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Greenbrier County Sheriff candidate once again incarcerated

By Sarah Richardson

Greenbrier County Sheriff candidate Mark Robinson is currently housed in Middle River Regional Jail after a warrant was issued for his arrest earlier in the week through the Augusta County, VA Sheriff's Office for "stalking with intent to cause fear, assault, or injury." Robinson was booked in on May 8 just before 6 p.m., and the bond type listed states "no bond."

This is the second time Robinson has run for Sheriff of Greenbrier County and used the campaign platform to highlight the dissolution of his marriage. In 2018, Robinson was incarcerated on Election Day and yet secured roughly 24 percent of the vote against then-Sheriff incumbent Bruce Sloan.

On Saturday, May 4, Robinson submitted a letter directly to the Mountain Messenger that states in part:

"I have just been informed by the Augusta County (VA) Sheriff's Dept. that they have an arrest warrant for me. I printed a letter to the Augusta County Prosecutor in which I basically offered a large cash reward to any person who would persuade one of my children to call me. Yesterday I went door to door and passed out a lot of them. A couple of people called 911 and complained, so the deputies came looking for me. One called me. Not especially wanting to have that conversation face to face, I headed home to West Virginia. No one told me I was facing arrest until I called in today. I had, before I went there to distribute the letters, emailed the letter to both the Prosecutor and the Sheriff. So now once more I will undergo arrest and jail and extradition and jail and trial and sentencing and more jail, not for anything violent or threatening, but merely for doing what I think any good dad should do."

The letter he was distributing door-to-door offered various amounts of cash to anyone who is "able to persuade" his children to call him for "a substantive discussion of several relevant topics."

Robinson has seven children, four of whom are over the age of 18.

Ronceverte Council discusses Splash Pad reservations, Home Rule, and more

By Dakota Baker

Ronceverte City Council held its monthly meeting on Monday, May 6, at 7 p.m. Resolution #4, which was invoices related to the design and construction of the water upgrade phase 4 project, was approved by councilmembers, as well as Resolution #5, invoices relating to the design and construction of the stormwater infrastructure improvements project and authorizing payment.

Furthermore, the council approved to begin the application process for the "Home Rule" program. According to the West Virginia Municipal League website, "Home Rule gives cities and towns the ability to implement ordinances, resolutions, rules, and regulations that fit their specific dynamics. Since the start of the pilot program, some municipalities have created solutions to local problems that also work for other cities throughout the state, and some of these innovations have been officially adopted at the state level."

Additionally, the council approved paying for part of the new scoreboard for the Ronceverte Raiders football team.

Upcoming events include Bingo on Friday, May 10, at the Fire Department; doors open at 5 p.m., and games start at 6:30 p.m. The Ronceverte Food Truck Festival will be held on May 17 and 18 with food, arts and crafts, and live music.

The Splash Pad plans to open by Memorial Day weekend and can now be reserved for private parties after hours, Monday through Thursday, 6 to 8 p.m. You can reserve the Splash Pad by calling City Hall, and the cost is \$125 for two hours. These reservations cannot start until after Memorial Day weekend. The Splash Pad is free to the public during regular operating hours, which is daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

In other news, the Ronceverte Development Corporation received a grant from the Hollowell Foundation for the disc golf course that will be located

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Last year saw a strong turnout for the first Food Truck Festival.

Ronceverte Food Truck Festival vendors announced

The festival will run next weekend on May 17 and 18

By Chelsea Blair

Get ready to experience a mouth-watering good time at this year's Ronceverte Food Truck Festival, hosted by the Ronceverte Development Corporation with the support of local businesses. The event begins on Friday, May 17, and runs from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m., and then continues into Saturday, May 18, from

12 noon to 10 p.m. on Edgar Avenue in Ronceverte.

Although there will be a variety of food items from many known vendors expected to attend including Rolling Stove, When Pigs Fly, Taste of Eggcellence, Fairway Fork, Dawg Haus, Udderly Smooth, Pot Luck, The Twist, Greenbrier Dairy, Smash Pots, Glorified Dance,

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County Commission approves bids for WV DEP Structures, recognizes May as Community Action Month

By Chelsea Blair

The Greenbrier County Commission's regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, May 7, began with several financial approvals, including \$758 allotted to the Meadow River Trail for consulting by Greenbrier Environmental and \$142,844.84 to Lynch Construction for work completed on the Trail, supplied under TAP Grant reimbursement.

The Commission then considered proposed permit fee increases presented by the Greenbrier County Health Department. Commission President Tammy Tinchler stated that this proposal is a review and increase of all fees needed within all health departments across the state to make them more consistent and to meet the needs of what the health department requires. The proposed fees were previously presented at a March public meeting and were approved at the Health Department Board meeting last week. The permits were sent out, pending approval from the county commission, to become effective on July 1. The motion was approved unanimously.

Next, Homeland Security Director Don Havens asked the commission to consider the approval of submission of a Homeland Security Grant 20-SHS-69 application for the WV Emergency Management Division for fiscal year 2020. The grant will cover the replacement of a License Plate Reader (LPR) device that was installed on I-64. The device was mounted on the I-64 westbound exit ramp in White Sulphur Springs several years ago. Havens stated that for no explained reason, the device was damaged and taken down, never being replaced. According to Havens, the LPR is a very vital tool connected to the 911 Center as well as the National Crime Institute that reads every license plate traveling by and led to the capture of "bad individuals" from North Carolina several years back.

He informed the Commission that they received a quote from those who provide the system at \$21,448 and the DMV has funds available to help cover the costs. Also, Havens said David Houge was able to find funding from the year 2020 funding source that will cover the

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Sherwood Lake: A tranquil haven in Greenbrier County

By Jonathan Eggleston
 RealWV, www.therealwv.com

Nestled among the scenic beauty of Greenbrier County lies Sherwood Lake, a hidden gem calling to nature enthusiasts and serenity seekers. With its many recreational activities, this Lake offers visitors a quick escape from the hustle and bustle of modern life.

Built in 1958, this 164 acre lake is the largest reservoir in the Monongahela National Forest. The lake has a maximum depth of 20 feet in some parts and an average depth of 10 feet all around.

Over the decades, it has evolved into a beloved destination, cherished by countless families and nature lovers.

The lake is surrounded by lush forests and rolling hills, creating a picturesque backdrop for a variety of activities.

Fish lovers flock to its waters to try their luck at catching bass, catfish, and trout, while boaters and kayakers glide across its serene surface, taking in the beauty of their surroundings.

For those seeking a more relaxed experience, Sherwood Lake offers several picnic areas and hiking trails, perfect for a leisurely stroll or a family outing. Birdwatchers will enjoy the many different species that call the area home, including herons, kingfishers, and even bald eagles!

In addition to its natural beauty, this place also has plenty of modern amenities, including a campground

equipped with RV hookups and tent sites, as well as restroom facilities, showers, a playground and a "beach" swimming area for when the sun gets a little too hot.

Whether you prefer a rustic camping experience or the comforts of a cabin rental, there are accommodations to suit every preference.

Throughout the year, Sherwood Lake hosts various events, celebrating everything from local folklore to outdoor recreation. From fishing derbies to guided nature walks and bike trails, there's always something happening to entertain and inspire visitors of all ages.

As one of West Virginia's hidden treasures, this place was a real joy and I got to take in the day and explore this cool landscape with family and friends.

