

Domino's Pizza opens in Lewisburg

By Sarah Richardson

The latest eatery in the Greenbrier Valley is open for business as of this week. Domino's Pizza, located at 213 Coleman Drive behind Ruby Tuesday in Lewisburg, serves pizza, breads and oven-baked dips, specialty chicken options including wings, pastas, salads, ovenbaked sandwiches, and desserts.

Domino's is open daily, from 10:30 a.m. to 12 a.m. Sunday through Thursday, and 10:30 a.m. to 1 a.m. on Friday and Saturday. Delivery will not be available until July 22, however, patrons can place carry out orders in the Domino's app, or by calling 681-494-1200.

Sara's Sweet Treats to hold grand opening



Sara's Sweet Treats will hold an official Grand Opening on National Ice Cream Day, Sunday, July 21.

By Chelsea Blair

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GENERAL

Reverend Sara Heino-Bissell of Monroe County opened Sara's Sweet Treats in Union on Farmer's Day weekend, welcoming a large crowd of all ages. Sara took suggestions from the town to be sure her business is something everyone can enjoy. She opened the business in hopes to be a part of the community and help everyone in any way she can. With that being said, the shop offers local delivery free of charge to those who want a sweet treat but cannot make it to the shop.

As of now you can savor many flavors of ice cream, including soft serve, banana splits, root beer floats, milkshakes, cake pops, and some all-American favorites including hot dogs, popcorn, chili, and home cut fries. The business also offers lactose and fat-free ice cream, and a list of all possible allergens in the treats. In the very near future, Sara and her team plan to add nachos, mac

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Greenbrier County Commission opens bids for demolition of dilapidated structures

By Chelsea Blair

A special meeting of the Greenbrier County Commission was held this week to open and discuss the bids submitted by qualified contractors for the demolition of dilapidated structures in the county. The bidding is being done differently this time, where instead of bidding per structure, it's done by square footage. The bids cover five categories with a price for each, asbestos abatement per square foot and per linear foot, demolition for commercial assumed masonry construction by square foot, demolition for assumed residential stick frame by square foot, and debris or trash piles. It was noted that the change in the bid conformation is to account for surprises with fixed numbers that arose in previous structures including unknown basements and trash piles and will allow billing to be done more fairly, rather than setting a number based off the exterior of a structure.

Commission President Tammy Shifflett-Tincher stated that with these bids the individual awarded will be demolish all properties within the Abandoned and Dilapidated Building Program.

The first bid opened was submitted by Lynch Construction in the amount of \$6 per square foot for asbestos abatement structures, \$58 per linear square foot, \$4.50 for demolition removal and reseeding of residential structures, \$6 per square foot for demolition for commercial structures and \$8 per square foot for structure and debris pile removal. LD Hannah and Son Excavating submitted the other bid with the cost being \$5 per square foot for asbestos abatement, \$48 per linear square foot, \$3.64 per square foot for demolition, removal and reseeding of residential structures; \$3.64 per square foot for commercial masonry construction structures and \$2.75 per square foot for removal of debris piles present. No bids were awarded during the meeting, at they will be reviewed to verify that all information in the bid packets is correct and meets all requirements the bid request provided.

The other item on the agenda was to recognize the retirement of K9 Officer Layla from the Greenbrier County Sheriff's Department. Unfortunately, Layla was unable to attend due to being sprayed by a skunk, and her recognition will occur at a later date.

Ronceverte Food Pantry finds new home



Volunteers of the Ronceverte Food Pantry.

By Stephen Baldwin

RealWV, www.therealwv.com

In a meeting earlier this week, the Ronceverte Food Pantry Board of Directors worked through the details of acquiring the former Nazarene Church located on Route 219. The current building is structurally unsound and will be demolished. A new building housing the food pantry will replace it.

Mayor Deena Pack attended the meeting and voiced support for the project. "The city understands and appreciates the important role the food pantry and the ministerial association plays in providing for those in need in our community," she said. "We are happy to be working with them to find a home that will best serve that purpose."

Two members of the Food Pantry Board purchased

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The lots purchased by the Ronceverte Food Pantry are located at 426 Main Street West. The adjacent parking lot is owned by Ronceverte Baptist Church, who have agreed to let the pantry use the lot for food distributions.

(Photo by RealWV)

Over \$70K of counterfeit money seized in Alderson

Through an investigation on Wednesday, the Alderson Police Department recovered over \$74,000 in counterfeit money in denominations of 20, 50, and 100 dollar bills. Please be responsible and diligent by checking the bills at your businesses, and or if you sell something.

These bills, while they look authentic, are not. Printed in the top right corner is "For Motion Picture Purposes." If they are passed, please contact Chief Todd Williams at 304-445-2355 or 304-667-9000.





Contact Alderson Police Chief Todd Williams if any of these "For Motion Picture Purposes" bills are passed.

(Photos courtesy of Alderson Police Department)

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A Delicious Benefit for Carnegie Hall

Vendors needed for Carnegie Hall's 38th annual Taste of **Our Towns Festival**

On Saturday, Oct. 12, from 12 noon to 4 p.m., the 38th annual Taste of Our Towns (TOOT) festival will bring thousands of visitors to downtown Lewisburg. TOOT is a fundraiser for Carnegie Hall, a cultural institution of the Greenbrier Valley/ New River region that brings arts education, performances, and exhibits to all.

