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Community gathering, pepperoni roll contest slated for next week

Downtown Lewisburg will be celebrating West Virginia's birthday, its diversity, and its most famous cuisine on June 20 and 22.

The public is invited to gather at the Green Space at 4 p.m. on Thursday for a community gathering celebrating all who make up our great state. Enjoy remarks by Mayor Beverly White, a musical presentation featuring the young daughter of one of our most beloved merchants, and a free West Virginia Day cookie.

On Saturday, bring your best pepperoni roll to compete with 19 others at the Briergarten's Best Pepperoni Roll Contest, because in West Virginia, "This is how we roll!" Rules and registration are available at <https://shorturl.at/GIV1k>. Attendees at this free event will receive a ballot to cast for the People's Choice award and relish the sweet sounds of Richard Hefner and the Black Mountain Bluegrass Boys. Grab a refreshing beverage inside the Briergarten while awaiting the awards ceremony at 12:30 p.m.

Williamsburg Museum to hold hot dog and ice cream luncheon

Everyone is invited to join the volunteers of the Williamsburg Museum for a hot dog and ice cream luncheon celebrating the birthday of West Virginia on Saturday, June 15, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Special guests this year are area home businesses. Many area people started their home-based businesses during the early COVID crisis and continue to operate their businesses out of their homes in the area. We invite any and all to come and set up displays of their products and their businesses.

The WV Day Celebration is a time to share enjoyment of history with neighbors and friends, and also enjoy hot dogs, chili, cobbler and ice cream and assorted drinks.

This year's flag raising will be hosted by the Renick VFW, local authors will be there to present their newest books and there will be presentations about authors and friends who have passed.

Music will be made by local musicians in a bluegrass jam type, so anyone can join in if they bring along their instruments.

There is no charge for the party, it's all about sharing and supporting the Williamsburg historic community and Museum.

The Museum in Williamsburg is located at 965 Williamsburg Road.

2024 Calendar of Events:

- WV Day Celebration on Saturday, June 15, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- The Enchanted Evening Dinner Friday, July 19, from 4 to 8 p.m.
- Annual Auction is Saturday, Aug. 3, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Ronceverte River Festival, Great Rubber Ducky Race held this weekend

The 2024 Ronceverte River Festival is this weekend on both Friday, June 14, and Sunday, June 15. The festival features attractions, vendors, live performances, and a variety of fair food. The main event is The Great Rubber Ducky Race which happens on Saturday at 4 p.m. A single ticket can win you one of many prizes awarded, or the grand prize of \$5,000. The more tickets you buy means more chances you have to win! Events, games, live music and contests fill the weekend and the festival culminates with a fireworks Display on Saturday night starting at 10 p.m.

Come out and make the 2024 Ronceverte River Festival Parade the best parade ever. Winners for the following categories will receive trophies.

- Antique/Classic Car: Classic automobiles and trucks more than 20 years old.



The rubber duckies are all ready for the big race on Saturday, June 15, at 4 p.m.

- Street Rod: Vehicles that have been modified. May be new or old cars and trucks.

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Greenbrier County Commission declares Elder Abuse Awareness Month, reappoints various Board Members

By Chelsea Blair

This week's regular county commission meeting was held on Thursday, June 13. The meeting began with the approval of arts and recreation transfers, including the request for reimbursement of \$19,456.94 to Alderson, Rupert, Ronceverte, and White Sulphur Springs libraries for the 2023-2024 end of year. The City of Rainelle requested \$10,181.88 for pool expenses, the Meadow River Trail requested \$16.13 for the balance due for engineering on the trail. \$5,425.35 was requested by the Greenbrier Historical Society for 2023-2024 archive materials, \$50,000 was requested by Carnegie Hall for 2023-2024 programming costs, and the Greenbrier Valley Chorale requested \$750 for guest instrumentalists for their concert in 2023-2024 year. Lastly, the Meadow Rail Trail requested \$7,500 for an appraisal that had to be completed on the trail for the Abandoned Mine Land grant reimbursement, bringing the total of all Arts and Recreation transfers to \$93,330.30. Before motioning to approve the transfers, Tammy Shifflett-Tincher, Commission President, added that June 14

is the last day for budget revisions to be sent to the State Auditor for approval.

This meeting included two budget revisions, including the increase of the Litigation Reserve and Contributions for the County Commission, by \$56.18. The commission will decrease professional services by \$56.18 to make up the difference. Also, a budget revision was requested for the Greenbrier County Sheriff's office for overtime reimbursement by the Greenbrier County Board of Education in the amount of \$17,440 from the current amount of \$700,108. The budget revisions were approved anonymously.

The next item on the agenda was consideration of a proclamation to recognize Elder Abuse Awareness month. Members of the Committee on Aging presented the proclamation before the commissioners, asking that June 13 be named Elder Abuse Awareness Day in Greenbrier County. They also included an Elder Abuse Awareness Walk taking place at CAMC field at noon and encouraged the community and commissioners to join. The proclamation was approved unanimously.

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A bold vision for the Schoolhouse Hotel's future, born of its past

By Stephen Baldwin
RealWV, www.therealwv.com

It was the summer of 2018. Two years after a devastating 1,000 year flood struck southern West Virginia. One of the hardest-hit areas in the state was downtown White Sulphur Springs. In response, city officials adopted a business plan to redevelop the town.

"The town had a plan, but it needed resources," remembers Charlie Hammerman. "God put Nanci and I in the right place at the right time."

An investment in the future of a famed town
Charlie and his wife, Nanci, operate the Disability Opportunity Fund (DOF), a nonprofit organization that acts as a community development financial institution. They planned to do a revitalization project in another area. But when they visited White Sulphur, their plans changed. They found a town filled with people who were ready to invest in their own future.

"We started by cleaning up main street," says Charlie. They bought multiple storefronts and worked with local citizens to start businesses such as ACE Hardware (with Adam & Candice Whanger) and Tootsie's Place (with Kennedy Brooks). Every phase of development included forethought about flood mitigation, since that's how the project began.

"For example, we could've left the back of the stores like it was - dirt," says Charlie. "We invested \$400,000 in new drainage, asphalt, and parking. The water flowed towards the buildings, not away from them, in the flood."

In addition to redirecting water flow, they buried the



Ron Kuzon is the new owner of The Schoolhouse Hotel. He envisions it as the centerpiece of a disability-friendly campus in White Sulphur which welcomes travelers from around the world. (Photo by RealWV)

electrical lines on the block. Charlie says, "That was an investment for the next 100 years for White Sulphur."

Next came a passion project. They renovated the town's former school into the world's first fully-accessible boutique hotel, The Schoolhouse. They took great care

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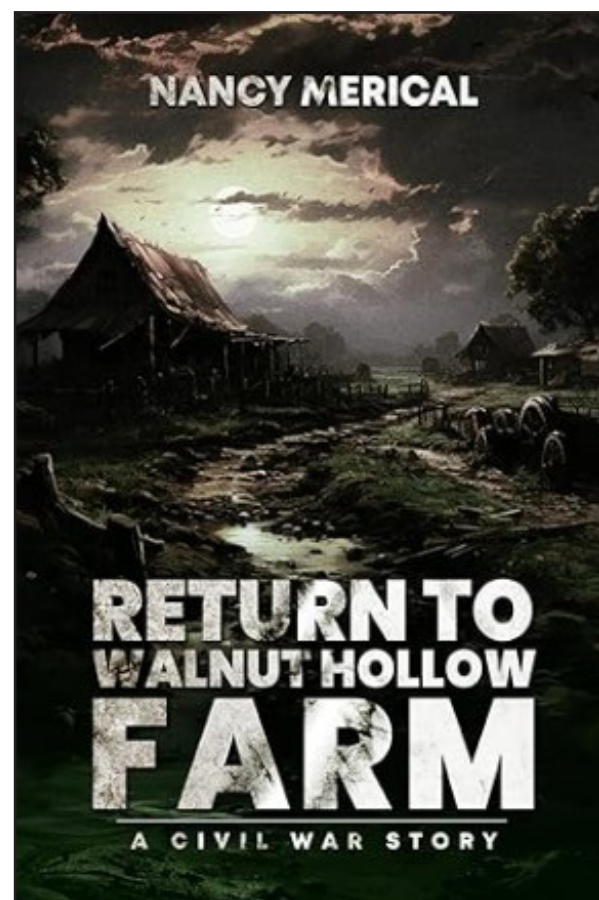
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How my fiction novel, Return to Walnut Hollow Farm, came about



By Nancy Merical

In the year 1995, my husband, Jack, and I purchased an old 1920's summer cottage on Second Creek on what was then known as Nickell's Mill Road (now McClung Road) in Monroe County. Our cottage and an old three-story grist mill that came with it sat just yards from the Greenbrier County line, a few miles from the historical towns of Lewisburg and White Sulphur Springs.

On a knoll above the mill stood an old two-story house. We learned from research that the house, mill and numerous acres surrounding our cottage had been, in the early 1800's, a plantation owned by James Nickell, an Ireland immigrant. The area at one time included not only the

mill but a post office, blacksmith shop, slave quarters and other facilities.