The lighting was a little harsh, but I was still able to catch some pretty cool photographs to share with you. You definitely don't want to forget about this place this year!

So, whether you are casting a line, taking photos, exploring the hiking trails, or simply soaking in the serenity of nature, a visit to Sherwood Lake promises an unforgettable experience in the heart of Appalachia.



Kevin Warfield selected as Lemelson-MIT Invention Education Fellow

Greenbrier County Schools proudly announces that Kevin Warfield, Engineering Instructor at Greenbrier East High School (GEHS), has been chosen as an Invention Education Fellow by Lemelson-MIT for the 2024-2025 academic year. This prestigious recognition highlights Warfield's exceptional dedication to fostering innovation and creativity in education.

As an Invention Education Fellow, Warfield will play a crucial role in providing peer-to-peer support to educators across the United States as they embark on their journey of implementing invention education for the first time. Among thousands of educators, Warfield stands out for his exemplary work in integrating invention education into the curriculum.

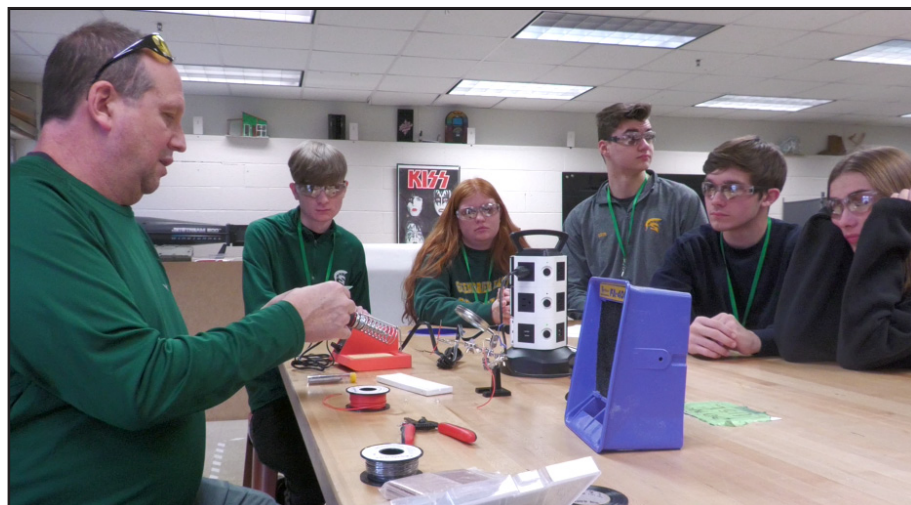
Cristina Saenz, MIT School of Engineering Invention Education Manager, praises Warfield's longstanding commitment to invention education, dating back to eight years ago when he introduced the concept to Greenbrier. Notably, Warfield has secured two InvenTeam grants, in 2017 and 2022 respectively, and was recently chosen as one of only three educators nationwide to pilot the new Inventing Smart Solutions Capstone course.

Saenz further acknowledges Warfield's contribution to professional development opportunities for educators, highlighting his upcoming presentation at MIT's summer workshop alongside his students. This event follows their participation in EurekaFest, where students from Greenbrier East will showcase their innovative projects.

"During my career, I haven't set any personal goals other than to be the best teacher I can be to my students. I have received some recognition along the way, but it has never been a priority. When I went to MIT for professional development in 2016, I met several of the Fellows, who were kind and caring and who genuinely wanted to help me



Kevin Warfield (Photo Avery Thompson)



GEHS Engineering Instructor Kevin Warfield with GEHS InvenTeam students working on thermal imaging system.



GEHS InvenTeam

bring invention education to Greenbrier County schools. I told myself then that I wanted to elevate my teaching to be on the same level as those guys, like Doug Scott, Mark Westlake, and Chell Myrann, who inspired me to take a new approach to how I teach my students," says Warfield.

Superintendent Jeff Bryant expresses Greenbrier County Schools' pride in Warfield's achievements, emphasizing his instrumental role in advancing the Invention Education Program. Bryant commends Warfield's dedication, expertise, and transformative impact on both students and educators.

Warfield's influence extends beyond the classroom, as evidenced by the remarkable inventions developed by GEHS Capstone Invention teams Alpha and Delta. Team Alpha's adjustable height wheelchair (A.H.W.) aims to enhance mobility for individuals using wheelchairs, while Team Delta's mask-integrated thermal imaging system (M.I.T.I.S.) enhances safety for firefighters.

Both teams are set to present their groundbreaking projects at MIT's EurekaFest in June, underscoring the innovative spirit cultivated within Greenbrier County Schools under Warfield's guidance.



GEHS InvenTeam students measure for wheelchair modifications.



Karen McClung pictured with her winning watercolor.

McClung wins Best of Show with watercolor painting

Karen McClung was the Best of Show winner in the Rupert Public Library Art Show, which was held on Saturday, Apr. 20.

Karen's painting was a watercolor titled Queen Ann's Lace. Karen also received the first place blue ribbon in the watercolor category for this painting.

Two subjects in custody following burglary in White Sulphur Springs

On Thursday, May 2, at approximately 4 p.m., White Sulphur Springs Police Department was dispatched to a burglary call on Dickson Street. After two days of investigations, two male subjects have been arrested and charged with nighttime burglary, conspiracy to commit a felony and grand larceny. Approximately \$7,000 dollars' worth of stolen property was recovered by WSSPD throughout the investigation. The investigation was led by Lieutenant B. Grimm who was assisted by Sergeant J. Williamson and Sergeant J. Meadows. The investigation is ongoing, and more charges are pending.



Kimeron Glover sworn in as case coordinator for new Family Treatment Center



Kimeron Glover (left) was sworn in as case coordinator for Greenbrier County's new Family Treatment Court program by Chief Circuit Judge Robert Richardson this week.

After months of effort to secure funding and necessary approvals, Greenbrier County's new Family Treatment Court is one step closer to reality, with the hiring of Kimeron Glover as case coordinator for the program. Glover was sworn into her new position by Chief Circuit Judge Robert Richardson on Wednesday, and officially begins work on May 20.

"I am really excited about the future of this program and how I can grow as an individual while helping the community," she said.

The Family Treatment Court program will work with individuals with substance use disorders who are also involved in a child abuse and neglect case pending before the circuit court. The program is designed to assist parents in getting substance abuse treatment more quickly and effectively, and with greater supervision in the community. The goal is to permit children to return home safely with their parents at a potentially faster rate than through traditional abuse and neglect court proceedings, and to ensure that fewer children experience subsequent maltreatment and return to foster care.

Over the coming weeks, Glover will be working in conjunction with court staff, the Department of Human Services, and other agencies to assemble the various components of the Family Treatment Court program. When operational, the program will include intensive supervision of participants; frequent, random, and observed drug testing; regular meetings between the participants and their case coordinator; individual and group counseling; court appearances; and supervised

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Briefly

The Renick Community Center

Open House May 4

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.

Alderson Farmers Market

Each Tuesday from 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. Beginning May 7 - October 29. They offer WIC, senior vouchers, carrot club for children, stretch, snap, and they accept credit cards (purchases must be \$5 or more).

Ronceverte Public Library

The Ronceverte Public Library Board of Trustees will meet Tuesday, May 14, at 5:30 p.m. in the Hollowell Room. The public is welcome, and an agenda is available.

