 Not bogus
- 91 Small plateau
- 93 Give relief to
- 96 Choir female
- 99 Responses to massages
- 101 Something revealed by a scale
- 107 Fly without a co-pilot, e.g.
- 110 Like a famed Vatican chapel
- 112 Roll around in mud or dust
- 113 Mascara, e.g.
- 115 Writer Calvino
- 117 Ethiopia's — Selassie
- 118 Ovid's lang.
- 119 Tubers often candied
- 120 Engine speed meas.
- 121 By way of supply
- 123 Tattooist's
- 124 Otherwise
- 126 What eight answers in this puzzle might say if they could talk?
- 131 Increase, with "up"
- 132 Internet sales
- 133 Increase, with "up"
- 134 Villain in "The Avengers"
- 135 609-homer Sammy
- 136 AC— (big name in auto parts)
- 137 Promotes heavily
- 138 Leg joint
- 3 Pertaining to an opening of the larynx
- 4 Former jet to JFK
- 5 Mix, as batter
- 6 Desi of Desilu Studios
- 7 Sleazy paper
- 8 King topper
- 9 Furry feet in back
- 10 Biblical utopia
- 11 Shirt part
- 12 Clemente of baseball
- 13 Oompah band genre
- 14 Shirt part
- 15 Tooth on a gearwheel
- 16 A Gulf state
- 17 Patroller around a food court
- 18 Bivalve mollusks
- 24 Sweltering summer day
- 25 Ivory, e.g.
- 31 Lion's hideout
- 34 Fast glance
- 36 Burnt residue
- 37 Gp. once led by Arafat
- 38 Raft wood
- 39 Soda brand
- 41 Utmost
- 43 Dickens' miser
- 46 Opposite of lge.
- 48 Three, to Fifi
- 52 Slippery road condition
- 54 "The Hunger Games" escort
- 55 Blueprint data, in brief
- 56 From Dublin or Cork
- 57 Jason's wife, in myth
- 58 "Ta-ta!," in Tours
- 60 Central Florida city
- 61 Crayon stuff
- 63 Less of a lie
- 64 Louvre Pyramid architect
- 65 Adjectives modify them
- 66 Message-leavers' cues
- 68 Astronomer Tycho —
- 69 Mattress brand
- 71 Fierce female feline
- 76 1972 Eric Clapton hit
- 77 Chinese menu letters
- 83 Aussie girl
- 85 Newlywed man
- 86 "Got it, man"
- 88 San Luis —
- 92 Slightly excessive
- 94 "How cute!"
- 95 Ugly foe of Popeye
- 96 Neverending
- 97 Not deserting
- 98 Frightful flies
- 100 Like always
- 102 "Ode — Grecian Urn"
- 103 Costa — Sol
- 104 Use as a skating surface
- 105 Mount — College (Elaine Chao's alma mater)
- 106 12-year-old kid, say
- 108 Set in place
- 109 Gave the nod
- 111 — City (Ohio town named for William Henry Harrison's moniker)
- 114 Theatricalize
- 116 Like sheep
- 120 Move, to a Realtor
- 122 Tattooist's supplies
- 125 Green org.
- 127 Ocacek of The Cars
- 128 Endeavor
- 129 Spying setup
- 130 Big name in civ. rights

DOWN

- 1 Most wealthy
- 2 Actress Douglas who starred in "Grace of My Heart"

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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School

Car Show and Flea Market at James Monroe High School

The second annual James Monroe High School (JMHS) Student Government MoCo Car Show and Flea Market will occur on Sunday, Apr. 28, from 1 to 5 p.m. in the JMHS parking lot. This event is free to the public for viewing with concessions.

The car show will have the following nine categories for all participants who wish to enter: Modern Car (2000-present), Modern Truck (2000-present), Classic Car (1999 and older), Classic Truck (1999 and older), Most Unique Build, Commu-

nity's Choice, Best Interior, and Best Rust Bucket. All who wish to participate in the car show must pay a \$20 entry fee to be placed into the competition, and the winners will be given trophies.