My mother's last name before marriage was Nickell, my uncle's name James Nickell. Were we descendants of the plantation owner? I visited the courthouse and historical foundation in Union, Carnegie Hall and the library in Lewisburg, hunting up old records. My efforts failed to produce any proof of relationship, but I did unearth a portion of James Nickell's will stating he had bequeathed, on his death, a fifteen-year-old Charles Nickell \$500. My maternal great-grandfather's name was Charles Nickell. His birth certificate lists him as born in Greenbrier County.

A young man, also a Nickell, who then lived in the old house on the hill, stopped by one afternoon to welcome us to the area. He told us that four Confederate soldiers had lodged in the old house during the Civil War as guards to prevent Unionists from burning down the mill, which supplied Confederate troops with grains. This was later authenticated by an article I read on the mill's history. When the young man told me that a confederate soldier had been killed and buried beneath the kitchen in the house, my writer's mind reeled with excitement. I had to write a story about the area! Fiction fired by truth.

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Report: WV kids face sliding reading, math scores

By Nadia Ramlagan

Math and reading proficiency among West Virginia kids has worsened over the past five years, according to new data. The latest Kids Count Data Book from the Annie E. Casey Foundation showed in 2022, 85% of the state's eighth graders were behind in math and 78% of fourth graders were behind in reading. The number of young children not in school has also risen.

Kelly Allen, executive director of the West Virginia Center on Budget and Policy, said there is an inextricable link between poverty and educational outcomes, noting the Mountain State continues to have one of the highest rates of child poverty.

"We know how connected those two things are," Allen pointed out. "And, of course, how connected poverty is with later life outcomes in a lot of ways, around wages and earn-

ings and future potential."

Allen argued policies such as increasing access to low- or no-cost school meals, expanding access to reliable internet, tutoring and other community supports can better help children who have fallen behind.

Nationwide, in 2022, only 26% of eighth graders were at or above proficiency in math and less than a third of fourth graders were at or above proficiency in reading.

Allen added West Virginia's ranking for child health and health insurance coverage is a bright spot in the data.

"I don't think that was a coincidence, as in 2022 and 2023 we still had some of the pandemic-era protection around continuous health coverage for Medicaid," Allen recounted. "We have 97% of kids covered by health insurance."

Leslie Boissiere, vice president of external af-

fairs for the Annie E. Casey Foundation, said compared with peer countries, the U.S. is not equipping its children with the problem-solving skills future employers will need.

"Our economy is propelled by a prepared workforce," Boissiere contended. "In order to for our economy to work well, it's important that we prepare young people with the skills that they need so that they are entering the workforce prepared."

She added federal Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief grants, which expire in the fall, have been used by districts to pay school counselors, reading specialists and mental health professionals.

West Virginia has collectively received more than \$1 billion for its schools through the program since the start of the pandemic.

Schoolhouse Hotel

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to incorporate the town's history into the hotel, providing an additional hospitality business in a town which already included The Greenbrier Resort. It was their way of bridging the gap between downtown the the famed resort, building a new future on the foundations of the past.

Since opening, The Schoolhouse has received

rave reviews from publications including Southern Living, Frommer's, and Travel + Leisure. Travelers with and without disabilities alike adore its amenities, decor, and rooms. But Charlie hopes folks don't lose sight of why it was built in the first place.

"God forbid there's another disaster, then the whole hotel can be utilized to sleep and feed people in town," says Charlie. "We put a \$300,000 generator on the roof because of the flood. It wasn't required. The architects wanted it on the ground but we said no. It has to be on the roof in case of another flood."

New owners are 'a perfect match'

While the Hammermans have enjoyed building and running the hotel, "The goal wasn't for us to run the hotel forever," Charlie says. "We wanted to find competent hoteliers, competent disability rights advocates, and compassionate caretakers of the community. And we found a perfect match."

Enter Ron Kuzon of SHWV LLC. He's a securities lawyer from New York who operates several businesses in the disability industry. He and his partners, who have hospitality experience, purchased The Schoolhouse from the DOF this spring.

"We got a win for everybody," Charlie affirms. "Nanci and I aren't going anywhere. This is our second home. Now we've found the perfect partner to run the hotel and let us get back to what we love, the nonprofit side."

'A big deal waiting to happen'

In a joint interview with RealWV last week, Charlie and Ron laid out their vision for the hotel's future.

"We want White Sulphur to be a vibrant community," explains Ron. "The hotel will be the centerpiece of a destination campus that is fully accessible - hotel rooms, shopping, dining, and the arts."

Originally, Ron said he planned to take it slow. "You've gotta crawl before you can walk, but in this case we need to run," he says.

"That's right," Charlie responds. "Put your sneakers on. You're going to do what we dreamed of."

What would a Schoolhouse "campus" look like in a downtown area that is short on available real estate? Ron gave us a walking tour last week while he was in town. Here's a recap.

FULLY ACCESSIBLE. "If you're deaf, blind, have cognitive, or speech issues, including needing a translator, it will all be accommodated during your stay," Ron says. "Whether it's shopping or dining or checking in at the front desk or operating the TV in your room, it's all about providing a seamless accessible experience." Ron says the accessible travel market is growing exponentially, with all the major chains scrambling to catch up. He points out, "Sign language is the third most used language in the United States today."

ADDITIONAL ROOMS. Ron plans to add additional hotel rooms. He acquired a house and lot behind the current hotel



The Schoolhouse Hotel (Photo by RealWV)

which will be used for a multi-story new construction. Additional rooms will be built on the top levels. He plans to sell the rooms to adventure travel enthusiasts, including skiers in the winter months. The Schoolhouse will run shuttles daily from White Sulphur to Snowshoe in Pocahontas County.

SHOPPING. On the first level of that new building behind the current hotel, Ron plans to add retail shopping space. He specifically wants to see expanded sporting goods options, especially for golf and skiing.

DINING. Ron believes the more restaurants the town has, the better. He aims to take over operation of the famed, former Bones Diner building in order to offer affordable diner food. "What if we offered a \$2 burger that was good quality?" he asks. But he also sees value in luring new chain restaurants. "Like a Jersey Mike's," he says.

PERFORMING ARTS. "There's enough interest in culture here to make a statement," he says. He believes White Sulphur can be a companion to Lewisburg in attracting the performing arts - lectures, concerts, and special events. Long term, he wants to make a performing arts center part of the campus, though he says he has not settled on a particular location yet.

A bold vision for the future

It's an admittedly bold vision. How long will it take to achieve, I ask Ron?

"I don't play tennis," Ron says. "No back and forth. You put plans together and do it tomorrow. There's a sense of urgency."

Ron concedes some ideas may not work as envisioned. "But," he says, "this place is a big deal waiting to happen. I know it."

Charlie agrees the opportunities in the Greenbrier Valley are endless. "The future is whatever White Sulphur Springs wants it to be," he says. "We want the quality to keep going up and young people to stay. Generate new businesses. Visit the Greenbrier. Run for mayor or council. We want better health, education, jobs for the people, but we aren't going to dictate the way it's done."

He points to Kennedy Brooks, owner of Tootsie's Place as a model for future growth. "We were looking for someone to run a food establishment. We met Kennedy and said, 'Tell us what your passion is.' Within one day, we took her to the bank and helped her learn how to open a business and do what she does best. Now she's a young person who stays in West Virginia, gets married, buys a house in town, and has become a staple in the community with a successful business."

"Charlie has started something really special," Ron adds. "The hotel is going to be the epicenter of a vibrant community."

The Schoolhouse Hotels hosts the second annual STRIDE Gala, benefiting people with disabilities, this Thursday night. For more information, contact The Schoolhouse at 304-536-0999.

PICK OF THE LITTER



BOO

Boo is a one year old female terrier mix and weighs 37 pounds.



MISS PRISS

Miss Priss is a four-month-old female domestic shorthair

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

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

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

Call 304-645-4775 for more information.

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

DON'T SHOP • ADOPT!

Briefly

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).

WVSOM Board of Governors meeting scheduled for June 21

The West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine (WVSOM) Board of Governors will meet on June 21 in the John Manchin II, D.O., Conference Center in WVSOM's Clinical Evaluation Center and via teleconference. The Finance and Audit Committee will meet at 8:30 a.m. in Room 4. The Academic Committee will meet at 9 a.m. in Room 2. The Institutional Policy Committee will meet at 9 a.m. in Room 3. The Board of Governors' regular meeting will begin at 10 a.m. in Room 2. The numbers and codes to attend by phone can be found at www.wvsom.edu/about/bog-meetings. A copy of the agendas for all meetings are posted on the WVSOM website prior to the meetings and are available in the president's office. WVSOM board meetings are open to all who are interested, including the general public.

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.

Ronceverte River Fest

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- Motorized Miscellaneous: This category is a catch-all. It will include ATVs, motorcycles, and new unmodified cars.
 - Walking Group/Civic Organization: All groups walking or riding an undecorated vehicle that represent a business, school, team, etc.
 - Fire Truck: We will award this trophy to the Fire Department with the prettiest truck.
 - Horse drawn/Equestrian Adult: This is for riders and carriages over the age of 12.
 - Horse drawn/Equestrian Youth: This will be for riders and carriages 12 and under.
 - Tractor/Farm Equipment: If it is used on a farm, it probably goes in this category.
 - Queens: This category is for all the ladies representing Pageants and Festivals throughout West Virginia. We appreciate what you do! (Ronceverte Queens may not compete)
- The Winners for the following categories will receive cash prizes:
- Decorated Bike: Winner will receive \$25
 - Float: Entries in this category must be decorated trailers or flatbed trucks. First Place Prize is \$300, Second Place is \$200, and Third Place is \$100.