Woodland Cemetery

There will be a meeting re: Woodland Cemetery Saturday, May 25 at 10 a.m. in the Woodland Community Room. All persons living in the community for 5 years or longer or have relatives buried in the cemetery are urged to attend. A Board of Directors meeting will be held following this meeting.

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.

Marriages

Charlee Rayann Thomas and Gage Thomas Black
Stephanie Drew Cook and Matthew Murphy Prior
Haylie Elizabeth Pack and Justin Avery Wamble
Haley Ann Blake and Aaron Bradley Davis
Luke Austin King and Kaitlin Amber Gwinn
Tasha Lynn Howard and Christopher Patrick Harvey
Winter Marie Spencer and Derrick Michale Lowe
Maybeth Nicole Vass and Tyler Kade Whitt

Greenbrier County Magistrate Court Convictions

Hunter Michael Baker, Lewisburg, reckless driving - no bodily injury, fine \$100, NCP
William O. Smith, Lewisburg, no operators, fine \$25, GP
Richard A. Butcher, Mount Hope, driving too fast for roadway conditions, fine \$50, NCP
Jeffrey Louis Johnson, Asbury, driving suspended - 1st, fine \$100, GP
Brodey Matthew Sheppard, Bluefield, petit larceny, jail 90 days - suspended and placed on 12 months unsupervised probation, NCP
Cory Edward Myers, Quinwood, speeding, fine \$52, GP
Melissa A. Bostic, Lewisburg, no vehicle insurance, fine \$200, GP
David A. Rife, Vansant, VA, speeding, fine \$34, GP
Kristen Reed Tinchler, Lewisburg, use of electronic device without hands free equipment, fine \$100, NCP
Abdul Dahman, Chesterfield, VA, speeding, fine \$34, NCP

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total cost of equipment and installation, with the exception of about two hours labor by an electrician. Havens reached out to Chris Ratliff, who originally completed the wiring when the device was originally installed, and Ratliff agreed to provide the work. The WV State Police are also installing an LPR device on I-64 eastbound in Greenbrier County near the Summers County line. The resolution prepared to file a grant will be sent to the state for approval. All commissioners approved the motion unanimously.

They then discussed the consideration awarding of bids for Group 1 and 2 structures included in the WV DEP Abandoned and Dilapidated Structures Program, presented by Building Inspector Steven Simmons. The bids were opened during the Apr. 16 special meeting but more clarification and information on the bids was needed before moving forward. One structure was dropped due to the scope of work required. The low bidder, LD Hannah, who is recommended by Simmons, is willing to stand behind their original bid. Simmons provided an addendum to the commission, signed by LD Hannah and all parties involved, that the scope has changed, and the bid will remain the same. The commission approved the motion.

The final item on the agenda was presented by rep-

For the Record

Deeds

Mark P. Frissora Revocable Trust (by trustee) to Mark P. Frissora Revocable Trust (by trustee): lot 50 Greenbrier Sporting Club, 0.3 acres, White Sulphur District, Map 22P Parcel 0008. Filed April 29, 2024.
Joshua Canfield and Tywana Eagle to Joshua Canfield and Brooke R. Canfield: lot 21 and part of lot 22, Meadow Bluff District, Map 48N Parcel 24. Filed April 30, 2024.
Edward L. Robinson to Sheldon A. Mullins and Sarah E. Day: lot no. 29, Lewisburg District, Map 24 Parcel 14. Filed April 30, 2024.
Kathleen P. Fitzgerald and Brendan V. Fitzgerald to Brendan V. Fitzgerald: lot 71 The Ridges, White Sulphur District, waiver of repurchase option. Filed April 30, 2024.
Brendan V. Fitzgerald to Brendan V. Fitzgerald (WV QORT by trustee): lot 71 The Ridges, White Sulphur District, waiver of repurchase option. Filed April 30, 2024.
Darrell Coleman Jr. and Terri L. Coleman to Steven Carr and Melissa Patterson: two tracts, 1.592 acres and 2.4526 acres, White Sulphur District, Map 17 Parcel 3. Filed April 30, 2024.
Pauletta A. Fisher to Jonathan C. Fisher: 0.087 acres and 0.094 acres, Rupert District, Map 4, 4 Parcel 195.1, 200. Filed April 30, 2024.
Jonathan C. Fisher to Allen Hicks and Kathy L. Hicks: 0.047 acres and 0.087 acres, Rupert District, Map 4, 4 Parcel 199, 195.1. Filed April 30, 2024.
Gregory J. Clark to Gregory J. Clark and Sue A. Clark: 0.717 acres more or less, Lewisburg District, Map 23G Parcel 0006. Filed April 30, 2024.
Gregory J. Clark and Sue A. Clark to Jennifer A. Alderman, Jason W. Clark, Anthony P. Hedrick, and Candace L. Whanger: 0.717 acres more or less, Lewisburg District, Map 23G Parcel 0006. Filed April 30, 2024.
Frances L.D. Alderson to Deborah E. Alderson, John R. Alderson, Ronda D. Alderson: tract 3, Meadow Bluff District, Map 71 Parcel 72. Filed May 1, 2024.
Dogwood Enterprises LLC to Bustamante Ingrid: 0.62 acres Blue Sulphur District, Map 41 Parcel 16. Filed May 1, 2024.
Steven Fagg and Peggy Fagg to Herbert F. Ley and Lorene K. Ley: lot 27 & 28, 0.230 acre total, Ronceverte District, Map 9 Parcel 645, 651. Filed May 1, 2024.
Gary Sawyers and Loretta Sawyers to Kevin Sawyers: 2 tracts, Blue Sulphur District, Map 8 Parcel 0026. Filed May 1, 2024.

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The Twisted Chef, and a truck by the Raiders Football team selling fried honeybuns, but the food is not the only thing to look forward to. Ten vendors have been added to the line-up with many arts and crafts available such as jewelry, tie-dye clothing, locally made bath products, dream catchers, stickers and temporary tattoos, pottery and much more. Kids can get in on the fun with face paintings available both days and a "stuff your own bear" station. Also, pick a treat for man's best friend from a local dog treat maker.

Outdoor games are planned for the event on Saturday afternoon. There will be a human foosball tournament, with teams of three at 1 p.m. followed by a cornhole tournament at 4 p.m. with teams of two, partners being blind drawn. Each tournament is \$10 per person to participate in, and proceeds will be given as a prize to the winner of each tournament. All games will be held in the parking lot between Edgar Avenue and the railroad tracks.

Live music will kick off on Friday evening with the following schedule: Anne Melton - 6 p.m., Khegan McLane - 7 p.m., Grace Campbell - 8 p.m., and Joey Adams - 9 p.m.

The Saturday music schedule is: Will Sarver - 6 p.m., Samuel James - 7 p.m., Distant Light - 8 p.m., and Caleb Bailey and the Bottom Dollars Band - 9 p.m.

Members of the RDC state that local retail businesses will be open during their normal business hours during the festival for patrons to visit. Representatives from the Women's Club, Ronceverte River Festival, and more will also be set up at the event. They added that last year had a good turnout and they would like to see everyone again this year.

Edgar Avenue will be closed to traffic from Friday morning until Saturday night. Parking will be available in town, by the railroad station, at the bank, across from the post office and beside Martin & Jones.