The flea market will set up on the

perimeter of the JMHS parking lot. Tables cost \$20 and set up will begin at noon.

The car show and flea market are scheduled from 1-5 p.m. at JMHS on Sunday, Apr. 28, so come on down for games, food, and fun!

LEGAL

FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2024 - JUNE 30, 2025 LEVY ESTIMATE - BUDGET DOCUMENT

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
MUNICIPALITY OF WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, WEST VIRGINIA
In accordance with Code § 11-8-14, as amended, the Council proceeded to make an estimate of the amounts necessary to be raised by levy of taxes for the current fiscal year, and does determine and estimate the several amounts to be as follows:

The amount due and the amount that will become due and collectible from every source during the fiscal year INCLUDING THE LEVY OF TAXES, is as follows:

REVENUE SOURCE	
Unassigned Fund Balance	102,500
Property Taxes - Current Expense	269,337
Tax Loss Restoration	550
Gas & Oil Severance Tax	25,000
Excise Tax on Utilities	150,000
Business and Occupation Tax	275,000
Wine & Liquor Tax	160,000
Animal Control Tax	400
Hotel Occupancy Tax	35,000
Fines, Fees & Court Costs	40,575
Parking Violations	100
Licenses	12,500
Building Permit Fees	6,900
Franchise Fees	40,000
IRP Fees (Interstate Registration Plan)	40,000
Private Liquor Club Fee	7,500
Parks & Recreation	45,000
Municipal Service Fees	223,000
Rents, Royalties and Concessions	180,000
Refuse Collection	373,500
Police Protection Fees	113,000
Fire Protection Fees	137,700
Federal Government Grants	20,000
State Government Grants	20,000
Other Grants	20,000
Contributions from Other Entities	2,500
Contributions from other Funds	2,500
Federal Payment in Lieu of Taxes	1,200
Gaming Income	100,000
Interest Earned on Investments	50
Reimbursements	20,000
Insurance Claims	1,500
Accident Reports	17,350
Video Lottery (LVL)	3,000
Miscellaneous Revenues (provide details on 'Explanations' tab)	20,000
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE (GENERAL FUND)	\$ 2,465,662

COAL SEVERANCE TAX FUND	
Assigned Fund Balance	\$ 3,000
Coal Severance Tax	3,000
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE (COAL SEVERANCE FUND)	\$ 6,000

ESTIMATED CURRENT EXPENDITURES

	General Fund	Coal Severance Fund
Mayor's Office	7,875	-
City Council	5,025	-
Recorder's Office	3,450	-
City Clerk's Office	30,750	-
Police Judge's Office	23,150	-
City Attorney	42,750	-
City Auditor	19,500	-
Contributions to Comms/Authorities	5,000	-
Regional Development Authority	1,000	-
Planning & Zoning	28,650	-
Elections	20,550	-
Data Processing	2,900	-
City Hall	56,650	-
Police Department	734,137	-
Fire Department	162,650	-
Flood Control/Soil Conservation	2,750	-
Streets and Highways	308,300	-
Street Lights	65,000	-
Central Garage	122,100	-
Garbage Department	464,150	-
Parks & Recreation	224,400	-
Visitors Bureau	17,550	-
Swimming Pools	96,875	-
Library	12,000	3,000
Beautification Programs	8,500	1,500
Capital Projects - Culture and Recreation	-	1,500
TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES	\$ 2,465,662	\$ 6,000

MUNICIPALITY OF WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, WEST VIRGINIA

Regular Current Expense Levy FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2024 - JUNE 30, 2025