2024 Ronceverte River Festival Calendar of Events:

Friday, June 14:

- 5:30 p.m.: Parade lineup begins
- 7 p.m.: The Grand Parade with Grand Marshal Barbara Morgan
- 7:30 p.m.: Vendors, inflatables, duck pond, petting zoo, pony rides open
- 8 p.m.: Caden Glover performs in the amphitheater
- 8:45 p.m.: Miller Holler Band performs in the amphitheater

Saturday June 15:

- Please note that the Ducky Dash Fun Run has been canceled.
- 7 a.m.: Fishing Derby begins
 - 8:30 p.m. Car show registration begins
 - 9 a.m.: Lions Club Breakfast begins
 - 10 a.m.: Tahoe Farm Club Car Show; Pet Parade; vendors, inflatables, duck pond, petting zoo, pony rides open; duck coloring contest begins; 103.1 The Bear Give-Away registration
 - 11 a.m.: Children's games; strawberry shortcake sale begins
 - 11:30 a.m.: Anything With Wheels (no motors) Parade; 3 on 3 basketball tournament
 - 12 p.m.: Irish Road Bowling
 - 12:30 p.m.: Skyler Magic Show
 - 2 p.m.: Lee Dean performs in the amphitheater, live broadcast with Radio Greenbrier
 - 3 p.m.: Duck ticket sales end; Skyler Magic show
 - 4 p.m.: THE GREAT RUBBER DUCKY RACE
 - 5:30 p.m.: Skyler Magic Show
 - 6 p.m.: Duck Hunt; coloring contest ends and voting begins
 - 6:30 p.m.: Shawn Benfield performs in the amphitheater
 - 7:15 p.m.: The Weekend Warriors perform in the amphitheater
 - 8 p.m.: Coloring contest voting ends
 - 8:45 p.m.: Andy Griggs performs in the amphitheater
 - 10 p.m.: Fireworks!

Greenbrier County Magistrate Court Convictions

Deborah D. Bennett, Quinwood, stopping, standing or parking outside of business or residence districts, fine \$15, GP
 Chelsea Marie Blankenship, Frankford, use of electronic device without hands free equipment, fine \$100, GP
 Evin Dwayne Angus, Renick, improper passing, \$25, NCP
 Tiffany D. Riley, Frankford, obstructing, fine \$100, jail 60 days – suspended and placed on 1 year unsupervised probation, GP
 Ricky Riley, Frankford, obstructing, fine \$100, jail 60 days – suspended and placed on 1 year unsupervised probation, GP
 Thomas M. Feazell, Fayetteville, no seatbelt, fine \$25, NCP
 Angel D. Gonzalez, Miami, FL, 1) speeding, fine \$5, 2) no operators, fine \$25, GP
 Dylan M. Osborne, Charmco, seatbelt violation, fine \$25, GP
 Austin G. Zeller, Seaside Park, NJ, failure to yield to emergency vehicle, fine \$25, NCP
 Amanda Beth Rhodes, Crawley, speeding, fine \$26, NCP
 David J. Parry, Severna Park, MD, speeding, fine \$5, GP
 Bobby Milton Bowles, Rupert, shoplifting, fine \$50, restitution \$50, NCP
 Austyn G. Dixon, Rainelle, petit larceny, restitution \$30.16, jail 60 days – suspended and placed on 12 months unsupervised probation, NCP
 Michael C. Ice, Ashland, VA, speeding, fine \$5, NCP
 Jason Shasteen, Herndon, VA, speeding, fine \$5, NCP

Marriages

Misty Michelle Hitchcock and Brennan Wayne Dolin
 Mackenzie Leigh Hylton and Kurt Michael Latocha
 Ginger Marie Reliford-Boone and Timothy Glenn Boone
 Christine Marie Gilkey and Joseph Steven Mischell
 Kala Renae Lester and Ryan Nolan Spencer
 Jamie Sue Beck and Michael Wayne Sims II
 McKenzie Michelle Herndon and Joseph Allan Jones
 Juli Ann Coleman and Leslie Anne Draper
 Tara Nicole Butcher and Joshua Randall McFerrin

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naming June 13 as Elder Abuse Awareness Day.

Next, a consideration to approve a Monongahela Power Company Distribution Line Easement for the 1599 Harper Road Property was approved. Commissioner Lowell Rose included that the easement is due to the enlargement of the water system to the river.

Prosecuting Attorney Pat Via, although unable to attend, provided the commissioners with a new hire request to fill the Victim Services Coordinator vacancy in the Prosecutor's Office. He requested that Michelle Vaughn fill the full-time position, stating that he finds her highly qualified and says she should be a great addition to the staff in the office. Via requested that employment begin June 13. The motion was approved unanimously by the commission. Bart Baker, Greenbrier County Chief Deputy, also presented a new employment application for Joshua Doss to be approved to fill a vacancy at the Greenbrier County Sheriff's Department. Doss is currently employed by the Lewisburg Police Department. The motion was approved.

The commission approved the separation of part-time employment for Todd Foulmer who was hired on Dec. 3, 2024, from the Greenbrier County 911 Center effective May 8, 2024.

Consideration to approve payment draw request #2 for Greenbrier County GigReady Broadband Project was the next item discussed. The payment request is for engineering professional services by Thompson and Litton in the amounts of \$13,915, \$12,435, \$10,370, and \$56,480, bringing the total payment match for the project total by the county to \$93,200. Commissioner Nicholas Dailey motioned to approve the payment and it passed unanimously.

Commissioner Tincher went on to explain that the Greenbrier County Employee Handbook is in dire need of being revised and updated, therefore a consideration to approve agreement for Pullen, Fowler, Flanagan, Brown & Poe to update and revise the handbook was approved unanimously. The cost will be on a flat fee basis in the amount of \$3,000, payable upon the completion of the handbook.

Another discussion on the agenda included the reappointment of board members. Mary Serbaugh and Mark Gillespie will be reappointed to the Mountain Transit Authority Board representing Greenbrier County effective July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2027. Matt Ford will be reappointed as a board member to Greenbrier Valley Economic Development Corporation, effective July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2027. Gordan Campbell and Kim Kolkowski will be reappointed as board members of the Greenbrier County Board of Zoning Appeals, effective July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2027, and lastly Mayor Beverly White will be reappointed as board member of the Greenbrier County Board of Health, effective July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2029.

The final item on the agenda was consideration to revise the effective dates of all current board members serving on Greenbrier County Public Service District #2 to coincide with all other Greenbrier County Boards following the fiscal year calendar. With this change Curtis Crookshanks will continue as a board member through June 30, 2030, Panfilo Benny Demasio will continue through June 30, 2026 and Howard McClain will continue through June 30, 2028. The date revisions were approved unanimously.

Before the meeting came to a close, Commissioner Tincher reminded everyone that all state, government and county offices will be closed on June 19 in observance of Juneteenth and June 20 in recognition of West Virginia Day.

For the Record

Deeds

James L. McLaughlin to James L. McLaughlin and Terry G. McLaughlin: 0.482 acres, Frankford District, Map 14S Parcel 15. Filed June 5, 2024.
 Denise Camera-Gaug to Mathew H. Gaug: 38.88 acres, lots 10-11, Blue Sulphur District, Map 17 Parcel 36. Filed June 6, 2024.
 Randall Farmer and Marjorie Farmer to Randall Farmer and Marjorie Farmer: lot 57, 36.45 acres, Irish Corner District, Map 12 Parcel 30. Filed June 6, 2024.
 Thomas Johnson to Karen Tibbits and Jason Tibbits: 28.53 acres, lots 51, 7, 54; Blue Sulphur District, Map 21 Parcel 102. Filed June 6, 2024.
 Adriana M. Grecu and Marius N. Grecu to Adriana M. Grecu: lots 325-327, White Sulphur District, Map 8 Parcel 470, 471, 472. Filed June 6, 2024.
 Bernard Garten, Kayla M. Garten, and Antonio L. Garten to Brian K. Baker: ½ of lot 6 and lot 7, Blue Sulphur District, Map 5 Parcel 5. Filed June 6, 2024.
 Brenda R. Lane-Huffman to Adam K. Lane: 2.0 acres, Williamsburg District, Map 44 Parcel 15.2. Filed June 6, 2024.
 Disney Mills and Anata Mills to Clyde D. Harrison: 20.5 acres more or less, Falling Spring District, Map part of 67 Parcel part of 15. Filed June 6, 2024.
 Jordan M. Penn and Sara J. Penn to Sara J. Penn: 0.377 acres, Ronceverte District, Map 0015 Parcel 0076. Filed June 6, 2024.
 Billy G. McCormick Jr. and Mindy W. McCormick to Greenbrier County Farmland Protection Board: 92.06 acres, Irish Corner District, Map 25 Parcel 00150000, 00160000. Filed June 7, 2024.
 Walter Sturek and Kristina Sturek to Walter Sturek and Kristina Sturek: 1.991 acres, Lewisburg District, Map 24 Parcel 135. Filed June 7, 2024.
 Marcia L. Waselchalk to David Gibbs: lot 38, Meadow Bluff District, Map 23N Parcel 15. Filed June 7, 2024.
 Janine M. Lazarus to Valerie S. Cooper: 5.69 acres, Blue Sulphur District, Map 40 Parcel 101. Filed June 7, 2024.
 Ruh Roh LLC to William D. Cooper and Vickie L. Cooper: lots 25-30, Rupert District, Map 4 Parcel 136, 138. Filed June 7, 2024.
 Ruh Roh LLC to Derrick Anderson and Jean Donaldson: 2.34 acres, Meadow Bluff District, Map 47G Parcel 4. Filed June 7, 2024.
 Sheila D. Hudson and Old School Harvey LLC: 41.169 acres, Fort Spring District, Map 4 Parcel 0009. Filed June 7, 2024.
 Franklin Sears, Allen Sears, and Dreama Higgs to Leon J. Leborgne Jr. and Robin S. Leborgne: lot 13 section 3 Broken Star Acres, Lewisburg District, Map 20E Parcel 0005. Filed June 10, 2024.