TOOT involves the closing of downtown Lewisburg on Washington, Court, and Church Streets and distribution of a map that orients patrons to ticket and tasting locations, Art Block, entertainment, and exhibits. The festival strives to offer a food tasting adventure, featuring the fare of southeastern West Virginia, including Greenbrier, Pocahontas, Webster, Nicholas, Fayette, Summers, and Monroe Counties.

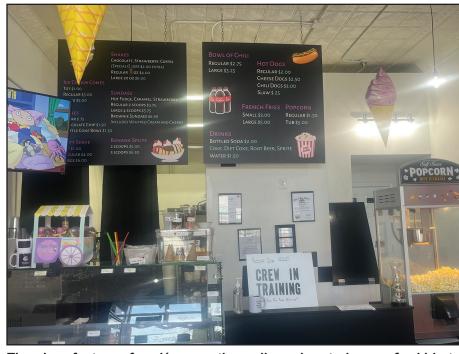
Restaurants, businesses, and non-profit organizations are invited to be a vendor at TOOT 2024. The non-refundable registration fee is \$300 (\$250 for nonprofits) and vendors keep 100% of their profits. Vendors who sign up before Aug. 1 receive \$50 off the vendor registration.

Vendors set their own item prices for the festival. Vendor's proposed menu is due Sept. 14.

Vendors are promoted on the official TOOT map during the four-hour, foodfocused event and retain 100% of the proceeds. Vendors should plan now to be a part of this local tradition.

To register or for more information please visit www.carnegiehallwv.org/ taste-of-our-towns. Booth location preferences are fulfilled on a first come, first served basis. Carnegie Hall reserves the right to decline an application or to require alternate food selections.

Carnegie Hall and the community look forward to having a safe and successful Taste of Our Towns. Call Carnegie Hall Development Director Sally Bray at 304-645-7917 or email development@carnegiehallwv.org with questions.



The shop features fun décor on the walls and a study area for kids to relax and work on homework.

ees can enjoy homemade

and cheese, smoothies, coffee, frappes, and much more. They also plan to add a dart board, TVs, and wi-fi. She also offers a study area for kids to relax while doing homework, and soon will offer treats on-the-go from their own food truck.

Sara's Sweet Treats will hold an official grand opening on Sunday, July 21 in honor of National Ice Cream Day. In addition to the already famous treats available, attendchocolate chip cookie ice cream sandwiches, a free small popcorn with the purchase of a small shake, a free cake pop with the purchase of a two-scoop ice cream, astronaut ice cream sandwiches, and free toppings on any sundae. Everyone is welcome to come to enjoy some sweets, facepainting, and plenty of fun.

If you cannot make it out to the grand opening, you can check out Sara's Sweet Treats Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., Friday and Saturday 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Sunday from 1 to 6 p.m. Lunch specials are available Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. with two hotdogs, a small fry, and a small drink

for only \$6. For more information or to contact Sara's Sweet Treats, visit Sara's Sweet Treats LLC on Facebook. Located at 315 Main Street, Union.

Ronceverte Food Pantry

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Carl Bostic of Ronceverte sorts food prior to a Saturday distribution in the Clifford Armory. (Photo by RealWV)

the land, with the deed transferring earlier in the day. Board President Bob Daniels recognized board members Barbara Hunter and Jim Williams for their generosity, saying, "We cannot begin to adequately thank you, but we will try."

Daniels explained that the pantry served 124 people this past weekend alone and fills an important role in the community. "Folks need a safe place where they can get food in our community," he said. "The need is very real. We see it more and more every day in our town"

For the past few decades, the pantry has been located inside the Clifford Armory. The City of Ronceverte owns the armory and rented space to the pantry for \$100 per month including purities.

The Ronceverte Food Pantry is governed by a volunteer board and run by a volunteer director. Rev. Jeff Cherry and his wife, Aletta, serve as pantry directors currently. They receive support from area churches with volunteers to distribute food twice per month.

On June 12, 2024, city officials sent a letter to all tenants of the armory, including the food pantry and the library, among others.

"Please be advised that the City of Ronceverte has received a report from the WV Department of Environmental Protection...that multiple remediation efforts are needed through the building."

The letter explained that the building would need to be vacated for cleaning, followed by a process to "repurpose the Clifford Armory as a true community center for Ronceverte and its citizens."

The letter asks all tenants to vacate the armory by

According to Daniels, his board immediately went to work with the help of the Ronceverte Ministerial Association and local businesses to find a new home after receiving the letter. "It has been a nonstop effort these past few weeks to ensure there's no interruption of service for our clients," he said.

"The City has worked with the food pantry for years

and was happy to accommodate them the best we could," says Pamela Mentz, City Administrator. "The anonymous letter regarding possible mold started the testing of the building to insure safety for everyone using the armory. The June 12 letter was sent when we received the results and were told of what was planned to take care of any issues."

Mentz says this has been a difficult process for everyone. "We were also worried as to where everyone would go."