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on the Island. The Ronceverte Community Market will be open on May 31, and will be open every Friday night up until October on Edgar Avenue. There was also an anonymous complaint about an odor coming from the sewer plant; while they are not exactly sure what caused the odor, it was said that it looked like some type of soup, which throws off the microscopic composure within the sewer plant, it is unclear how it got there.

Glover

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parenting time with their children.

"Child abuse and neglect cases make up a significant part of the circuit court's docket," Judge Richardson said. "I want to extend special thanks to my colleague, Judge Jennifer Dent, for her work in developing our circuit's family treatment court program. While this program will require extra work on the part of judges and others within the court system, I am confident that we will see better results for children involved in these cases."

PICK OF THE LITTER



CHUBBS

Chubbs is a one-and-a-half year old male corgi/pit mix and weighs 39 pounds. *No cats.*



MARLEY

Marley is a one-year-old male retriever mix and weighs 65 pounds. *No dogs.*

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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1911 Oldsmobile Limited Touring Car wins Best of Show award at 2024 Greenbrier Concours

The 2024 Greenbrier Concours d'Elegance Best of Show trophy, created on property at America's Resort by the glass artists at Lamp Light Glass Art at The Greenbrier, went to David and Patricia Peeler of Weddington, North Carolina, and their crowd-pleasing 1911 Oldsmobile Limited Touring Car. The presentation wrapped up a fantastic weekend and the seventh year of what has become one of the most anticipated automotive events on the calendar.

The Oldsmobile was discovered in the Lake George area of New York in the late 1970s and has had only two owners since then. The latest restoration was completed this February. An expensive car with a \$5,000 price tag when new, the Limited appealed to the wealthy, who wanted a large, comfortable car that was technologically advanced for the day. Powered by a 6-cylinder T-head engine, it is capable of modern highway speeds. It rides on a 138-inch wheelbase, is shaft-driven and has only rear brakes. Stopping must be planned well in advance. A total of 196 Limiteds were built in 1911, and this is one of only two remaining Tourabouts built in that model year.

"I was blown away," said Peeler, of winning Sunday's top award. "We have been on the concours circuit for a number of years, but this is the pinnacle right here. We enjoyed the experience tremendously. We have to say that it was one of the best concours we've been to."

Though the Oldsmobile was clearly the star of the show, it was not alone in an incredible field of vehicles, including the featured Trucks and Utility Vehicles for 2024. The response was so fantastic for the feature, that those automobiles were divided into three different classes - Pre-War Pickups and Utility Vehicles, Post-War Pickups and Post-War Utility Vehicles.

"The featured class was really impressive," said Phil Neff, Chief Judge, The Greenbrier Concours d'Elegance. "It was a great display of vehicles, and people enjoyed them. Our other classes were equally as spectacular, and it was an overall fantastic show."

Class winners, who received Best in Class awards hand blown at The Greenbrier by the craftsmen at Lamp Light Glass Art, included:

Pre-War Trucks and Utility Vehicles: 1941 American Bantam BRC-40 Jeep Prototype (Adam Buck; Gettysburg, Pennsylvania)

Post-War Pickup Trucks: 1969 Ford F100 Ranger Pickup (Ray May; Vanceburg, Kentucky)

Post-War Utility Vehicles: 1961 Volkswagen 281 Microbus (Richard Reischman; St. Clairsville, Ohio)

Pre-1930 Veterans and Classics: 1928 Stutz 'Drop-Door' Speedster by LeBaron (Dwight Schaubach; Carrollton, Virginia)

Late Classic Era: 1941 Lincoln Continental Cabriolet (Bob Thomas; Indianapolis, Indiana)

British Cars: 1959 Triumph TR3A (Dennis Mamchur; Verona, New Jersey)

Sports Cars: 1954 Mercedes-Benz 300SL Gullwing Coupe (Dr. C.R. Bonebrake and Hon. Rebecca Crotty; Topeka, Kansas)

Personal Luxury Cars: 1955 Mercedes-Benz 300SL Gullwing (Lindisfarne Collection)

Muscle Cars: 1970 Plymouth Superbird (Rick and Cheryl Hart; Chesapeake, Virginia)

Porsches: 1971 Porsche 914-6 (Thomas and Kristin Zarella; Gloucester, Massachusetts)

Motorcycles: 1952 Moto Guzzi Falcone Sport (Wick Francis; Newtown Square, Pennsylvania)

In addition to the class awards, 12 special awards were presented at the trophy ceremony, and the winners received hand-crafted trophies made by the carpenters at The Greenbrier. The awards featured the iconic Spring-



The 2024 Greenbrier Concours d'Elegance Best of Show trophy went to David and Patricia Peeler of Weddington, North Carolina, and their crowd-pleasing 1911 Oldsmobile Limited Touring Car.

house, which has been a symbol of America's Resort for centuries. The winners included:

People's Choice: 1915 National Hearse (Sonya and Bill Miller; Frankfort, Indiana)

Chief Judge's Award (Selected by Phil Neff): 1948 Willys Overland Jeepster (James Rimel; Staunton, Virginia)

Duke of Windsor Award (Most Elegant Closed Car): 1947 Bentley Mark VI Coupe by Figoni & Falaschi (John Shaloub; Festus, Michigan)

Princess Grace Award (Most Elegant Open Car): 1934 Packard 1101 7-Passenger Tourer (Rajiv Kehr; Napanee, Indiana)

Dorothy Draper Award (Most Stylish Interior): 1988 Porsche 944 Turbo S "Silver Rose Edition" (Thomas and Kristin Zarella; Gloucester, Massachusetts)

Sam Snead Award (Best Country Club Car): 1931 Buick 8-94 Sport Roadster (David Landow; Potomac, Maryland)

Eisenhower Award (Best Cold War Era Car): 1960 Buick Electra 225 Convertible (Michael Hurley; Flint, Michigan)

Artist's Award (Selected by Joan Creamer): 1973 Ferrari Dino 246 GTS (Roy and Janice Brod; Lancaster, Pennsylvania)

Most Historically Significant Road Car: 2009 Morgan Aeromax (Bill and Marla Dixon; Ninety Six, South Carolina)

Most Historically Significant Sports or Race Car: 1965 Shelby 427 Competition Cobra (Gary and Kathy Bartlett; Muncie, Indiana)

AACA "Spirit of the Hobby" Award: 1965 Mercury Comet Caliente Convertible (Sheldon Gilliam; Hampton, Virginia)

Bill Davis Memorial Award (Best Car owned by a West Virginia native or resident): 1974 Jaguar E-Type Series III V12 Roadster (Patty and Roger Crawford)

Sunday's Concours was the culmination of a weekend filled with events for car owners and enthusiasts from across the country.

On Friday, The Greenbrier Concours d'Elegance, presented by Ferrari of Washington, started its engine with The Summit Drive, which took car enthusiasts to the Members Lodge at The Greenbrier Sporting Club for

breakfast. Following the mouthwatering meal, the cars of all eras and varieties embarked on a drive through the mountain roads of West Virginia, ending up at Snowshoe Mountain Resort, where they experienced amazing views, lunch and lift rides down the mountains. The cars returned by a different route with equally entertaining roads.

That evening's Welcome Reception, sponsored by Bentley Washington, D.C., at the outdoor pool gave sponsors, owners, judges and concours organizers a chance to come together and learn more about each other and the weekend. Entertainment was provided by The Greenbrier Springhouse Entertainers, courtesy of Berglund Automotive.