Cranberry Mountain Nature Center hosts Native Orchid Tour June 29

Monongahela National Forest invites everyone to join us at the Cranberry Mountain Nature Center for the annual Native Orchid Tour Saturday, June 29, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The program begins at the Cranberry Mountain Nature Center with a presentation followed by a guided trip to Cranberry Glades and the surrounding area. Rosanna Springston, Monongahela National Forest employee and wildflower enthusiast, will lead the tour. The program is free and takes place rain or shine. Reservations are not required. Wear appropriate footwear for hiking.

Cranberry Mountain Nature Center is open Thursday through Monday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (closed Tuesday and Wednesday). The Nature Center features a display area with live snakes, wildflowers, interactive children's displays and animals of West Virginia. There is also a nature store with educational materials, books, clothing and toys.

Additionally, don't miss Scenic Drive Day on June 30 and live snake presentations most Sundays at 1 p.m. For more information about the Nature Center and its programs call 304-653-4826.

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This Week in West Virginia History

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

June 16, 1842: Margaret Agnew Blennerhassett, wife of Harman Blennerhassett, died in poverty in New York City. She lived from 1800 to 1806 in a grand 16-room mansion she and her husband had constructed on an Ohio River island near present Parkersburg. She and her son, Harman Jr., were reburied on Blennerhassett Island in 1996.

June 16, 1964: The Grafton Monster allegedly was first spotted by journalist Robert Cockrell (1946-2022) beside Route 119 near Grafton. Cockrell's write-up of the event sparked such a tourism frenzy that the local newspaper blamed it on "spring fever" and requested visitors to go home. No sightings have been confirmed since.

June 17, 1813: General Thomas Maley Harris was born at present Harrisville. He rose to prominence after the Civil War, when he served on the military commission that tried conspirators who acted with John Wilkes Booth to assassinate President Abraham Lincoln.

June 17, 1916: The West Virginia High School Athletic Association was organized at Charleston with 11 charter members. Its name was changed to the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission in 1955.

June 17, 1961: A Wayne County bridge was named in honor of TV newsman David Brinkley. The bridge's condition had become a news item during the 1960 presidential primary; state officials closed the bridge, repaired it, and



invited Brinkley to return for the ceremony officially naming it the "Brinkley Bridge."

June 18, 1937: Jay Rockefeller was born in New York City. He served as West Virginia's 29th governor from 1977 to 1985 and in the U.S. Senate from 1985 to 2015.

June 18, 1944: 'It's Wheeling Steel' aired its last program. A half-hour musical variety radio program that drew upon talented Wheeling Steel employees and families, the show ran eight years and was broadcast nationally.

June 19, 1905: Senator Rush Dew Holt was born in Weston. At 29, Holt was the youngest person ever elected to the U.S. Senate, earning him the nickname "Boy Senator." Since the Constitution sets 30 as the minimum age for senators, Holt had to wait until his birthday in June 1935 to take his seat, nearly six months into the 74th Congress.



June 19, 1909: Oak Park, an amusement park in Preston County, opened. The park was an easy ride from Morgantown and helped fill up trains on weekends and holidays. On one summer day in 1909, 14 trains brought more than 4,000 people to the park.

June 20, 1861: Francis Pierpont was unanimously elected governor of the pro-Union Reorganized Government of Virginia, which sat at Wheeling until West Virginia entered the Union two years later.



June 20, 1863: West Virginia became the 35th state. Arthur Boreman was the state's first governor.

June 20, 1932: The West Virginia capitol was officially dedicated. Construction had begun in 1924.



June 20, 1963: On the 100th birthday of West Virginia, President John F. Kennedy made his last appearance in West Virginia. Speaking in Charleston in a pouring rain, he said, "The sun does not always shine in West Virginia, but the people always do."



June 20, 1970: The play Hatfields and McCoy's opened at Grandview State Park amphitheater. Written by Billy Edd Wheeler with music by Ewel Cornett, the show joined Honey in the Rock as a regular summer offering.

June 21, 1920: Wheeling Steel Corporation was organized when La Belle Iron Works, Whitaker-Glessner Company, and Wheeling Steel & Iron Works combined. In the 1920s, Wheeling Steel employed more than 17,000 workers and ranked as the nation's third-largest steelmaker.

June 21, 1959: Musician Kathy Mattea was born in South Charleston but grew up in nearby Cross Lanes. She rose to country music stardom in the 1980s. Since 2021, she has hosted the Mountain Stage radio program.

June 22, 1926: Earl Olgebay died in Cleveland. He was one of West Virginia's most successful industrialists and a generous benefactor.



WVSOM contributes toolkit to National Institutes of Health program for community-engaged research

A toolkit showcasing some of the successes of the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine's (WVSOM) Center for Rural and Community Health (CRCH) is now available to other organizations involved in "community-engaged research" - work that incorporates the input of community members into research whose results will impact the community in question.

Two speakers from the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) Community Engagement Alliance Consultative Resource (CEACR) - a program of the NIH's Community Engagement Alliance - made the announcement during a June 6 event on WV-SOM's campus in Lewisburg.

Mylynda Massart, M.D., Ph.D., and Emily Finley are among the directors of CEACR, which serves as a channel for NIH-funded research teams interested in applying best practices of community-engaged approaches to address health disparities and ensure inclusion in research programs. Massart and Finley spoke to an audience of employees of WVSOM and other higher education institutions, local health professionals and community leaders, explaining that the NIH



From left, Julian Levine of WVSOM, Emily Finley of NIH, Dr. Mylynda Massart of NIH, and Dr. Brian Hendricks of WVSOM.



Emily Finley at left and Dr. Mylynda Massart at right.

communities.

The toolkit highlights two of the many projects in which the WVSOM CRCH has participated: its assistance with emergency task forces that organized disaster relief following flooding in Greenbrier County in 2016 and hosted vaccine clinics during the COVID-19 pandemic; and the Greenbrier County Health Alliance's Community Ambassador Program, which works to improve health in remote areas of the county without easy access to services, resources and support systems.

The toolkit emphasizes that participation in programs like these creates a foundation of reciprocity with community members, which supports future community-engaged research. It explains that the WVSOM CRCH has learned that trust can be built through activities such as establishing part-

nerships before research is conducted, prioritizing serving the community, leaning on community expertise and dedicating funding for community projects.

Brian Hendricks, Ph.D., executive director of the CRCH, said WVSOM's success stories will be useful to academic institutions and other organizations that may need help learning how to engage rural or underserved communities.

"I think of this as the CRCH's introduction into the world of community-engaged research," Hendricks said. "It's our opportunity to share strategies we've successfully implemented with people who may be struggling to engage with communities elsewhere. It's also a way to let the world know that we are experts in this area and ready to collaborate."

Hendricks said that the NIH has begun provid-

ing funding opportunities to community organizations that previously may not have qualified for assistance, and that toolkits such as WVSOM's can be a valuable resource.

"The National Institutes of Health has previously funded health research at academic institutions, hospitals and other larger allied health agencies. However, NIH is also now offering funding to smaller, community-based organizations. This toolkit is published nationally and can serve as a frame of reference for anyone wanting to conduct NIH-funded, community-engaged research," he said.

Return to Walnut Hollow Farm

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I began writing this story in the late 1900's. Lack of time with the joint care of my disabled parents forced me to put the incomplete manuscript away. After my parents' deaths, I dug it out and finished it.

The history surrounding our summer cottage and mill supplied many interesting facts to incorporate in my story. Virginia, with Richmond as the capitol of the South, held a major position in the war. Many battles, particularly the 1862 Battle of Lewisburg, were fought in eastern Virginia, now West Virginia, due to differing opinions on slavery. The battle that ended the war was fought in Virginia.

Many homes lining McClung Road leading into our summer cottage are now owned by what are thought to be descendants of slaves freed and deeded parcels of land by the plantation owner after the war. An old black and white photo, found in a chest at one of the slave's quarters, showed a black woman standing by the big sycamore tree in the front yard of our summer cottage.