Before new construction can begin, the existing structure on the lots purchase by the Board need to be demolished. Hunter asked the City for assistance through a dilapidated building demolition program run by the state in municipalities, and Mayor Pack said she believes the structure is on the town's list submitted for demolition.

The timeline for moving into the new burning is unclear. In the meantime, the pantry hopes to temporarily relocate elsewhere until they can move into their new building.

"We will work with you to try and find a temporary home until your new building is ready," Mayor Pack told the board.

"God is certainly helping us," Daniels reflected. "I know you will help us, and so many others will as well. We are so pleased to see this coming together."

The next food distribution is scheduled for July 27. The Cherrys plan to empty the cupboards at that distribution as the move to a temporary home will come soon after. Clients are encouraged to attend the distribution.

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PICK OF THE LITTER



TUCKER Tucker is a two-yearold male heeler mix and weighs 65 pounds

FLUFFINGTON Madam Fluffington is a two-vear-old female domestic shorthair



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

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

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

Call 304-645-4775 for more information.

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

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Briefly

Enchanted Evening Dinner at Williamsburg

The Williamsburg Historical Society invites you to a home cooked steak and gravy dinner on Friday, July 19 from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Williamsburg Historical Society Museum. The cost is \$12 for adults and \$5 for children under 10, 1/2 servings. The full menu includes steak and gravy, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, cobblers, and tea, coffee or water. Call 304-645-2153 with any questions. Directions to the historical museum: I-64 to exit 161, north on route 12, right onto route 60 east, first left (Sinking Creek Road), stay on the 2 lane about 9 miles to Williamsburg, at the "Y" keep left, take first right onto Williamsburg Road about 1 mile (pass the church on the left, the Historical Society is the next white house on the right)

Auction for Williamsburg District Historical Foundation on August 3

The Williamsburg District Historical Foundation is sponsoring the annual auction on Saturday, Aug. 3. Donations are needed to make this auction successful. Donations are welcome. They may be placed on the porch on the side of the building or the museum is staffed on Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 1 to 5 p.m. and donations are welcome. Call 304-645-2153 or 304-646-5793 with questions.

Alderson Farmers Market

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

Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program vouchers available

The Greenbrier County Committee on Aging now has vouchers available for the 2024 Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program.

Vouchers are available at the following locations:

- Western Greenbrier Senior Center, 284 Greenbrier Street Rupert 304-392-5138. Monday through Friday 9 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m.
- Eastern Greenbrier Senior Center, 150 Taylor Lane Fairlea 304-645-1978. Monday through Friday. 8 to 10 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m.

Must be at least 60 years of age and meet income guidelines. Bring ID with proof of age.

CAMC named a Best Regional Hospital by **U.S. News & World** Report

CAMC has been recognized as a Best Regional Hospital in the annual Best Hospitals rankings and ratings for 2024-25 by U.S. News & World Report. This is the second year in a row CAMC has earned this designa-

CAMC also has been recognized as a High Performing Hospital in eight procedures/conditions including abdominal aortic aneurysm repair, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, colon cancer surgery, heart failure, kidney failure, lung cancer surgery, leukemia lymphoma and myeloma and pneumonia.

Additionally, CAMC Greenbrier Valley Medical Center in Ronceverte is rated high performing in pneumonia

"We are proud to be recognized for our quality care, which can only be earned through the dedication, clinical expertise and compassion of our exceptional staff," said Glenn Crotty, Jr., MD, CAMC President and CEO. "Our team truly lives our mission of providing the best care to every patient, every day."

The annual Best Hospitals rankings and ratings, now in its 35th year, are designed to assist patients and their doctors in making informed decisions about where to receive quality care for challenging health conditions or elective procedures.

For the rankings and ratings, U.S. News evaluated nearly 5,000 hospitals across 15 specialties and 20 procedures and conditions. State and metro area rankings reflect the highest performing hospitals in the area across multiple areas of care.

Department of Arts, Culture and History accepting applications for 2024 West Virginia Emerging Artists **Juried Exhibition**

The West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History (WVDACH) is currently accepting submissions for the 2024 West Virginia Emerging Artists Juried Exhibition through Sept. 6. The exhibit will open Nov. 3 at the Culture Center, State Capitol Complex, in Charles-

Eligible artists may submit two pieces for the exhibit jurying in painting, print/drawing, mixed media, craft/ wall hangings, photography, digital art and sculpture. The pieces that are entered must have been created between 2022 and 2024. Digital images, not original piec-

es, are submitted for the jurying process. To be eligible to enter the exhibition, artists must be 18 years of age or older and maintain a permanent do-

micile in West Virginia. Exceptions to this requirement are made for students and military personnel who have West Virginia resident status and a home address in the

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Sea Dragons hold intrasquad meet

The GVAC Sea Dragons held their summer sprint intrasquad meet on Wednesday, July 10, at the Greenbrier Valley Aquatic Center in Fairlea. Sixteen personal best times were achieved and there were many first-time swims.

The most improved swimmers were Tianna Allen, Arabella Webb and Zoey Hobbs, whose times dropped by over 20 percent. New team records were set by the following swimmers in their competition categories: Stella

Rodebaugh (100Y backstroke), Emily Hobbs (100Y breaststroke) and Cooper Homer (50Y and 100Y freestyle, 100Y butterfly).