Saturday began with Cars & Cocktails, presented by Ole Smoky Distillery, which featured cars of all ages and types displayed in front of the iconic golf clubhouse at The Greenbrier and around the Springhouse. Spectators enjoyed the show, as well as the ride-and-drive events presented by Ferrari of Washington. A large gathering from Malaise Motors helped add to the festive feel and the excitement of the participants.

Saturday afternoon included an automotive seminar, and the evening concluded with a Kentucky Derby Party/Charitable Dinner, which raised funds to support three charitable partners - West Virginia Autism Training Center, AACA Library and Research Center and First Responders Children's Foundation.

All those events served as appetizers for the main course on Sunday, as the finest collector cars in the world were judged by Neff and his qualified team of concours judges.

"After a little rain overnight, the sun came out and we were blessed with a beautiful day on Sunday," said Cam Huffman, a member of The Greenbrier Concours d'Elegance Steering Committee. "It was clear that the participants had a great experience at each event, and the turnout was spectacular. The Greenbrier Concours d'Elegance gets a little better each year, and we're already excited about 2025."

Plans have begun for The 2025 Greenbrier Concours d'Elegance. The featured Ferrari Class will be just one of the major attractions for next year's event, which will be held May 2-4. Registration is already open for the Sunday Concours at GreenbrierConcours.com.

Greenbrier Valley Theatre presents new Producing Artistic Director

Greenbrier Valley Theatre (GVT), The State Professional Theatre of West Virginia, is proud to announce the selection of Paul Stancato as its new Producing Artistic Director. After a months-long search, the Lewisburg based theatre company will welcome Paul to the Greenbrier Valley and GVT at the opening night performance of GVT's first production of its 57th season, Ken Ludwig's Baskerville: A Sherlock Holmes Mystery.

Stancato boasts over a decade of visionary contributions to the world of visual storytelling. His career, marked by innovation and collaboration, has left an indelible mark on stages across the globe and GVT is ecstatic to have him bring his skills to Lewisburg, West Virginia.

At the helm of new musicals, Paul has directed and choreographed premieres that have captivated audiences from Off-Broadway to international stages, including the original production of "Friends: The Parody Musical" in Las Vegas, Australia, and Europe. His directorial excellence extends to the world premiere of "What A Wonderful World" at Timber Lake Playhouse, a production recognized with a live stream by Broadway OnDemand and DePaul University's School of Cinematic Arts. Notable projects also include the regional premiere of "A Bronx Tale" at the John Engeman Theatre, NY, and "Forever Plaid" and "Grease" for Drury Lane Theatre in Chicago.

With an extensive list of credits, Paul has made his mark on national tours, including "Jekyll & Hyde" (Helen Hayes Nomination), the 1st National Tour of "The Wedding Singer" (IRNE, SALT, BroadwayWorld nominations for Best Musical), and the international tour of "Flashdance the Musical" (Wellington Award for Best Production, New Zealand).

He has collaborated with such notable brands/artists as Universal Studios, Cirque du Soleil, Stryker, Santander Bank, Clay Walker, and WAGMI Games.

His artistic contributions have earned recognition from prestigious awards bodies, including the Ovation Awards, IRNE Awards, Helen Hayes, and Jeff Awards. A dedicated board member of the Illinois Theatre Association, Paul has served as the Artistic Director for Timber Lake Playhouse and the Artistic Director of Franco Dragone's



GVT's new Producing Artistic Director Paul Stancato

House of Dancing Water in Macau, China.

As a Resident Director, Paul has collaborated with luminaries such as Julie Taymor on "The Lion King" for four years and assisted Tony Award winner Rob Ashford on "The Wedding Singer" at the Al Hirschfeld Theatre on Broadway.

Paul's journey includes affiliations with esteemed organizations such as the Lincoln Center Theater Directors Lab, NAMT, Drama League, Ars Nova, The Public Theatre (Joe's Pub), and participation in the SDCF Observer-ship Program. He holds a Master of Fine Arts (MFA) from the University of Florida and a Bachelor of Arts (BA)

from Western Illinois University. For more information on tickets, shows, and the organization's history, visit the theatre's website: www.gvtheatre.org or call the box office at 304-645-3838.

Letter to the Editor

Bobby Ford running for County Commission



Dear Editor:

My name is Bobby Ford. I am the original Republican candidate running for Greenbrier County Commission on May 14, 2024 in Greenbrier County.

Formerly, I worked as the Building Code Official/ Building Inspector for 12 years for the county. During this time I observed many changes, some good to not so good. My feeling is, it is getting worse. The process that the elected officials should be overseeing have been handed off to a hired lawyer who is not accountable to the people.

The current commission has allowed this non-elected employee to guide processes that is not streamlined nor conducive for the county to be open for business, nor easy for our working contractors to conduct business in this county.

Our hardworking EMS providers are at a critical point of almost failure. I am not trying to scare my friends and neighbors, but want you to understand that it is past time for our county to help the three remaining EMS agencies to avoid failure of the complete system. Leaving us to depend on an outside agency who will promise to put ambulances here, but will pull them to cover other obligations outside our county. This is a true first priority. These people deserve our commissions attention.

Our fire departments have been overlooked by the support from the county commission. The commission

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Club & Church

Lewisburg House and Garden Club holds April meeting

The April meeting of the Lewisburg House and Garden Club was held on Apr. 24 in the activity room of the Old Stone Presbyterian Church with Carol Olson and Peggy Brown as the hostesses. President Marit Withrow presided. The meeting opened with reading of the Garden Club Creed. Committee reports were given along with a report on the state convention.

While enjoying the delicious desserts provided by Olson and Brown, the members gathered to package sunflower seeds for the Sunflowers in Schools project. This award-winning project is chaired by Townley Hamilton and assisted by the members of the club. The Lewisburg House and Garden Club has been distributing seeds, teaching nature's cycle, the value of feeding birds and organizing a contest since 1959. Hamilton coordinates with the teachers in Lewisburg and Ronceverte Elementary schools to visit the classrooms, distribute the seeds to each child and briefly discuss the written instruction included in the package. The chil-



Attendees were Donna Scibilia, Carol Olson, Mary Lindquist, Joan Montgomery, Sue McKinney, guest Liz Fentress, Suzanne Cronquist, Polley Cunningham, Sharon Holladay, President Marit Withrow, Barb Hiltner, Delores Dotson, Martha Perilli, Peggy Brown, Judy Deegans, Suzanne Perilli, Ghee Gossard, Jill Gwynn, Lynn Weikle, and Carrie Sanders.

dren take the seeds home to plant, tend and harvest their largest sunflower. In September, club members visit the schools to measure the sunflowers which the children have cut and brought to school and the largest flower in each school is the winner. The club gets as much pleasure from this project as the children. Watch this paper in September to see the winners with their sunflowers.

Whether you have a green thumb or not, if you are interested in joining a garden club, go to wvgardenclub.com to find out more.

WVDOH rolls out \$191M in federally funded paving projects

The West Virginia Division of Highways (WVDOH) has more than \$191 million in federally funded paving projects scheduled for fiscal year 2024. The total includes \$76.7 million for projects on state interstates, \$40 million for projects on US highways, and \$74,387,500 for other state and US routes.