A few years after the civil war, southern and northern generals met at the famous Greenbrier Resort in White Sulphur Springs to settle the particulars of slave emancipation. My fiction novel is dedicated to the principle that all lives matter, regardless of race or religion. I hope knowing the history of our old mill and the surrounding area helps you gain a greater interest in my story.

The following is a blurb from Walnut Hollow Farm:

In 1856, Mattie, a genteel southern lady attended by slaves in her Grandmother Kirkpatrick's Lewisburg, Virginia home, marries penniless farmer Zeb Colter and moves to his isolated Walnut Hollow farm. Zeb dies three years later from typhoid fever. Grieving, but looking forward to again living a life of ease, Mattie returns with her two-year-old daughter, Knella, to Lewisburg. Shocked and disillusioned, she learns that her grandmother's slaves have been sold and civil war is imminent. A staunch abolitionist after reading Harriet Beecher Stowe's Uncle Tom's Cabin, Mattie marries plantation slaveholder and southern section leader, John Hensley, in hopes of converting him. Her success turns into sorrow when her husband recants his office and is imprisoned as a traitor to the South. As the civil war rages on, Mattie endeavors to protect her slaves and family while endangering her own life. And the question always taunting her: will her husband survive the horrors of prison or will Mattie again face widowhood on the old Walnut Hollow Farm?

About the Author, Nancy Merical:

Return to Walnut Hollow Farm is Nancy's thirteenth book. Widowed and mother of four, grandmother of ten and great-grandmother of 31, Nancy keeps busy crocheting animals and painting rocks for her All God's Creatures line. She is also a photographer with greeting cards and framed photos on the market. Her fourteenth book, Recycle Those Stumbling Stones, published simultaneously with Return to Walnut Hollow Farm, will also be offered at White Sulphur Springs Library's book signing along with her other books.

The book signing will be held at the WSS Public Library on Tuesday, June 18, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be light refreshments. A number of her books will be available for purchase at the event.

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Jack Goodman Memorial Scholarship winners announced



Williamsburg Ruritan President Ray Phillips presents Jack Goodman Memorial Scholarships to three local seniors; Hayden Ridgeway, Ashley Stidom, and Issac Jones. Each graduate received a \$500 scholarship toward their continuing education; a portion of which came from the "Grow your Dollars" program sponsored by Ruritan National.

Williamsburg Ruritans name 'Community Champion'



Williamsburg Ruritan President, Ray Phillips presents Matt Jarrett with the "Community Champion" award. Matt was nominated by member Robin Blough for his leadership as Chairman of the Revitalization and Development subcommittee of Williamsburg Community Action Group.

Over \$20,000 up for grabs in the Grow This Throwdown

West Virginia University Extension will award over \$20,000 in grant funding to winners of the inaugural Grow This Throwdown gardening competition later this year.

The grand prize winner will receive \$10,000 in grant funding. The second prize winner will receive \$7,500. Third prize is \$5,000 and is sponsored by the West Virginia Nursery & Landscape Association.

"We've seen so much enthusiasm for the Grow This Throwdown over the last six months. But now that participants know how much money is on the line, I'm sure the competition will kick into overdrive," said Kristin McCartney, Extension specialist and SNAP-Ed coordinator with the WVU Extension Family Nutrition Program. "And we're excited the West Virginia Nursery & Landscape Association wanted to come onboard to help us celebrate and reward the hard work of our participants."

West Virginia Nursery & Landscape Association is a professional trade association dedicated to supporting nursery and landscape businesses and vendors throughout the state.

"The members of West Virginia Nursery & Landscape Association are delighted to be a sponsor of Grow This and to watch as so many Mountain State gardeners nur-

ture the plants they started. We wish the best of luck to all in the Grow This Throwdown," Julie Robinson, the group's executive director, said.

The Grow This Throwdown launched in January as the latest incarnation of WVU Extension Family Nutrition Program's popular free seed initiative, the Grow This: West Virginia Garden Challenge. The new competition pits West Virginia counties against one another in a series of challenges.

The Throwdown has challenged participants to send soil for testing at the WVU Soil Testing Lab, color Easter eggs with natural ingredients from the garden and plant "edible landscapes" in communities around the state, among other challenges. When a Grow This participant completes a challenge and reports it online, they earn points for their county Throwdown teams. These points are tracked on Throwdown leaderboard.

The 2024 competition will end Oct. 31, and the counties holding the top three spots on the Throwdown leaderboard will receive grants to complete improvement projects in their communities.

"Grow This participants have shown such creativity and dedication. These grants will ensure their communi-

ties benefit from that passion for years to come," McCartney said.

The grant money will be given to community organizations to complete improvement projects in the winning counties. The Family Nutrition Program will work with Grow This participants in the winning county, as well as their local WVU Extension office, to identify the projects and organizations that will receive funding.

For more information about Grow This and the Grow This Throwdown, visit growthiswv.org or check out the program's Facebook and Instagram pages - @growthiswv.

WVU Extension Family Nutrition Program's work is supported by the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) from the USDA Food and Nutrition Service.

Lewisburg Elks Lodge presents scholarship awards

During the month of May, Patty Hylton, Exalted Ruler of Lewisburg Elks Lodge #1758, and WV State Vice President Willie Hylton presented a \$1,000 scholarship to a deserving senior at Greenbrier East and Greenbrier West High Schools.

Lewisburg Elks Lodge strives to award a scholarship to each school yearly. This year's winner from Greenbrier East High School is Mikayla Ann Wyatt and Greenbrier West High School's winner is Alexia Nicole Boggess.

Congratulations to both winners!



GWHS scholarship winner Alexia Nicole Boggess



GEHS scholarship winner Mikayla Ann Wyatt

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Church Bulletin

FREE Summer Fun for Kids!

Kids age 5 to those who have just completed 6th grade, join us at First Baptist Fairlea June 17 to 21, from 9 AM to noon for an exciting week of Vacation Bible School called "Breaker Rock Beach"! Adventure awaits each day as kids explore tide pools, spot orcas, fly kites, and watch the mighty waves crash up against the immovable Breaker Rock! They will enjoy making crafts, playing games, enjoying tasty snacks, singing new songs, and studying about missions with many of their friends!! Register TODAY at fbcfairlea.com or call the First Baptist Fairlea office at 304-645-3533 for assistance. "Breaker Rock Beach" will be a summer event to remember; come join the fun!

Frankford Churches'

Vacation Bible School set for 2024

Frankford Presbyterian and United Methodist Churches invite all children age 3-5th grade completed to Camp Firelight VBS - where we will be on a Summer Camp Adventure with God! This includes memorable Bible stories, exciting music, creative crafts, fun recreation that will show children that they can trust God all the time! VBS runs from Monday, June 17 through Thursday, June 20, from 6 to 8 p.m. each evening at Frankford United Methodist Church. Learn more about Camp Firelight VBS by calling Debbie at 304-497-2465 or Susan at 304-645-4568.

West Point Baptist Church

Homecoming

You are invited to attend the 165th Homecoming of West Point Baptist Church located at 9943 Alta Drive, Asbury, on June 30. The service will begin at 9:30 a.m. A group photo will be taken in front of the church after the service at 11:30 a.m. To conclude the day's events, lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m. in the Asbury Community Center across from West Point Baptist Church.

Worship Services and other events at Lewisburg Baptist Church

Please join us for services and events at Lewisburg Baptist Church - 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. Further information is available at www.lbcwv.com, on Facebook, or please call 304-645-3797.