The Sea Dragons will compete at the long course state



championship meet at the Mylan Park Aquatic Center in Morgantown July 12-14. For more information about the Sea Dragons, visit their website at gvseadragons.teampages.com

Suits

New Cases from 7/10/24 to 7/17/24

New Civil Cases Travis R. Norwood v. Jonathan Frame, Superintendent

Santander Consumer USA Inc. v. Dorman Sams

New Divorces David Anthony Faber and Jennifer Joy Miller Jason Thomas Judy and Sandra Leigh Judy

Marriages

Tamia Nicole Day and William Lee Mace Shirlene Marie Alley and Steve Wayne North Katherine A. Kloss and Jack Lee Deitrick Amanda Gail Cleghon and Bryan Wesley Dolan Tracey Lynn Walker and Brian Steward Piercy Bonnie Downey Bush and William Stephen Lenherr Leigh Ann Branham and Joshua Crayton Browning Savannah Ann Hendrix and Lucas Riley Kessler

For the Record

Deeds

Joanna Greer and Cindy Sue Alie to William J. Greer and James F. Vaughan: lot no. 4, Lewisburg District, Map 24 Parcel 198. Filed July 9, 2024.

Michael Voit to Jeffrey Adam Lohr: 14.01 acres and 8.21 acres, Irish Corner District, Map 17 Parcel 14, 125. Filed July 10, 2024.

Emma D. North to Adam Doban and Desaray Wise: Lr Fl North Ave. W., Ronceverte District, Map 9 Parcel 175. Filed July 10, 2024.

Judith Young to Brent E. Young: 57 acres, Anthony Creek District, Map 28 Parcel 74. Filed July 11, 2024. Pamela R. Lewis to Megan L. Kirkham: 171 acres, Falling Spring District, Map 59 Parcel 8. Filed July

Pamela R. Lewis to Megan L. Kirkham: lot 25 Echols Acres, Lewisburg District, Map 13L Parcel 85. Filed July 11, 2024.

Mary J. Gilkerson to Pamela R. Lewis: lot 8 Robert son Addition, Lewisburg District, Map 26 Parcel 58. Filed July 11, 2024.

James Guilliams and Holly Giulliams to Cindy L. Gum: 0.19 acre. lots 1-3 block 16. Levelton Land & Improv Co., Rainelle District, Map 1 Parcel 133. Filed July 11, 2024.

Brandon W. Morgan to Philip J. Chua and Catherine M. Chua: lot 43, White Sulphur District, Map 9 Parcel 121. Filed July 11, 2024.

Rhonda G. Pennington to Rhonda D. Pennington and Wayne Pennington: 4.374 acres, Meadow Bluff District, Map 81 Parcel 80. Filed July 11, 2024.

D&D Hardware LLC to WSS Hardware LLC: 22,718 square feet, White Sulphur District, Map 8 Parcel 221, 230, 310, 314. Filed July 11, 2024.

Greenbrier Legacy Cottage Development Company I Inc to Martha Riggs Lowry: unit 7, White Sulphur District, Map 26 Parcel 1. Filed July 11, 2024.

James N. Holliday to Emily A. Dunford and Katelynn M. Holliday: 18.70 acres, 3.93 acres, 10.68 acres, Blue Sulphur District, Map 8, 8, 8, Parcel 37, 40, 40.1. Filed July 12, 2024.

Todd Hollandsworth and Yolanda Hollandsworth Lewis to Luke Clendenin, Jacob Clendenin, Jonas Clendenin, and Anthony Dixon: 1 acre, Falling Spring District, Map 63 Parcel 9. Filed July 12, 2024.

Paul N. Hollandsworth to Paul L. Rapp, Devon Cline, and Ethan Cline: 1.75 acres, Frankford District, Map 15 Parcel 170. Filed July 12, 2024.

Sharon Vandevander to Joseph P. McGrew and Lori McGrew: 1.11 acres and right of way, Lewisburg District, Map 21 Parcel 9.1. Filed July 12, 2024.

Sheila D. Smith to Sharon Vandevander: 0.66 acres or lot 98 Greenbrier Heights, Lewisburg District, Map 23B Parcel 77.10. Filed July 12, 2024.

Robert Critzer and Trenia Critzer to Carleigh Toothman and Mark Toothman: lot 4, 2.23 acres, Frankford District, Map 14 Parcel 164. Filed July 12, 2024.

Debra A. Skaggs and Peggy J. Boggs to Jennifer Bell: lot 37, White Sulphur District, Map 4 Parcel 0125. Filed July 12, 2024.

Glen R. Hunter to David J. Hunter: 3 acres more or less, Williamsburg District, Map 33 Parcel 42.1. Filed July 15, 2024. Alice K. Lafollette to Alice K. Lafollette and Dearmond

L. Arbogast (co-trustees of the second amended and restated revocable trust of Alice K. Lafollette): 0.816 July 15, 2024.

acres, White Sulphur District, Map 7 Parcel 11. Filed Alice K. Lafollette to Alice K. Lafollette and Dearmond L. Arbogast (co-trustees of the second amended and restated revocable trust of Alice K. Lafollette): lots 49, 50, and 51, Shaw-Mi-Del-Eca Village, Lewisburg

District, Map 25 Parcel 117-119. Filed July 15, 2024.