Interstate projects include an estimated \$22 million project to rebuild Interstate 77 from Tappers Creek Road to the Jackson County line, an estimated \$16 million project to rebuild Interstate 79 from Servia to Frametown, and an estimated \$15 million project to rebuild I-77 from Fairplain to Ripley.

Other interstate projects include an estimated \$2.2 million to resurface Interstate 64 from Clintonville to Lewisburg, \$8 million for a pavement overlay on I-79 from Amma to Wallback, \$6 million to resurface I-79 between Big Chimney and Frame Road, and \$7.5 million for concrete slab repairs on I-64 between Dawson and Sam Black Church.

Projects on US highways include slab repairs on US 119 in Boone County, pavement overlays on US 119 in Mingo County from US 52 to WV 65, resurfacing on US 50 from Ellenboro to Bunnel Run Road in Ritchie County and from Cabin Run Road to Right Fork Run Road in Doddridge County, microsurfacing US 119 from Little Coal River Road to Ruthdale Road in Kanawha County, repaving US 19 from Youngs Monument to Birch River Road in Nicholas County, and microsurfacing US 460 from Goodwin Chapel to the Virginia state line in Mercer County. The projects come to \$40 million.

Proposed fee changes on Monongahela National Forest

Monongahela National Forest is seeking public comments on a proposal to increase recreation fees at developed recreation sites to help fund operations, maintenance, and improvements.

The recreation fee program provides a valuable source of funding that helps the Forest maintain high quality recreation sites, such as campgrounds, cabins, and picnic shelters. Eighty percent of fees collected on the Monongahela remain on the Monongahela to operate and maintain developed recreation sites and complete deferred maintenance projects.

"Even if all of the changes requested in the fee proposal are implemented, 75 percent of the Monongahela's 197 developed recreation sites would still be free," said Acting Forest Supervisor Tracy Calizon. "Several sites

Bobby Ford

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used to provide help to the departments to pay their bills. That money stopped. There is no support from the commission to help our volunteers who give their time and resources to help us in our times of need.

The current commission wasted over three million dollars of arts and recreation money to develop a sports complex that never happened. What is the progress of the complex? What happens to the land once the complex is a failure?

Agencies and people have tried to get put on the county commission agenda to be heard and discuss issues. The standard response is "it takes one of the commissioners to put it on the agenda." There are serious issues that have never made it to the agenda. This policy seems to limit the people's ability to speak and have open government.

What is the true status of the water projects that my opponent is speaking of, especially to Alta? Has that project gone to bid? When will it go to bid? When is the completion date anticipated?

Folks, I have not made politics my life. I am not a career politician and haven't held a public office. There are many problems that need serious attention. I don't have the answers to all of them, but with your vote and support I promise to work with people who can help find answers to the problems and make our county better for all who live here, work here, and visit here.

I appreciate your consideration on May 14, 2024.

Bobby Ford



Upcoming projects include an estimated \$2.2 million to resurface Interstate 64 from Clintonville to Lewisburg and \$7.5 million for concrete slab repairs on I-64 between Dawson and Sam Black Church.

The budget also includes more than \$74.3 million for 62 paving projects on other state and US routes.

The WVDOH has historically gotten the vast majority of its funding for paving, road maintenance and construction from the federal government.

For the past several years, Gov. Jim Justice has asked the West Virginia Legislature to approve supplemental budget appropriations to allow the WVDOH to undertake additional paving. In addition to Gov. Justice's \$2.8 billion Roads to Prosperity construction and maintenance program, the supplemental budget appropriations have allowed the WVDOH to build and repave record numbers of roads.

are not seeing a fee increase and the annual pass at Lake Sherwood Beach will remain at its current price of \$30. These proposed fee increases are in line with comparable sites in and around the National Forest with similar amenities and maintenance needs."

Proposed area site fee increases are as follows:

- Lake Sherwood Beach:

Current fees - \$5 per vehicle

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- Lake Sherwood Campground:

Current fees - Single Site Fee: \$20, Double Site Fee: \$40, Site w/ Electric Fee: \$24, Tent Only Fee: \$16.

Proposed fese - Single Site Fee: \$25, Double Site Fee: \$50, Site w/ Electric Fee: \$35, Tent Only Fee: \$20

- Blue Bend Campground:

Current fees - Single Site Fee: \$16 Double Site w/ Hookup Fee: \$40, Site w/ Electric Fee: \$20.

Proposed fees - Single Site Fee: \$20 Double Site w/ Hookup Fee: \$50, Site w/ Electric Fee: \$30

Please submit comments regarding these fee proposals by close of business on July 31, using any of the methods below:

To provide comments online go to: <https://arcg.is/0HnOnX>.

Email comments to: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/contactus/mnf/about-forest/contactus> with the subject line "Fee Change."

Mail written comments to: Monongahela National Forest, 200 Sycamore Street, Elkins WV 26241, Attention: W.J. Cober.

Comment cards are available at Forest Service offices during normal business hours. Find a list of our offices here: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/mnf/about-forest/offices>. Please call ahead to make sure the office will be open when you plan to stop by.

After public involvement is complete, the proposed fee changes will be reviewed by a Resource Advisory Committee, who will submit their recommendation to the Regional Forester for a final decision. Committee members represent a broad array of interest groups to help ensure that the Forest Service is proposing reasonable and publicly acceptable new fees and fee changes. Any fees changes will not be implemented until summer 2025.

For more information, visit our website at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/mnf>.

Church Bulletin

Worship Services and other events at Lewisburg Baptist Church

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

2024 Summer Camp - Registration at Greenbrier Christian Retreat

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



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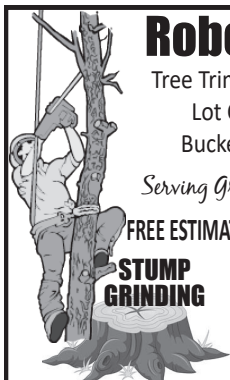


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WVSOM Commencement Ceremony celebrates 190 new physicians

It was a day when the end of one journey marked the beginning of another. At the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine's (WVSOM) 47th annual Commencement Ceremony, graduation caps soared and hoods were draped over grads' shoulders as the school celebrated the conferral of medical degrees to 190 new physicians.

The May 3 event brought thousands of guests to the school's campus to watch students cross the stage to receive their diplomas. In addition to graduates' family and friends and members of WVSOM's administration, faculty and staff, the audience included Lewisburg Mayor Beverly White and Lewisburg city manager Misty Hill.

The event's keynote address was provided by Ira Monka, D.O., president of the American Osteopathic Association, which represents more than 186,000 osteopathic physicians and students nationwide. Monka praised graduates' resilience in succeeding despite entering medical school during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"It's impossible to overlook the unprecedented challenges that have shaped your journey in starting medical school," he said. "You adapted to remote classes, navigated virtual anatomy labs and practiced social distancing while studying medicine. But through it all, you refused to let circumstances dictate your future. Instead, you embraced innovation. Your creative minds and pioneering spirit will forever define your class. You turned challenges into opportunities, obstacles into stepping stones and setbacks into triumphs."

Monka urged members of the class to serve as ambassadors of hope, healing and humility and to embrace the philosophy that makes osteopathic medicine a distinct medical tradition.