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| 2023-C-000193 | 2022 | 13930 | SWR INVESTMENTS LTD | 90.22 AC OIL, GAS & METHANE FROM LONGANACRE .25% | IRISH CORNER | \$179.99 |
| 2023-C-000194 | 2022 | 12727 | HAARLOW BLAIR R | 90.22 AC OIL, GAS & METHANE FROM LONGANACRE .13% | IRISH CORNER | \$179.99 |
| 2023-C-000195 | 2022 | 12670 | GGM EXPLORATION INC | 379.00 AC OIL, GAS & METHANE METHANE (LONGANACRE) MAP .11% | IRISH CORNER | \$179.99 |
| 2023-C-000197 | 2022 | 12728 | HAARLOW BLAIR R | 379.00 AC OIL, GAS & METHANE METHANE(LONGANACRE) .13% INT | IRISH CORNER | \$179.99 |
| 2023-C-000198 | 2022 | 12671 | GGM EXPLORATION INC | 232.88 AC OIL, GAS & METHANE FROM MOUNTAIN PLACE INC .11% | IRISH CORNER | \$179.99 |
| 2023-C-000199 | 2022 | 12689 | GMV FW NO 2 LP | 232.88 AC OIL, GAS & METHANE FROM MOUNTAIN PLACE INC .25% | IRISH CORNER | \$179.99 |
| 2023-C-000200 | 2022 | 12729 | HAARLOW BLAIR R | 232.88 AC OIL, GAS & METHANE FROM MOUNTAIN PLACE INC .13% | IRISH CORNER | \$179.99 |
| 2023-C-000201 | 2022 | 12672 | GGM EXPLORATION INC | 49.12 AC OIL, GAS & METHANE FROM LONGANACRE .11% INT | IRISH CORNER | \$179.99 |
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| 2023-C-000203 | 2022 | 12730 | HAARLOW BLAIR R | 49.12 AC OIL, GAS & METHANE FROM LONGANACRE .13% INT | IRISH CORNER | \$179.99 |
| 2023-C-000204 | 2022 | 12673 | GGM EXPLORATION INC | 95.94 AC OIL, GAS & METHANE FROM ALLEN SURFACE ON MAP .11 | IRISH CORNER | \$179.99 |
| 2023-C-000205 | 2022 | 12691 | GMV FW NO 2 LP | 95.94 AC OIL, GAS & METHANE FROM ALLEN SURFACE ON MAP .25 | IRISH CORNER | \$179.99 |
| 2023-C-000206 | 2022 | 12731 | HAARLOW BLAIR R | 95.94 AC OIL, GAS & METHANE FROM ALLEN SURFACE ON MAP .13% | IRISH CORNER | \$179.99 |
| 2023-C-000207 | 2022 | 12674 | GGM EXPLORATION INC | 338.361 AC OIL, GAS & METHANE FROM FORREN SURFACE ON .11% | IRISH CORNER | \$179.99 |
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| 2023-C-000216 | 2022 | 12677 | GGM EXPLORATION INC | 9.452 AC OIL, GAS & METHANE SURFACE MAP 17 PCL 91 | IRISH CORNER | \$179.99 |
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| 2023-C-000228 | 2022 | 14442 | BALL ROGER D | LOT 6 OR .78 AC (FEE) 219N THE ESTATES OF GBR SUB/D | LEWISBURG | \$392.24 |
| 2023-C-000229 | 2022 | 14443 | BALL ROGER D | 0.72 AC OR LOT 5 (FEE) ESTATES OF GBR S/D FROM ROSE | LEWISBURG | \$375.23 |
| 2023-C-000233 | 2022 | 16125 | QUICK WANDA M | ACREAGE .41 (D) EAST SIDE | LEWISBURG | \$1,398.31 |
| 2023-C-000234 | 2022 | 15132 | FORREN BASIL W JR & LINDA L | 0.489 AC JENKINS | LEWISBURG | \$1,349.02 |
| 2023-C-000240 | 2022 | 16329 | SAMS JOHN D | ACREAGE .17 (D) (FISHER) LOT 94 HILLCREST ACRES | LEWISBURG | \$486.64 |
| 2023-C-000241 | 2022 | 15171 | GGM EXPLORATION INC | 36.98 AC OIL, GAS & METHANE FROM JOHNSON .11% INT | LEWISBURG | \$179.99 |
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| 2023-C-000244 | 2022 | 15172 | GGM EXPLORATION INC | 101.44 AC OIL, GAS & METHANE FR JOHNSON/ SURF MAP 9 .11% I | LEWISBURG | \$179.99 |
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| 2023-C-000248 | 2022 | 15198 | GMV FW NO 2 LP | 148.255 AC OIL, GAS & METHANE SURFACE MAP 13 PCL 30 & 38 | LEWISBURG | \$179.99 |
| 2023-C-000249 | 2022 | 15283 | HAARLOW BLAIR R | 148.255 AC OIL, GAS & METHANE SURFACE MAP 13 PCL 30 & 38 | LEWISBURG | \$179.99 |
| 2023-C-000250 | 2022 | 18239 | KINGDOM LAND MANAGEMENT LLC | 2.31 AC (CONS 2 TRACTS) SURFACE FROM CARSON | LEWISBURG CORP | \$7,512.69 |
| 2023-C-000251 | 2022 | 19113 | TRAN KHANH & LINH | S. EAST OF MAPLE ST. 50X129X67X120 LSBG | LEWISBURG CORP | \$2,011.22 |
| 2023-C-000253 | 2022 | 17410 | BRUMFIELD GREGORY WILLIAM | LOT 20 OR 0.475 AC LAMPLIGHTER VALLEY | LEWISBURG CORP | \$613.84 |
| 2023-C-000254 | 2022 | 17231 | BALL ROGER D | LOT 42 OR 0.525 AC LAMPLIGHTER VALLEY | LEWISBURG CORP | \$998.09 |
| 2023-C-000255 | 2022 | 17220 | BAKER JOHN JAY & DEBRA ANN | CONS LTS 11, 12 & 13 BELL ADD BELL DR 150X150 (DROBKA) | LEWISBURG CORP | \$3,709.66 |
| 2023-C-000257 | 2022 | 17221 | BAKER JOHN JAY & DEBRA ANN | LOT 18 BLOCK 1, FRAZIER ST., 50X135 PATTON | LEWISBURG CORP | \$3,785.35 |
| 2023-C-000258 | 2022 | 17222 | BAKER JOHN JAY & DEBRA ANN | PT LOT 17, FRAZIER ST LWSBG, 30X135 PATTON | LEWISBURG CORP | \$642.06 |
| 2023-C-000259 | 2022 | 17991 | HARRIS FRANK & NANCY | UNIT 130 OR 0.02 AC (FEE) BLACKBIRD VILLAGE SILO SQ | LEWISBURG CORP | \$6,529.75 |
| 2023-C-000260 | 2022 | 17957 | HALVORSEN RYAN & QUAN KIMBERLEE WING | 2.22 AC (FEE) COMMON AREA BLACKBIRD WAY 1/24 INTEREST | LEWISBURG CORP | \$214.46 |
| 2023-C-000261 | 2022 | 17992 | HARRIS FRANK RAY & HARRIS NANCY KATHERINE | UNIT 117 OR 0.03 AC (FEE) BLACKBIRD VILLAGE SILO SQ | LEWISBURG CORP | \$6,494.34 |
| 2023-C-000263 | 2022 | 24105 | SPARKS ANNA LEE (LIFE EST) SPARKS FARREN L | 10.74 AC (CONS 2 TRACTS) N. SIDE OF W.V. SECONDARY RT.2 | MEADOW BLUFF | \$175.52 |
| 2023-C-000264 | 2022 | 23740 | RICHMOND CURTIS & PAM | 1.012 AC MCKENZIE | MEADOW BLUFF | \$216.81 |
| 2023-C-000267 | 2022 | 24718 | WATSON W H ESTATE | LOT 119 SUB.D.N.R. & POCA COAL CO. | MEADOW BLUFF | \$390.83 |
| 2023-C-000268 | 2022 | 24719 | WATSON W H ESTATE | LOT 120 SUB.D.N.R. & POCA COAL CO. | MEADOW BLUFF | \$97.99 |
| 2023-C-000269 | 2022 | 22564 | LOUK JEAN | 1.00 AC (FEE) FROM LOUK | MEADOW BLUFF | \$274.78 |
| 2023-C-000270 | 2022 | 22565 | LOUK JEAN M | 0.25 AC FROM RICHMOND BURDETTE MTN WV RT 4/5 | MEADOW BLUFF | \$180.48 |
| 2023-C-000271 | 2022 | 19593 | AILSTOCK MICHAEL | 1.11 ACRES WALKER HILL LN FROM ROBINSON | MEADOW BLUFF | \$1,067.06 |
| 2023-C-000272 | 2022 | 20727 | COPEN HANSFORD JR | 1.02 AC | MEADOW BLUFF | \$1,160.33 |
| 2023-C-000274 | 2022 | 21556 | HANKINS PATRICIA & FARLEY REGINOLD J | ACREAGE .46 (D) CLEAR CREEK ROAD BREEDEN | MEADOW BLUFF | \$445.42 |
| 2023-C-000277 | 2022 | 22440 | KIRBY WILLIAM DAVID & KIRBY WANDA SUE | ACREAGE 1.03 (D) FR KIRBY ON WATERS OF BIG CLEAR CREEK | MEADOW BLUFF | \$185.66 |
| 2023-C-000278 | 2022 | 19747 | BARLOW WALTER K & SABRINA | AC 1.55(D) (LOT 3 OR 1.55A (B) N. WV SECONDARY RT. 8 HANSON | MEADOW BLUFF | \$243.64 |
| 2023-C-000279 | 2022 | 24373 | THOMPSON JEFFERY & JENNIFER | 0.245 AC (FEE) FROM FORD HEAVENLY LANE | MEADOW BLUFF | \$179.99 |
| 2023-C-000280 | 2022 | 20946 | DINGESS DAVID ARNOLD | 1 A. BLENDEN | MEADOW BLUFF | \$182.82 |
| 2023-C-000281 | 2022 | 23806 | ROBINSON JOHN W ET UX | 3.18 AC. PATTON | MEADOW BLUFF | \$1,966.07 |
| 2023-C-000282 | 2022 | 23597 | RATTENBORG RACHEL | ACREAGE 14.40 AC RSVY LITTLE SEWELL MTN FROM LEWIS | MEADOW BLUFF | \$776.64 |
| 2023-C-000287 | 2022 | 23603 | RBA LLC | 3.31 AC & R/W RSVY PCL 91&91.2 W/S US RT 60 BIVENS HILL | MEADOW BLUFF | \$6,779.01 |
| 2023-C-000288 | 2022 | 23604 | RBA LLC | PT LOT 12 LESS EXCEP (B)NS HIL BOWMAN 0.49 AC & 20FT R/W | MEADOW BLUFF | \$902.28 |
| 2023-C-000289 | 2022 | 22437 | KING JEFFREY L & JENNIFER KING | AC .26(D) (42 SQ. RDS. (B). MIDLAND TRAIL FROM HOLLIDAY | MEADOW BLUFF | \$833.15 |
| 2023-C-000297 | 2022 | 21282 | FRANCO COLETTA REYNOLDS | LOT 14 DUO, W.V. 128.85X60 | MEADOW BLUFF | \$188.46 |
| 2023-C-000298 | 2022 | 20112 | BRACKENRIDGE SHANNA | ACREAGE .17 (C) LOT 17 DUO, W.V. | MEADOW BLUFF | \$300.34 |
| 2023-C-000299 | 2022 | 20106 | BRACKENRIDGE SHANNA | ACREAGE .17 (C) MEADOWS LOT 16 GAULEY COAL AND CO. LOT | MEADOW BLUFF | \$282.47 |
| 2023-C-000305 | 2022 | 21212 | FLESHMAN NORMAN | ACREAGE .53 LESS R/W LAUREL CR FROM FED HOME LOAN | MEADOW BLUFF | \$473.00 |
| 2023-C-000306 | 2022 | 25118 | WORKMAN CENDLELYN | ACREAGE .26 (C) CRITCHLEY LOT 11, U.S. RT. 60 | MEADOW BLUFF | \$267.38 |
| 2023-C-000307 | 2022 | 25119 | WORKMAN CENDLELYN | ACREAGE .26 (C)CRITCHLEY LOT 10, U.S. RT. 60 | MEADOW BLUFF | \$324.03 |
| 2023-C-000308 | 2022 | 25120 | WORKMAN CENDLELYN | AC .53 (C) (FROM MCCLUNG) PART OF LOT 9A, U.S. RT. 60 | MEADOW BLUFF | \$593.35 |
| 2023-C-000309 | 2022 | 21423 | GREENBRIER PREMIER RENTALS & PROPERTY LLC | ACREAGE .09 (C) PART OF LOT 9, U.S. RT. 60 | MEADOW BLUFF | \$221.61 |
| 2023-C-000310 | 2022 | 21424 | GREENBRIER PREMIER RENTALS & PROPERTY LLC | ACREAGE .09 (C) CRITCHLEY PART OF LOT 8, U.S. RT. 60 | MEADOW BLUFF | \$221.61 |
| 2023-C-000311 | 2022 | 21425 | GREENBRIER PREMIER RENTALS & PROPERTY LLC | AC .16 (C) (FROM MCCLUNG) PART OF LOT 8, U.S. RT. 60 | MEADOW BLUFF | \$228.14 |
| 2023-C-000312 | 2022 | 21626 | HAYES JODA I (SURV) | (3 TRACTS) 0.90 AC LOT 53 (1/2 LOT 53 (B) LOTS 54 & 55 | MEADOW BLUFF | \$1,357.35 |
| 2023-C-000313 | 2022 | 22751 | MCCLUNG MICHAEL A | ACREAGE 1.94 (D) FR RIPLEY WATERS OF MEADOW RIVER MCROSS | MEADOW BLUFF | \$199.81 |
| 2023-C-000314 | 2022 | 20862 | DARBY MARGARET ANN | ACREAGE 1.10 (D) DARBY LOT 6, ON RT. 60 AT | MEADOW BLUFF | \$908.97 |
| 2023-C-000315 | 2022 | 20516 | CAMERON CHARLES | 2.84 AC. (CONS 2 TRACTS) BIG CLEAR CK W. OF SLS 1, N. | MEADOW BLUFF | \$627.04 |
| 2023-C-000317 | 2022 | 24437 | TORRES GASTON | MEADOW R., MCROSS, W.V. 70X249X91X230.9 | MEADOW BLUFF | \$1,441.43 |
| 2023-C-000318 | 2022 | 21592 | HARPER KEELA | LTS 131, 59, 67, 75, 82 CONS 160 X 90 OR .033 AC | MEADOW BLUFF | \$812.84 |
| 2023-C-000319 | 2022 | 24249 | TALBOTT SHEILA G | LOT 40 HUGHART-CARR ADD, TO E RAINELLE 110X145 | MEADOW BLUFF | \$1,686.02 |
| 2023-C-000320 | 2022 | 24707 | WARD JUSTIN | ACREAGE 1.52 (D) FISHER P/O LOT 66 N SIDE OF US RT 60 | MEADOW BLUFF | \$1,752.27 |
| 2023-C-000324 | 2022 | 23314 | OSBORNE CATINA NACOLE PARSONS | 0.844 RSVY OR PARCEL A N SIDE OF US RT 60 HINES | MEADOW BLUFF | \$1,230.96 |
| 2023-C-000325 | 2022 | 23924 | SCHAEFFER DANIEL & PENNY | AC 0.689 AFTER OUTSALES WATERS OF BIG CLEAR CREEK W OF | MEADOW BLUFF | \$1,306.13 |
| 2023-C-000326 | 2022 | 21557 | HANKINS PATRICIA & FARLEY REGINOLD J | ACREAGE .28 (D) FROM TOLER LOT 9 ANJEAN RD W OF SLS 1 N | MEADOW BLUFF | \$230.86 |
| 2023-C-000327 | 2022 | 25359 | YOAKUM KENNETH H | 0.737 AC (FEE) INT. ANJEAN RD & WV RT 1 | MEADOW BLUFF | \$437.57 |
| 2023-C-000329 | 2022 | 22860 | MCQUAIN CHARLES R (LIFE EST) PAYNE NANCY K | ACREAGE .43 (C) MCMILLEN LOT 114 W.V. RT 20, RAINELLE, | MEADOW BLUFF | \$965.03 |
| 2023-C-000330 | 2022 | 21339 | GGM EXPLORATION INC | 200.46 AC OIL, GAS & METHANE FROM LONGANACRE .11% INT | MEADOW BLUFF | \$179.99 |
| 2023-C-000331 | 2022 | 21377 | GMV FW NO 2 LP | 200.46 AC OIL, GAS & METHANE FROM LONGANACRE .25% INT | MEADOW BLUFF | \$179.99 |
| 2023-C-000332 | 2022 | 21486 | HAARLOW BLAIR R | 200.46 AC OIL, GAS & METHANE FROM LONGANACRE .13% INT | MEADOW BLUFF | \$179.99 |
| 2023-C-000333 | 2022 | 21340 | GGM EXPLORATION INC | 74.00 AC OIL, GAS & METHANE FROM THOMAS VANCE .11% INT | MEADOW BLUFF | \$179.99 |
| 2023-C-000334 | 2022 | 21378 | GMV FW NO 2 LP | 74.00 AC OIL, GAS & METHANE FROM THOMAS VANCE .25% INT | MEADOW BLUFF | \$179.99 |
| 2023-C-000335 | 2022 | 21487 | HAARLOW BLAIR R | 74.00 AC OIL, GAS & METHANE FROM THOMAS VANCE .13% INT | MEADOW BLUFF | \$179.99 |
| 2023-C-000336 | 2022 | 21341 | GGM EXPLORATION INC | 517.245 AC OIL, GAS & METHANE FROM VANCE SURF ON .11% INT | MEADOW BLUFF | \$179.99 |
| 2023-C-000337 | 2022 | 21379 | GMV FW NO 2 LP | 517.245 AC OIL, GAS & METHANE FROM VANCE SURF ON .25% INT | MEADOW BLUFF | \$179.99 |
| 2023-C-000338 | 2022 | 21488 | HAARLOW BLAIR R | 517.245 AC OIL, GAS & METHANE FROM VANCE .13% SURFACE | MEADOW BLUFF | |