Greenbrier County Magistrate Court Convictions

Isaiah Daniel Fields, Ronceverte, petit larceny, jail 60 days - suspended and placed on 12 months unsupervised probation, restitution \$270, GP

Travis M. Lemons, Ronceverte, speeding, fine \$28,

Marcia B. Leitch, Talcott, 1) failure to obey police officer, fine \$50; 2) reckless driving, fine \$200. NCP Owen James Sturdivant, Sinks Grove, no proof of

insurance, Fine \$200, NCP Tiffany Dawn Long, Marlinton, shoplifting, fine \$100, restitution \$2,367.69, GP

Eden B. Lester, Marlinton, speeding, fine \$25, GP Marvin Fore, Lynchburg, VA, leaving the scene with property damage, fine \$100, GP

Dustin L. Gardner, Moscow, TN, speeding in construction zone, fine \$68, NCP

Stephanie R. Vititoe, Huntington, driving wrong way on one-way road, fine \$20, GP

Debra L. Payne, Neola, speeding, fine \$20, GP Jedidiah Mason Baker, Alderson, no PFD, fine \$20,

Joyce A. Guthrie, Marlinton, speeding, fine \$20, NCP Neil Christopher Dunn, Sterling, VA, speeding less than 15 mph over in construction zone, fine \$48, NCP Gregorio Molina Guerrero, St. Aurora, CO, 1) speeding, fine \$42; 2) expired registration, fine \$25, GP Zachary Thompson, Rainelle, speeding, fine \$10, GP

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.

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West Virginia Department of Education announces 2025 **Teacher of the Year Finalists**

The West Virginia Department of Education (WVDE) is pleased to announce the finalists for the 2025 West Virginia Teacher of the Year. Chosen from among the state's county Teacher of the Year winners, these finalists exemplify dedication to student achievement and well-being through classroom innovation and engaging instruction.

Finalists represent school districts statewide and are as follows:

- Emily Dunkle, Greenbrier East High School, Greenbrier County
- · Krista Blankenship, Pleasant Valley Elementary School, Marion County
- Bryon Hott, Mill Creek Intermediate School, Berkeley County · Seth Skiles, Rock Branch Elementary School, Put-
- nam County
- · Kim Yahya, Athens Elementary School, Mercer

Emily Dunkle is a dedicated agriculture educator and FFA advisor at Greenbrier East High School in Lewisburg. With five years of experience, she excels in guiding students toward valuable knowledge and practical experiences in agriculture education. Her student-centered approach and commitment to hands-on learning create a dynamic and engaging educational environment for her students. Dunkle holds a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture Education from West Virginia University, and she is pursuing a Master of Science in Agriculture Education from Murray State University. She was recently named the 2024 New Career Technical Education Teacher of the Year, awarded the 2023 Teacher Turn the Key Award and is the 2024 Greenbrier East High School Teacher of the Year.

Krista Blankenship is a third grade teacher at Pleasant Valley Elementary School in Fairmont. She graduated from Fairmont State University with a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education and a Master of Arts in Education. Additionally, she holds an Elementary Mathematics certification from Marshall University. Blankenship has taught in Hampshire, Monongalia and Marion counties throughout her 18-year career. She is an active member of various committees at her school and has secured project and grant donations totaling more than \$10,500 toward a school-wide high tunnel project and a "Trout in the Classroom" project. Blankenship is passionate about creating a welcoming environment in her classroom, believing that building relationships with her students and their families is the most crucial part of education. This belief inspires her to spark a love of learning in her students through engaging teaching strategies.

OPINION

Commentary

Elected officials comment on Trump assassination attempt

Following the apparent assassination attempt of former President Donald J. Trump on July 13 at a rally in Pennsylvania, elected officials from West Virginia released the following statements:

Governor Jim Justice - "All of my prayers go out President Trump and his family. We should draw strength from his courage. I REFUSE to let these actions make me feel afraid."

Congresswoman Carol Miller - "My heart breaks for Corey Comperatore's family who are mourning the loss of their father, husband, son, and hero. Political violence has no place in America, and we will never surrender to hateful fear tactics. I thank God that President Trump survived this assassination attempt and I'm more confident than ever that he is the leader America needs. While I am thankful for the secret service who acted quickly to take down the shooter, I'm hopeful that we will learn answers to the many questions surrounding the attack to prevent anything like it from happening again. God bless President Trump and God bless America."

U.S. Senator Shelley Moore Capito - "Like all Americans, I was shocked and horrified by the assassination attempt on President Trump at his campaign rally in Pennsylvania. I am so thankful that President Trump survived this attack and I conveyed that to him personally. However, I am heartbroken that one individual was killed, and others were critically injured while simply exercising their freedoms and coming together in one of our country's oldest traditions - a rally. I will continue to keep their family members and loved ones in my prayers during this incredibly difficult time. Now more than ever, we need to come together as Americans. Violence of any kind has absolutely no place in our country, and I condemn it entirely. Like many Americans, I have questions around this attack, and it is important we understand how and why this terrible act of violence occurred."