"You are joining the proud profession of osteopathic medicine, becoming physicians who recognize that a person's state of health depends on the body, the mind and the spirit. You will work to become a trusted advocate and resource to patients. The true measure of physicians lies not in the accolades they receive or the titles they



190 new physicians graduates from the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine on May 3.

hold, but in the lives they touch and the difference they make in the world. You are here to make that difference," he said.

Monka also pointed out that more new osteopathic physicians graduated in 2024 than in any previous year in the history of the profession. In all, he said, the number of osteopathic physicians has tripled in the past 30 years.

Olivia Rombold, president of WVSOM's Class of 2024, shared a conversation she had with her grandmother. Rombold asked her classmates to remember those whose support made their achievements possible.

"We were talking about how I was soon graduating from medical school when my grandma recounted how she had to drop out of high school to shoulder the responsibility of driving her father to work each day so that he could put food on the table for her and her siblings," she said. "Her story serves as a reminder of the countless individuals who have made sacrifices to pave the way for our successes. If it weren't for the tenacity of those who came before us, we would not be here today embarking on careers as physicians. Their sacrifices have laid the groundwork upon which our dreams have been realized."

In an introductory speech, James W. Nemitz, Ph.D., WVSOM's president, advised graduates to treat their patients with empathy and compassion, and to extend that same care to themselves.

"I can't wait to see the leaders I know you will become as you move on to the next phase of your medical career," Nemitz said. "I encourage you to remember the values and principles that brought you to osteopathic medicine in the first place. Embrace your role as a healer and con-

tinue to prioritize the well-being of your patients. Above all, I encourage you to show compassion to your patients. And remember to take care of yourself, because in order to provide the best possible care for your patients, you need to be well."

Others who spoke during the ceremony included leaders from the West Virginia Osteopathic Medical Association, the WVSOM Board of Governors and the WVSOM Alumni Association, as well as Linda Boyd, D.O., WVSOM's chief academic officer.

After graduates received their diplomas, Chelsea Feger, D.O., a WVSOM clinical sciences faculty member, led them in reciting the osteopathic oath, which acknowledges their transition from student to physician.

Following the ceremony, new physicians gathered on campus with their loved ones to celebrate their accomplishments after four years of rigorous study in classrooms, labs and clinical rotations.

Baylor Brown places first in Young Writers Competition

The West Virginia Department of Education, in partnership with the Central West Virginia Writing Project, Marshall University, the Ed-Venture Group and the University of Charleston hosted approximately 240 student writers at West Virginia Young Writers Day at the University of Charleston. Additionally, West Virginia author and illustrator Ashley Belote addressed the future writers and families as the keynote speaker.

Celebrating its 40th year, Young Writers Day has recognized student writing in the Mountain State as a hallmark of a comprehensive and robust education. Teachers and administrators in each county encourage students to submit entries on any topic and in any prose genre. Winners were recognized at an award ceremony at the event.

Greenbrier County student Baylor Brown was

awarded first place overall in the competition.

"Our students are full of wonder, creativity, and talent that they have thoroughly expressed through writing," said State Superintendent of Schools Michele L. Blatt. "Young Writers Day supports the vital literacy that are the bedrock of learning. Educators eagerly nurture these foundational skills and expand student achievement. Additionally, the event gives our students the freedom to explore writing and immerse themselves in the creative process."

Participating students also engaged in grade-appropriate writing workshops led by education leaders and award-winning local writers. Several state winners read their submitted pieces, and county winners were recognized for their contributions.

SCRAMBLERS

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

Poem
SERVER

Scour
FEARGO

Sketch
SINGED

Rush
SLEUTH

TODAY'S WORD

"I don't know how we'd ever manage if George were _____ too."

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Desk is moved. 2. Chalkboard isn't as wide. 3. Stripe is added to sleeve. 4. Cap is different. 5. Chair rung is higher. 6. Sneakers are different.

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
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Super Crossword

QUALITY COUNTERFEITING

- ACROSS**
- 1 Pour drippings on
 - 6 J. Edgar Hoover's org.
 - 9 Blocks up
 - 14 Sailing
 - 19 Earthy hue
 - 20 Arsenal for weapons
 - 22 Limericks, e.g.
 - 23 Start of a riddle
 - 25 Color qualities
 - 26 Drain-clearing chemicals
 - 27 Forster's "— With a View"
 - 28 Frequently, to a bard
 - 30 Unadorned
 - 31 Brandy fruit
 - 33 Riddle, part 2
 - 38 Halt
 - 40 Everyday worker
 - 42 Disembarked
 - 43 Sings Alpine-style
 - 44 "Listen up!"
 - 46 Vaping device brand
 - 47 Crafty
 - 48 Riddle, part 3
 - 51 Analyze, as an alloy
 - 56 Belgian painter James
 - 57 Pro photog's camera
 - 58 Bamboozle
 - 60 "Pride and Prejudice" actress Jennifer
 - 61 Fleming who created Bond
 - 64 Shaving balm brand
 - 67 Handheld telescope
 - 69 Riddle, part 4
 - 75 Golden-coated horse
 - 76 "Star Wars" princess
 - 77 To this point
 - 78 Uganda's Idi
 - 79 Side in sports
 - 81 Pewter metal
 - 83 Kinds
 - 88 Certain believer in God
 - 90 Riddle, part 5
 - 95 Marina del —, California
 - 97 Bucks' mates
 - 98 Car fuel
 - 99 Walk over
 - 103 Trig ratio
 - 104 Uses teeth
 - 105 Australian state: Abbr.
 - 106 End of the riddle
 - 109 See 10-Down
 - 111 Best Picture of 2012
 - 112 Arbor Day mo.
 - 113 Poker champion Stu
 - 115 "Ticklish" doll
 - 118 Top hats' go-withs
 - 120 Riddle's answer
 - 125 Old TV parts
 - 126 Captive's angry shout
 - 127 — Carlo
 - 128 "Full House" actor Bob
 - 129 Walk over
 - 130 Crimson, e.g.
 - 131 Limerick penner Nash
 - 8 "No more for me"
 - 9 Federal health agcy.
 - 10 With 109-Across, Beatles song or album
 - 11 Brand of nail polish
 - 12 Start to melt
 - 13 Rod's partner
 - 14 Liable
 - 15 "It's a shame"
 - 16 Upper House of Congress
 - 17 Celebrity chef Lagasse
 - 18 Size up
 - 21 Rikishi's sport
 - 24 Golfed acceptably
 - 29 "Bye 4 now"
 - 32 Pithy saying
 - 34 Membrane enclosing a fetus
 - 35 Supermodel Heidi
 - 36 — Olay (face cream brand, formerly)
 - 37 Boxer Oscar de la —
 - 38 Additionally
 - 39 12:00 p.m.
 - 41 "Either you do it — will"
 - 45 "Rock and Roll, Hoochie —" (1974 hit)
 - 46 Amount of jelly or olives
 - 47 Visit casually
 - 49 Smeltery stuff
 - 50 Sammy with 609 homers
 - 52 Part of SASE
 - 53 — -Pei
 - 54 Additionally
 - 55 Polite rural assent to a lady
 - 59 Singer Lovett
 - 62 Doing the job
 - 63 A ripe old age
 - 65 Sports draw
 - 66 The way things stand
 - 68 Scrams
 - 69 Tablet since 2010
 - 70 Appoint
 - 71 Livy's 552
 - 72 Bits in physics
 - 73 Ark crafter
 - 74 Alexander of Reagan's Cabinet
 - 80 Military doc
 - 82 Match under the stars, maybe
 - 84 Hooting bird
 - 85 Bonn's region
 - 86 Sunbathes
 - 87 Gumbo, e.g.
 - 89 Horse gait
 - 91 The last Mrs. Chaplin
 - 92 Rod's partner
 - 93 Not, to Scots
 - 94 Whirling
 - 96 "Exile" New Age singer
 - 99 Noisy kisses
 - 100 Albanian capital
 - 101 Yule drink
 - 102 Singer Snow
 - 103 One hanging ten
 - 104 Ember
 - 107 Eye-teasing paintings
 - 108 San — Obispo, California
 - 110 Envelop in haze
 - 114 In the sack
 - 116 Put in silent mode
 - 117 Yaks, e.g.
 - 119 Former Brit. Airways jet
 - 121 Corrida shout
 - 122 Stephen of "Roadkill"
 - 123 Incensed
 - 124 Angsty rock genre