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HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

Memorable ways to celebrate Dad this Father's Day

Dads do a lot for their families, and Father's Day is the perfect time to acknowledge those efforts. The days when dads would receive a colorful necktie for Father's Day are largely (and, for fathers, thankfully) a relic of the past. Modern Father's Day celebrations tend to involve more careful planning, and the following are some ways to make this year's day for dads one to remember.

- Take Dad on a tour through his own history. The popularity of genealogy has skyrocketed over the last decade-plus, as various firms have made it easier than ever for individuals to trace their family histories. If Dad counts himself among the millions across the globe interested in their family histories, moms and kids can work together to create a virtual tour through that history. Present the history as a printed book or as a video, sharing interesting things you learned about Dad's an-



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cestors but also highlighting key moments in his life. This presentation can be accompanied by a subscription to a genealogy service and a tour of some of Dad's childhood haunts before the family enjoys brunch or dinner in the neighborhood where Dad grew up.

- Take to the great outdoors. Father's Day is celebrated in mid-June, making the day a perfect time to enjoy the great outdoors (weather permitting). Plan a day around Dad's favorite outdoor activity. If Dad is an avid fisherman, book a family outing on a charter boat so Dad can focus on catching fish and not navigating. If Dad loves being in natural settings, camp out the night before Father's Day so he can wake up to the sound of birds chirping in the crisp morning air. If Dad has a favorite baseball team, take him out to the ballgame so he can soak up some Father's Day sun.