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state. Entrants must be listed on the West Virginia Artists' Registry or must submit information for the registry along with the submissions for this exhibition. To register, submit a CD/DVD or USB memory stick with six examples of current work to the department by the exhibition's entry date.

The Department will present three awards for the exhibition. The Best of Show/Purchase Award will receive \$1,000. Second place will receive \$500, and third place

will receive \$250. For more information and to print out an entry form, go to https://bit.ly/24EmergingArtist. To request an Artists' Register form, contact Sidney Duncan, WV-DACH exhibits coordinator, at (304) 558-0220 or Sidney.L.Duncan@wv.gov.

Bryan Hott is a fourth grade teacher at Mill Creek Intermediate School in Bunker Hill, with 11 years of experience teaching fourth grade overall and music. He earned a Bachelor of Music Education, a Bachelor of Arts in Communication, a Bachelor of Science in Political Science and summa cum laude honors with his Master of Arts in Teaching from Shepherd University. Hott has served on the superintendent's advisory committee, Berkeley County Schools mathematics advisory committee, the Covid-19 advisory committee, closing the achievement gap committee, instructional planning task force, leadership team, hallway/team leader, technology leader, social committee, West Virginia Heritage Day chair, hiring committee, local school improvement council, school fundraising chair, Watershed coordinator and field trip coordinator. Hott was named state Math Teacher of the Year by the West Virginia Council of Teachers of Mathematics in 2020 and a Caring Educator for Berkeley County Schools in 2018. His many accolades demonstrate his commitment to student learning and success. Seth Skiles is a passionate music educator and West

Virginia native serving as an elementary music specialist at Rock Branch Elementary School. Skiles earned his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Music Education from Anderson University. He obtained a master's degree in church music with a conducting concentration from Belmont University. After teaching elementary music in the Nashville area, Skiles returned to West Virginia, bringing acquired educational practices and cultural experiences to his home school district. He is certified in the John Feierabend First Steps in Music curriculum and is pursuing National Board Certification. Skiles' professional development experience includes the University Mozarteum Orff Institute's International Elemental Music course in Salzburg, Austria; conducting intensives through Rider University's Westminster Choir College;

West Virginia University's World Music Pedagogy course; Disney Institute's Approach to Leadership Excellence course; and state music education conferences in Indiana, Tennessee and West Virginia. His passion for arts education influences the classroom environment, creating a learning atmosphere driven by student engagement and proactive learning.

Kimberly Yahya is a 15-year veteran teacher at Athens Elementary School where she teaches fourth grade mathematics. Yahya earned a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education with an endorsement in general science grades 5-9 and a Master of Education in Educational Leadership from Concord University. Yahya is a reading bee coach, leadership team member, social committee chair and county math trainer. She was also chosen to represent Mercer County in the West Virginia Leaders of Numeracy Network. Yahya is always willing to train, collaborate and share her knowledge with other teachers. She creates lessons incorporating the Mathematical Habits of Mind that are strategically designed to meet the needs of her students. Through a classroom full of laughter, singing and dancing, Yahya builds strong bonds with her students that will last a lifetime.

"Teachers are the seed-sowers and trailblazers within our schools," said State Superintendent of Schools Michele L. Blatt. "Their care and involvement in the lives of children extend well beyond academics because they are called to nurture and support the whole child. As a result, they are the caring adults who are changing lives and communities every day. These finalists represent the best of West Virginia, and I am grateful for the work

The WVDE announced the 2025 Service Personnel of the Year this week, and that information is available on the WVDE website.

Learn more about the Teacher of the Year program by visiting the West Virginia Teacher of the Year page.

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.

July 21, 1924: Don Knotts was born in Morgantown. The comedy legend will be forever remembered for portraying Barney Fife on The Andy Griffith Show.

July 22, 1859: Athlete "Jack" Glasscock was born in Wheeling. Glasscock, who played bare-handed, was one of baseball's premier shortstops of the 19th century.

July 22, 1937: Musician Thompson was Tommy born in St. Albans, Kanawha County. Through his group, the Red Clay Ramblers, and a career that spanned four decades, Thompson played a major role in spreading the popularity of old-time music.



July 23, 1863: Financier and industrialist Isaac Thomas Mann was born in Greenbrier County. As president of the Bank of Bramwell and the Pocahontas Fuel Company for three decades, "Ike" Mann held vast holdings in coal, timber and especially financial institutions.



July 23, 1919: Novelist Davis Grubb was born in Moundsville. His renown came with his first novel, The Night of the Hunter (1953), a gripping suspense story adapted into a classic film in 1955 and for TV in 1991.

July 24, 1823: Arthur Boreman, West Virginia's first governor, was born in Waynesburg, Pennsylvania. His family moved to Middlebourne, Tyler County, when he was still an infant.



July 24, 1919: Sam Taylor of Mercer County became the first West Virginia State Police trooper. During his tenure, Taylor tracked moonshiners and bootleggers, and helped set up new state police detachments.

July 24, 1929: Cornelius Charlton was born in East Gulf, Raleigh County. Charlton was killed in battle during the Korean War, and he was honored posthumously with the Medal of Honor.