CLASS I	Certificate of Valuation		Taxes Levied
	Assessed Value for Tax Purposes	Levy Rate/\$100	
Personal Property	\$ 0	12.50	\$ 0
Public Utility	0		0
Total Class I	\$ 0		\$ 0
CLASS II	Certificate of Valuation		Taxes Levied
	Assessed Value for Tax Purposes	Levy Rate/\$100	
Real Estate	\$ 39,121,260	25.00	\$ 97,803
Personal Property	26,994		67
Total Class II	\$ 39,148,254		\$ 97,870
CLASS IV	Certificate of Valuation		Taxes Levied
	Assessed Value for Tax Purposes	Levy Rate/\$100	
Real Estate	\$ 34,740,170	50.00	\$ 173,701
Personal Property	27,936,533		139,683
Public Utility	7,423,853		37,119
Total Class IV	\$ 70,100,556		\$ 350,503

Total Value & Projected Revenue \$ 109,248,810 \$ 448,373

Less Delinquencies, Exonerations & Uncollectable Taxes 5.00% 22,419

Less Tax Discounts (use Total Projected Revenue to calculate) 2.00% 8,519

Less Allowance for Tax Increment Financing (if Applicable) 142,601

Total Projected Property Tax Collection \$ 274,834

Less Assessor Valuation Fund 2.00% 5,497

(Subtracted from regular current expense taxes levied only)

Net Amount to be Raised by Levy of Property Taxes \$ 269,337

MUNICIPALITY OF WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, WEST VIRGINIA

ALLOWANCE FOR TAX INCREMENT FINANCING REGULAR CURRENT EXPENSE LEVY

2024 - 2025

CLASS I	Column C Roll Back Value Form		Taxes Levied
	Value Form	Levy Rate/\$100	
Personal Property	\$ 0	12.50	\$ 0
Public Utility	0		0
Total Class I	\$ 0		\$ 0
CLASS II	Column C Roll Back Value Form		Taxes Levied
	Value Form	Levy Rate/\$100	
Real Estate	\$ 21,193,230	25.00	\$ 52,983
Personal Property	0		0
Total Class II	\$ 21,193,230		\$ 52,983
CLASS IV	Column C Roll Back Value Form		Taxes Levied
	Value Form	Levy Rate/\$100	
Real Estate	\$ 19,709,700	50.00	\$ 98,549
Personal Property	327,429		1,637
Public Utility	0		0
Total Class IV	\$ 20,037,129		\$ 100,186

Total Value & Projected Revenue \$ 41,230,359 (Gross) \$ 153,169

Less Delinquencies, Exonerations & Uncollectable Taxes 5.00% 7,658

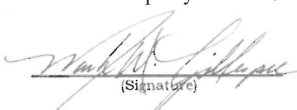
Less Tax Discounts 2.00% 2,910

Allowance For Tax Increment Financing (This amount carries to the worksheet above) \$ 142,601

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

COUNTY OF GREENBRIER MUNICIPALITY OF WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS

I, Mark D. Gillespie, Recording Officer of said municipality, do hereby certify that the foregoing are true copies from the record of the orders made and entered by the council of the said municipality on the 20th day of March, 2024.


(Signature)
Recorder
(Official Title of Recording Officer)

Pre-K enrollment set this week

Greenbrier County Schools will host a Pre-K enrollment on Wednesday, Apr. 24 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Greenbrier East High School Pre-K office. Parents can complete the online application at <https://ow.ly/eAq150R9xUI> and bring the following to complete the enrollment:

- State Issued Birth Certificate (Greenbrier County Schools does

- not accept the courthouse copy)
- Social Security Card
- Insurance Card
- Proof of residency (two items with the physical address)
- Proof of income (tax return, W-2 or EBT card)
- A current physical (with lead, HGB, HCT levels), dental and immunization record will also be needed.

LEGAL

LEGAL NOTICE

The West Virginia Health Care Authority announced that it has received a Letter of Intent from The Greenbrier Clinic, CON File #24-4-12943-P, for the addition of fixed magnetic resonance imaging services to its diagnostic testing protocol. Capital Expenditure \$833,903.

Further information regarding the Letter of Intent, including the Certificate of Need application when submitted, is on the Authority's website at www.hca.wv.gov.