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STEPPIN' OUT

Greenbrier Valley Theatre prepares to open 2024 Mainstage Season

Hilarity and Mystery consume Baskerville: A Sherlock Holmes Mystery

Sherlock Holmes has been delighting fans on page, screen, and stage since the late 1800s. To open the 2024 season, Greenbrier Valley Theatre (GVT) is bringing the famous detective to life for audiences to enjoy in a hilarious adaptation of one of Holmes most notorious mysteries. Author Ken Ludwig wrote *Baskerville: A Sherlock Holmes Mystery* in 2015, and introduces fast paced wit and humor to the classic case.

"This play really has so many elements that will entertain a wide audience base," said director Jenna Sulecki. "There is obviously the mystery that comes with any great Sherlock Holmes story, but Ken Ludwig's adaptation adds a lot of humor, creativity, and pure silliness, as well."

Baskerville: A Sherlock Holmes Mystery requires three of the five actors to play over 30 different characters that are a part of Holmes and Watson's adventures. This requires many quick costume changes, silly voices, and a lot of physicality.

The production with the popular sleuth will open at GVT with many familiar faces with Christopher Joel Onken (*Frankenstein, A Christmas Carol*) as the titular Sherlock Holmes. The cast is completed by Ian Kramer (*Frankenstein, Alabama Story*) as Dr. Watson, with Jeff Ronan, (*Frankenstein, Little Shop of Horrors*) Emily Bosco, (*A Christmas Carol, Steel Magnolias*) and GVT newcomer Zach Greer completing the cast of five.

Jenna Sulecki (*Frankenstein, Alabama Story*) will direct the kick off



production for 2024. The production will feature scenic design completed by Katherine Stepanek who was assisted by Natalie Kowalski. Costume design is by Jenna Fawn Brown, lighting design by E. Tony Lathroum, sound by Miles Peery, and prop design by Ashton Webb. Elizabeth Salisch serves as the Production Stage Manager assisted by Rahxas Colite.

Now entering its 57th season, Greenbrier Valley Theatre, is a mainstay and theatre destination located in Lewisburg. The arts organization has been further recognized as a "West Virginia Jewel of the Hills," awarded the Living the Dream Service Organization Honor Roll by The Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission, and is



a multi-year recipient of Non-Profit Business of the Year. GVT boasts a robust series of year-round programming and educational offers with the goal to enlighten, enrich, and enliven throughout the region.

Ken Ludwig's *Baskerville: A Sherlock Holmes Mystery* will open on Friday, May 10 and run through May 18. Tickets are \$34 for

adults, \$30 for seniors, and \$20 for students. For more information on tickets, shows, and the organization's history, visit the theatre's website: www.gvttheatre.org or call the box office at 304-645-3838.

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Michael Cleveland, 12-time bluegrass fiddle player of the year, and Flamekeeper to perform at Carnegie Hall

Carnegie Hall's 2023/2024 Mainstage Performance Series concludes Friday, May 17, at 7 p.m., with 12-time Bluegrass Fiddle Player of the Year and Grammy Award winner Michael Cleveland & Flamekeeper. Guests are invited to come early to Club Carnegie from 6 to 6:45 p.m. in the Board Room located adjacent to the Hamilton Auditorium. A cash bar and snacks will be available.

The tension between tradition and innovation is at the core of bluegrass music, and the fiddle playing of Michael Cleveland exemplifies this musical tug of war. As a boy, Cleveland heard a local fiddler play "Orange Blossom Special," which sparked a lifelong obsession with the tune that mimics that sound of a train. Cleveland's improvisational versions push the piece's descriptive tones and percussive bowing to a new level. With an encyclopedic memory for melodies,

and an uncanny intuition for improvisation, Cleveland's music is both rooted in tradition and fueled by his melodic imagination.

From an early age, Cleveland heard old-time and bluegrass music at local jams and festivals near his hometown of Henryville, Indiana. His grandparents hosted regular bluegrass gatherings at the American Legion, and at age four, he began playing the fiddle. He attended the Kentucky School for the Blind in Louisville, where he learned the Suzuki method of violin. While he practiced the violin at school, he played fiddle at home. Traveling with his grandparents to area bluegrass festivals, he heard many legendary players perform at Bill Monroe's Bluegrass Festival in Bean Blossom, Indiana. At the age of nine, Cleveland got to play with Monroe - himself a recipient of the National Heritage Fellowship in the inaugural class of 1982 - at the

festival. When Cleveland was 12, he met music historian Dave Samuelson, who recognized the young musician's interest and talent. Samuelson curated several Braille-labeled tapes for the young musician, which served as Cleveland's essential listening guide to bluegrass music. Cleveland's repertoire and musicianship grew, and in 1993 he played the International Bluegrass Music Association (IBMA) awards show with the Bluegrass Youth All-Stars.

Cleveland began playing professionally after he graduated from high school, first with Jeff White and later with Dale Ann Bradley and Rhonda Vincent. Since he was young, however, Cleveland had dreamed of leading his

own band. In 2006, he formed Flamekeeper, the seven-time recipients of the IBMA's "Instrumental Group of the Year" award. Flamekeeper includes Josh Richards, Nathan Livers, Jasiah Shrode, and Chris Douglas. In addition to touring with his band, Cleveland has performed with a legendary list of bluegrass greats. Nevertheless, he remains rooted in his local Southern Indiana community, where he continues to play with friends when he is not on tour.

Widely considered the bluegrass fiddler of his generation, Cleveland has been recognized 12 times as the IBMA's "Fiddler of the Year" and in 2018 was inducted into the National Fiddler's Hall of Fame. His recording Fiddler's Dream was nominated in 2018 for a Grammy for Best Bluegrass Album, and in 2019, he won a Grammy for his album Tall Fiddler. In 2019, Cleveland's amazing life of adversity and achievement was fea-



Michael Cleveland & Flamekeeper

tured in the documentary film Flamekeeper: The Michael Cleveland Story. And in 2022, he was awarded the National Endowment for the Arts Heritage Fellowship.

Tickets are \$32/adults and \$10/students. Discounts are available for Carnegie Hall members, senior citizens, and military. To purchase tickets, call Carnegie Hall Box Office at 304-645-7917, visit www.carnegiehallwv.org, or stop by at 611 Church Street, Lewisburg. Carnegie Hall Box Office is open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

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