July 24, 1942: Actor Chris Sarandon was born in Beckley. A film, stage and television performer, some of his credits include The Nightmare Before Christmas, The Princess Bride and an Oscar nomination for Dog Day Afternoon.



July 24, 1983: Kansas City Royals player and Glen Dale native George Brett was involved in the "Pine-Tar Bat Incident." After hitting a game-winning home run against the New York Yankees, the umpires ruled that Brett's bat contained too much pine tar and called him out. The ensuing melee at home plate is classic baseball lore.

July 25, 1864: A colony of eight Catholic nuns set out from Washington, DC, and Frederick, Maryland, for Parkersburg. The sisters, who created a monastery there and named it DeSales Heights, ran a boarding school for young women for 75 years.

July 26, 1942: Camp Washington-Carver was dedicated and opened to the public. The camp, located at Clifftop, Fayette County, was the first statewide 4-H camp for African Americans in the country. The camp's Great Chestnut Lodge is West Virginia's largest log

July 27, 1896: Clark Kessinger was born near Charleston. He was among the most prolific and influential fiddlers of the 20th century, and one of West Virginia's most important traditional musicians.

July 27, 1909: Coach "Dyke" Raese was born in Davis, Tucker County. He directed West Virginia University to its first major sports national championship, winning the 1942 National Invitation Tournament in basketball.

BITUARY

Jerry Alton Harvey



Jerry Alton Harvey of Alderson passed away peacefully Sunday, July 14, 2024, at Roanoke Memorial Hospital following a long illness. Jerry was born February 19, 1958, in Clintonville, a son of the late Burl Sandy and Gayla June Harvey.

Jerry is survived by his wife Martina Highlander Harvey; brother, Alan and

wife Bethie of Clintonville; sister Elaine "Prid" and husband Steve of Mechanicsville, VA; special nephews, Nick and wife Emilea and Zak, special niece, Ali and husband Whit, and many other cherished family members and friends.

Jerry loved and excelled in carpentry, construction and handyman repairs. He was a perfectionist and highly skilled and sought after in these areas. He loved to read Westerns, loved the outdoors, going to the beach and especially fishing from Nags Head

In keeping with Jerry's wishes he will be cremated with no services.

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Ketron Church fundraisers set for July 20 and August 4

Ketron Memorial Church has hosted so many celebrations throughout the years: family reunions, weddings, and community Christmas plays, just to name a few. Now "The Little White Church on the Hill" needs repairs to the interior of the building.

We are hosting a cornhole tournament on Saturday, July 20, starting at 10 a.m. at the Organ Cave Community Center. The entry fee is \$25 per 2-person team. Cash prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places. We will be serving a BBQ sandwich lunch starting at 11 a.m. There will be raffle prizes, a silent auction and some of the best gospel singers in the area.

We hope you will bring your family and friends and join us for some fun and help a beloved community landmark provide memories for generations to come.

For more information, please contact Michelle Jones at 304-667-8534 or Dreama West at 304-667-9627.

If you are unable to come to the fundraiser, please consider donating for supplies for the event or to the Ketron Church Building Fund. Please join us Aug. 4, as we celebrate Ketron Church,

the people and its legacy. Located outside of Ronceverte on Rockland Road, the church sits on the mountaintop with the cemetery and picnic shelter in a small grove just below.

Worship Service begins at 11 a.m. The speaker will be Roger McDaniel from Organ Cave. We hope you will join us for worship and singing in the "Old Country

Following the Worship Service, we will gather at the Frank Whanger Picnic Shelter for a potluck lunch and a brief business meeting. Paper products and utensils will be provided.

Maintenance costs for the cemetery and church continue to rise each year. We are also raising funds to have repair work done inside the church, If you have a loved one or friend buried at Ketron, please consider honoring their memory by making a donation to: Ketron Cemetery Association, P.O. Box 251, Ronceverte, WV 24970. Any donation will be greatly appreciated.



Interior of Ketron Church in need of repair

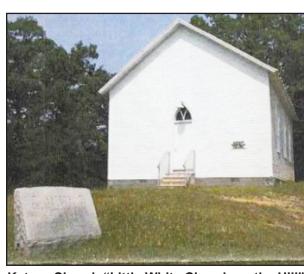
Please plan to attend and bring family and friends as we visit and fellowship together.

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Vice President Michelle Jones, 348 Fullen Farm Road, Ronceverte, WV 24970

Secretary Dreama West, 1608 Rockland Road, Ronceverte, WV 24970

Treasurer Karen West, PO Box 251, Ronceverte, WV



Ketron Church "Little White Church on the Hill"

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-

Reunions

Estep-Jones

The Estep-Jones Family Reunion will be held Saturday, July 20, at the Asbury Community Center. We will eat at 1 p.m. Drinks, paper plates, napkins and plasticware will be provided. Please bring a covered dish to share and join in the fellowship. All are welcome!

Bennett

The Bennett Family Reunion descendants of JC "Jimmy" and Nora Myrtle Sawyers Bennett will be held Saturday, July 27 ay Hollowell Park, Matthews Street, Lewisburg. Plan to eat around 1 p.m. Bring a covered dish and visit with your relatives and friends. Share a good meal, family history, family pictures and a good time! Let's make more good memories together! If you have questions, feel free to call: Joyce Morgan 304-661-6455, Charlotte Morgan 304-645-1179 or Genevieve Wiley 304-645-2573.