LEGAL

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.

LEGAL

Notice of Public Meeting

Notice is hereby given that on the 6th day of May 2024 in the City Hall Council Chambers, 589 Main St. West, White Sulphur Springs, WV, at 4 p.m., the Board of Zoning Appeals of White Sulphur Springs, WV will hold a public hearing upon the application of Mountain Steer Meat Company for the purpose of requesting "conditional use permission" to construct and operate an Abattoir or "Slaughterhouse" at their current location of 169 Pocahontas Trail, White Sulphur Springs, WV. The present zoning of the property to be affected is commercial, which does not include the type of use requested. The property to be considered contains 1.74 acres but only a small portion is requested for conditional use. The physical location is 169 Pocahontas Trail, White Sulphur Springs, WV. Any person wishing to be heard concerning this matter should be present at the above listed time and place. Written comments concerning this matter should be received by May 3, 2024 to be considered during the hearing on May 6, 2024. Written comments should be sent to:

- White Sulphur Springs City Hall
- BZA Chairperson
- 589 Main St. West
- White Sulphur Springs, WV 24986

A copy of the application for public review is on file in City Hall at the address listed above.

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WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OFFICE OF ABANDONED MINE LANDS AND RECLAMATION

Public meetings will be conducted to describe proposed Abandoned Mine Land reclamation projects, which have as their objective the alleviation of health, safety and environmental problems created by coal mines abandoned prior to August 3, 1977. Information regarding these projects, including required NEPA documentation, can be obtained from the WVDEP at 304-926-0485. The following projects listed with region and county locations will be explained at the public meetings:

Project Name	Region	County
Green Valley Highwall "All and Draining Portals	South	Greenbrier
Green Valley Highwall "D" and Refuse	South	Greenbrier
Crumpler (Scott) Draining Portal	South	McDowell
Greenbrier Hollow Refuse-Phase II	South	McDowell
Algoma Refuse	South	McDowell
Crany Mine Dump-Phase II	South	Wyoming
Abram Creek AMD Treatment Phase II	North	Grant
Three Fork Dosers-Squires/Raccoon/S.Birds/Pell	North	Preston
North Fork of Blackwater AMD Treatment	North	Tucker

These projects will be submitted to the Federal Office of Surface Mining for funding consideration. Public meetings to discuss the projects will be conducted as follows:
South Region - Friday, May 17, 2024, Charleston - WV DEP, Office of Abandoned Mine Lands and Reclamation, 601 57th Street, SE, Charleston, WV 25304, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Contact Jeff Davis - Planning Supervisor, Southern Region, 304-414-1204.
North Region - Tuesday, May 21, 2024, Bridgeport - WV DEP, Office of Abandoned Mine Lands and Reclamation, 101 Cambridge Place, Bridgeport, WV 26330, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Contact Robert Stuart - Planning Supervisor, Northern Region, 304-848-2073.

An option for virtual attendance will be provided. If planning to attend virtually, please contact Scott Nunley at 304-414-1188 for access. Should you not be able to attend the above meeting(s), please contact one of the listed individuals regarding additional opportunities to discuss the project(s).

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(2021-S-00000115 - Greenbrier County - WV CO TAX CERT PURCH 2021 LLC)

To: WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TAX & REVENUE, HEATHER RENEE GILLIAN, HEATHER RENEE TALBOTT, HEATHER RENEE TALBOTT, HEATHER RENEE GILLIAN, JEDIAH R. GILLIAN, STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, OCCUPANT(S), 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 MEADOW BLUFF MAP 55S PARCEL 0011 0000

You will take notice that WV CO TAX CERT PURCH 2021 LLC, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2021-S-00000115, .20 (D) THOMAS US 60 N SIDE OF US RT 60, located in MEADOW BLUFF, which was returned delinquent in the name of TALBOTT HEATHER RENEE, and for which the tax lien(s) thereon was sold by the sheriff of Greenbrier County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on the 17th day of November, 2021, has requested that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made to him or her on or after June 11, 2024, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount you will have to pay on the last day, June 10, 2024, will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to June 10, 2024.	\$ 302.96
Amount of subsequent year's taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to June 10, 2024.	\$ 182.38
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 June 10, 2024.	\$ 1,293.08
Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to June 10, 2024.	\$ 491.90
Total Amount Payable to Sheriff - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to The Honorable Bruce Sloan, Sheriff and Treasurer of Greenbrier County.	\$ 2,270.32
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

You may redeem any time before June 10, 2024, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.