- Book a private chef. If Dad has a fascination with food, perhaps nothing can make Father's Day more memorable than a delicious meal served by

a private chef. Private chefs will do all the work, giving moms and kids more time to spend with Dad throughout the day, and then the whole family can enjoy a special meal made by someone whose specialty is crafting delicious dinners. Offerings vary, but many private chefs handle all the cooking and cleaning. Identify Dad's favorite dish and then look for a chef who specializes in that type of cuisine.

- Appeal to Dad's inner adventurer. Some Dads may just want to relax on Father's Day, while others may prefer a more adventurous celebration. If Dad falls into the latter group, book a fun and adventurous activity the whole family can enjoy together. A kayaking trip, a skydiving session, a round of paintball, or even tickets to a rock concert on Father's Day weekend can connect Dad with his inner adventurer.

There's no shortage of ways for families to make this Father's Day one Dad won't soon forget.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

Father's Day is a special occasion to honor the incredible men in our lives who have played the role of a father figure. Whether biological dads, stepfathers, granddads, or any other fatherly figures, they deserve recognition and appreciation for their unwavering love and support.

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GVT celebrates the music of Rodgers and Hammerstein

Some Enchanted Evening runs at GVT through June 22

The music of Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II have been delighting musical theatre fans for decades. The famous duo wrote beloved titles such as Oklahoma!, The Sound of Music, South Pacific, State Fair, and more. Greenbrier Valley Theatre (GVT), The State Professional Theatre of West Virginia, is preparing to open the musical *Some Enchanted Evening: The Songs of Rodgers and Hammerstein*, which celebrates their greatest hits.

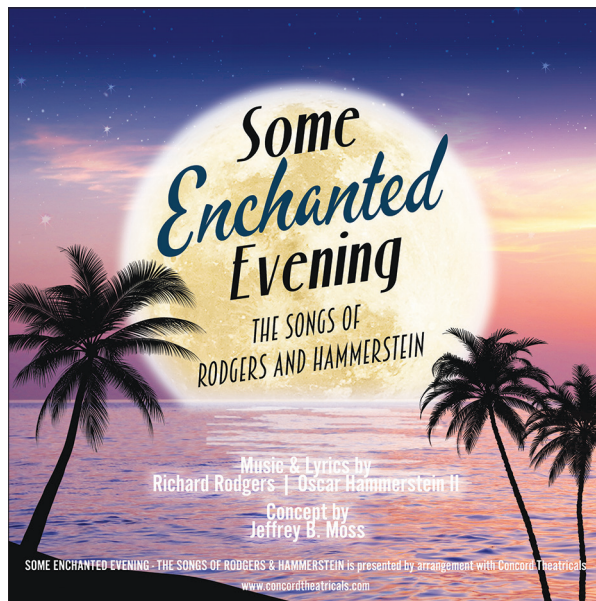
Brandon Grimes, a New York City based actor, is returning to GVT for the first time since 2019 when he was in a production of *The Greenbrier Ghost*. Grimes cannot wait to celebrate the songs that helped define the “Golden Age” of musical theatre.

“The foundation of musical theatre is Rodgers and Hammerstein,” said Grimes. “So many people have deep, rich memories of *The Sound of Music*, or *Carousel*, or *The King and I* that were turned into lush, beautiful movies, and as you go through this show you hear these songs in their full glory.”

Some Enchanted Evening is a true tribute to Broadway history, with five actors and two pianists on stage performing over 35 songs. Audiences will hear popular tunes such as “The Surrey with the Fringe on Top,” “If I Loved You,” and “Younger than Springtime.”

The cast is comprised of Grimes (*The Greenbrier Ghost*), Evan Buckley Harris (*Next To Normal*), Kimberly Wilpon (*A Christmas Carol, Pride and Prejudice*), and GVT newcomers Ella Watts, and Emily Norah Samuelson.

Will Nash Broyles (seen in *A Christmas Carol, Pride and Prejudice, Pippin*), will direct his first



production at GVT. The production will feature scenic design completed by Richard Crowell, costume design by Jenna Fawn Brown, lighting design by E. Tonry Lathroum, sound design by Miles Peery, and prop design by Ashton Webb. Elizabeth Salisch serves as the Production Stage Manager, assisted by Rahxas Colite.

Now in 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-



Brandon Grimes rehearses the role of ‘Billy’ in *Some Enchanted Evening: The Songs of Rodgers and Hammerstein*.

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.

Some Enchanted Evening: The Songs of Rodgers and Hammerstein opens on Friday, June 14 and run through June 22. 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.gvtheatre.org or call the box office at 304-645-3838.

New Skyline Bluegrass Festival on the River set for July 20

From 1976 to 1985, on a private farm overlooking the town of Ronceverte and the scenic Greenbrier River, masses gathered to hear incredible music lineups at the original Skyline Bluegrass Festival. The revitalization of this beloved event came to fruition in 2022, when the first New Skyline Bluegrass Festival on the River brought toe-tapping, hard-driving bluegrass to the Island Park Amphitheatre in downtown Ronceverte.

The third annual New Skyline Bluegrass Festival on the River will take place on Saturday, July 20, from 5 to 10 p.m. with an exciting lineup featuring The Special Consensus, Larry Keel Experience, Black Mountain Bluegrass Boys, and John Jorgenson Bluegrass Band.

Opening up the show, Richard Hefner and the Black Mountain Bluegrass Boys are among West Virginia’s longest-running bluegrass bands. The group first organized in 1968 and took their name from Black Mountain in their native Pocahontas County. For five years the group worked a weekly radio show on WVAR, in Richwood. They also made regular appearances at local events and regional bluegrass festivals. Richard Hefner remains as the lone original member but brings traditional bluegrass banjo playing and tenor vocals that contribute both continuity and much of the “high lonesome” sound for which the band has become so well-known.

The Special Consensus has achieved a contemporary sound in over four decades of performing, making their music a modern classic. Special Consensus has released 21 band recordings and received seven awards from the IBMA and two Grammy nominations. Special Consensus’ sound is grounded in a deep appreciation and understanding of bluegrass music, incorporating both the drive and harmonies of the traditional sound with the more contemporary sounds and repertoire of today.

Larry Keel is an award-winning innovative flat-picking guitarist and singer/songwriter hailing from Appalachia. As a composer and singer, Keel integrates raw honesty and charming grit to



form a unique brand of music he calls ‘experimental folk’, songwriting that is filled with reality, imagination, imagery and mood. In addition to producing 12 albums, appearing on over 20, and writing songs recorded by Del McCourty and The Infamous Stringdusters, Keel continues to merge creative forces with some of the greatest artists in modern roots music such as Tyler Childers, Billy Strings, Al DiMeola, Tony Rice, Keller Williams and Sam Bush, to name a few.

Rounding out the stellar lineup, the John Jorgenson Bluegrass Band is an all-star bluegrass supergroup featuring four legendary, award-winning musicians – John Jorgenson on acoustic guitar, mandolin and vocals; Herb Pedersen on banjo, acoustic guitar and vocals; Mark

Fain on bass; and Patrick Sauber on acoustic guitar and vocals – delivering bluegrass like no one has ever heard it before. The four come together to form a spot-on union of impeccable musicianship, incomparable songwriting, incredible harmony vocals (a fresh twist combining bluegrass with elements of West Coast folk rock) and seasoned showmanship.

Come out to the New Skyline Bluegrass Festival on the River for a fabulous day of music and summer fun! Admission is free and concessions will be available for purchase. This event is being sponsored by The James F.B. Peyton Fund, Greenbrier County Commission, and Greenbrier Convention & Visitors Bureau. Special thanks to The City of Ronceverte for their support and assistance.

Gov. Justice announces \$1.1M for water and wastewater infrastructure upgrades; Department of Transportation awarded \$3.3M

Gov. Jim Justice has announced the allocation of nearly \$1.1 million in non-federal match funds to enhance water and wastewater infrastructure in five West Virginia counties.

Additionally, the West Virginia Department of Transportation was awarded nearly \$3.3 million through the PROTECT grant to reconstruct a portion of State Route 39 and raise the roadway outside of the flood zone of the Cherry River.

The counties receiving water and wastewater infrastructure funding include:

Town of Alderson:

The Town of Alderson received \$372,000 from the US EPA, with a \$93,000 non-federal match from the Governor’s Office. The funding will be

used for The Town of Alderson Water System Rehabilitation and Expansion Project, which will cover pre-award expenses and the design phase of a water project. This project aims to upgrade the current water system and extend service to Riverside Rest, enhancing water service reliability and fire protection in Greenbrier, Monroe, and Summers counties.

Shady Spring Public Service District:

Shady Spring Public Service District has secured \$2 million from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA), with a \$500,000 non-federal match from the Governor’s Office. This funding will be used for the Glen Morgan Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrade,

which aims to replace and expand the plant’s equipment, enhance its capacity to 1.6 million gallons per day, and prevent future equipment failures.

Berkeley County Public Service District:

The Bunker Hill Water Mainline Upgrades project focuses on upgrading the Bunker Hill water mainline to increase water treatment and distribution capacity. The Berkeley County Public Service District has secured \$3 million from the US EPA, with a \$500,000 non-federal match from the Governor’s Office. The Berkeley County PSD also provides an additional \$250,000 towards the project.

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