Return this letter and both certified funds to the WV State Auditor's Office, County Collection Division 1900 Kanawha Blvd East, Building 1, Room W-114 Charleston, West Virginia 25305. Questions please call 1-888-509-6568 option 2

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Zuzu's Hot 5 to perform at Pocahontas County Opera House



Zuzu's Hot 5

The Pocahontas County Opera House welcomes the powerful rhythms and soul-stirring beats of Zuzu's Hot 5 for an unparalleled musical journey on Apr. 27 at 7:30 p.m. Known for fusing traditional jazz with the infectious energy of Mardi Gras, Zuzu's Hot 5 is set to mesmerize the audience with a high-energy performance, channeling the spirit of New Orleans.

For more than a decade, Zuzu's Hot 5 has been serving up a potent mix of music, fusing the spirited jazz notes from Buddy Bolden, King Oliver, and Louis Armstrong's timeless tracks with a modern flair. The ensemble is renowned for creating a vivid auditory experience shaped by thrilling trumpet calls, wailing clarinet notes, and a growling trombone driven by an unstoppable rhythm from thumping strings.

Incorporating stomps, viper blues, and struts, Zuzu's Hot 5 immerses audiences in the rich musical roots of New Orleans and evokes the spirit of the early days of

"Jass." Expect swing dances, romantic ballads, and the high-energy madness characteristic of the Gilded Age.

Much like a well-crafted cocktail, Zuzu's Hot 5 transports their audience through their powerful vocals and unique charm that have become their signature.

With a commitment to inclusivity, all Opera House performances are designed to be informal, family-friendly, and accessible to all. The venue ensures that individuals with disabilities can thoroughly enjoy the experience, with tailored accommodation available upon request.

Tickets for the upcoming performance at the Opera House are available for \$10 per adult, and admission is free for attendees aged 17 and below. Tickets can be purchased through pocahontasoperahouse.org, at the 4th Avenue Gallery in Marlinton, or at the venue's entrance on the evening of the performance.

The Pocahontas County Opera House is grateful to



receive financial support from the West Virginia Division of Culture and History, with the endorsement of the West Virginia 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.



Tommye Rafes' herbal arts workshops offered at Carnegie Hall

Carnegie Hall's Classes & Workshops Series offers many different learning opportunities for all ages, taught by regional artists. Herbal Arts instructor Tommye Rafes' classes have become some of the most attended for the series, offering something different, fun, and practical. This spring she is teaching students how to make Natural Liquid Soap, Body Butter, and Natural Shampoo Bars. Limited Scholarships are available for students 50 years of age and older and all materials are provided.

Rafes' first workshop is Soap Making for the Natural Home on Friday, May 10 from 6 to 8 p.m. Students will learn how to make an all-natural liquid hand wash that benefits both the skin and the environment.

"If you are trying to avoid harsh chemicals and synthetic fragrances that may cause skin irritation, then you might enjoy learning how to make an all-natural liquid hand wash that is perfect for individuals with sensitive skin," explains Carnegie Hall Education Director Harmony Flora.

The class will also discuss how natural hand washes use biodegradable ingredients, minimizing the environmental impact on our local water systems. Students will

make two different formulas to try while discussing various options for ingredients to try at home.

On Saturday, May 11, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Rafes will teach a Body Butter making class. Students will learn how to create body butter that is luxurious as well as an effective solution for promoting skin hydration and health.

Body Butter is typically a thick cream made of nut butters, skin moisturizing oils, and a fragrance. Each butter is unique and offers different textures, absorbency, and viscosity. In class, students will learn how to formulate body butter to help protect skin from dryness and rough skin.

Rafes last workshop on Saturday, May 18, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., will teach students how to make Natural Shampoo Bars using an easy-to-follow recipe. Solid shampoo bars are an excellent choice for those trying to reduce their use of plastics while also looking for a natural product without the use of harsh chemicals.

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

Learn drawing and watercolor techniques with Carnegie Hall Teaching Artist John Coffey

Carnegie Hall's Spring Classes & Workshops Series continues with Teaching Artist John Coffey leading watercolor workshops. Coffey will teach Painting Textures in Watercolors on Saturday, Apr. 27, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., and a new workshop, Plein Air Watercolor Landscapes, on Saturday, May 25, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Limited Scholarships are available for students 50 years of age and older for both classes. All materials will be provided by the instructor.

The Painting Textures in Watercolor is a four-hour class that will concentrate on techniques for painting old buildings, such as old barns and houses. The class is designed for students of all experience levels, but some basic drawing skill will be helpful. More advanced students may bring their own brushes.

Plein Air Watercolor Landscapes is a new specialty watercolor workshop at Carnegie Hall, where classes will be taught en plein air (live, outdoor) on the Ivy Terrace, weather permitting. Designed for all experience levels, this class will focus on painting watercolor landscapes. The class will also include instruction in drawing and sketching basic cloud types and tree shapes and will explore the different materials and techniques used in watercolor painting.

John Coffey is a watercolorist specializing in landscapes and buildings, primarily in and around southern West Virginia but also other parts of the world. He grew up in Monroe and McDowell Counties, and currently lives in Mercer County, WV.

Coffey majored in art at Concord College in the 1960s, where he took only one watercolor course and decided the medium wasn't for him. In the late 1980s he had a change of heart and decided to teach himself to paint with watercolor. When he



John Coffey with student

made the connection between drawing and watercolor, he achieved some small degree of success.

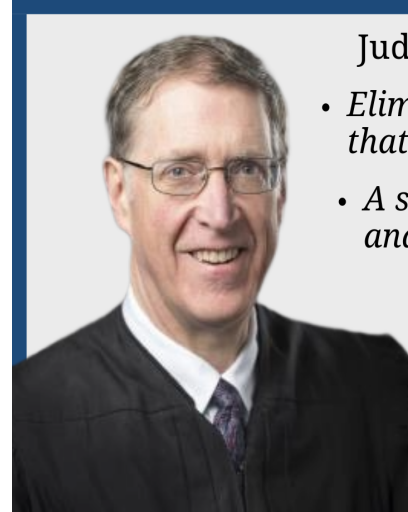
Coffey is currently a member of the West Virginia Watercolor Society as well as being a Tamarack juried artisan and a past member of the Mahoning Valley Watercolor Society, the Appalachian Artist Association and the Beckley Art Group. He has held one-man shows at the Chuck Mathena Center, Princeton, WV; Sister's Coffeehouse, Princeton, WV; Carrington's Coffeehouse, Bluefield, WV; Neighbors Arts and Crafts, Princeton, WV; and the Payne Gallery, Bluefield, WV.

His awards include Tamarack's Best of West Virginia show 2011 - Award of Merit; Beckley Art Group / Cynthia Bickey Gallery, West Virginia Memories Show - Best of Show, and various awards at other Beckley Art Group shows; Various first, second, third, honorable mention and best of show awards from Appalachian Artist Association and Mahoning Valley Watercolor Society shows.

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Carnegie Hall WV is a member-driven nonprofit organization supported by individual contributions, grants, and fundraising efforts such as TOOT and The Carnegie Hall Gala. The Hall is located at 611 Church Street, Lewisburg. For more information, please call 304-645-7917 or visit www.carnegiehall-wv.org.

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