Bowden

The Bowden Family Reunion will be held Saturday, Aug. 10. Lunch 12 noon at The Sweet Springs Resort Park, 19540 Sweet Springs Valley Road, Sweet Springs, WV 24941. A \$10 charge per family. Organizers will provide drinks, paper plates, napkins and plasticware. Like previous reunions, please bring a covered dish of vegetables, pasta, meat, and/or dessert to share. If you want to participate, there will be a "Grab Bag" for sale for \$5 each. If you decide to bring one, stuff it with something special and staple it closed. It should have a minimum value of \$5. The family hopes to see everyone there!

Area Catholic picnic set July 21 at Greenbrier **State Forest shelter**

Catholics and their families are invited to join with the Greenbrier Valley Council 8689 Knights of Columbus for an area picnic and afternoon of fun at Shelter #1 of the picnic area in Greenbrier State Forest, five miles south of the I-64 Caldwell/White Sulphur Springs exit

Beginning at 2 p.m. hamburgers and hot dogs, all the "fixings," sodas and bottled water, paper products will be provided by the Knights with those attending asked to add to the table with side dishes, salads, or desserts.

West Virginia School of Osteopathic Chef Paul Ciciora will be preparing the hamburgers and hot dogs. Ciciora is a member of the GV Knights Council and has volunteered to provide this service for several years.

In addition, those attending are also asked to bring GV Council. board games and outdoor yard games.

Highlighting the picnic at 4 p.m. will be a vesper service as organized by Msgr. Kevin Michael Quirk, newly appointed pastor for St. Catherine of Siena Church in Ronceverte, St. Charles Borromeo Church in White Sulphur Springs, and the mission churches St. Louis, King of France, Lewisburg; Church of Mary Immaculate, Williamsburg; and St. John, the Evangelist Chapel in Sweet Springs.

Other churches served by the Greenbrier Valley Council include Sacred Heart Church in Rainelle and its mission, Sacred Heart in Spring Dale, Fayette County; St. John Neuman in Marlinton; St. Bernard's at Snowshoe and St. Mark, the Evangelist, in Bartow.

For additional information on the area Catholic picnic, contact the office of the Catholic Churches of the Greenbrier Valley 304-536-1813 or the Knights of Columbus 304-645-1373.

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Each customer upon receiving notification must apply for service, at which time a \$50.00 security deposit is required. If not previously paid, a tap fee will also be required. As required by the West Virginia Public Service Commission's Rules for the Government of Sewer Utilities, each customer, regardless of the status of the connection to the public sewer system, must complete an Application for Service and pay a security deposit. The Application for Service and payment of the deposit MUST be completed prior to September 5, 2024

Upon payment of fees and proper application being made, the District will provide the necessary assistance to each customer in order for the customer service line to be connected to the public system. Each customer is required to construct the necessary pipeline(s) from each residence or structure to the end of the property, at their expense, where service is available. Upon installation of the necessary pipeline(s) by the customer, the customer MUST notify the District that the service line has been installed. The District will physically inspect and approve all customer service lines. The customer must make available for inspection any and all portions of the customer service line and it must meet or exceed requirements set forth in the Rules and Regulations.

As authorized by West Virginia Code §16-13A-9 and the West Virginia Public Service Commission's Rules for the Government of Sewer Utilities, Greenbrier Public Service District No. 1 will begin billing customers immediately after each customer is connected or September 5, 2024, whichever comes first. All customers, regardless of the status of the connection to the public sewer system, will be billed based on each individual water meter usage.

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West Virginia Code §16-13A-9 authorizes the District to petition the circuit court to compel connection to the public sewer system. Each customer which has been provided service is required to connect. A low interest loan program to provide financial assistance to cover the cost of connecting to a public sewer system is available through the West Virginia Housing Development Fund. For more information, contact the West Virginia Housing Development Fund at 1-800-933-8511 or 304-391-8727.

Title 64, Series 9 of the WV Department of Environmental Health requires property owners to abandon an existing septic tank system upon connection to a public sewer system. For more information on the abandonment of septic tanks, please contact the Environmental Heath office at the Greenbrier County Health Department at 304-645-1539. Property owners located within the corporate boundaries of the City of Lewisburg will need to meet requirements as set forth by the city. For more information on municipal regulations, please contact

Lewisburg City Hall at 3046452080. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact the District at the following location:

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Dear Recycle Lady,

Dear Recycle Lady,

Last week you said #5 plastics were safe for microwaving. What about #2 and #4 plastics? Are they safe in the microwave?

Curious Reader

Dear Curious Reader,

Good Question. High-density Polyethylene (HDPE) or #2 plastics are safe for microwaving. In fact, they are often considered the safest choice for microwaving. However, #4 plastics are made of Low-Density Polyethylene (LDPE) and are not considered safe to microwave. Plastics #1, #3, #6, and #7 are not considered to be safe for microwaving either as they contain BPA that can leach into the food, making it dangerous to eat. The overuse of plastic containers in microwaves increases the chance of harmful chemicals leaching into your food. So, when you are using plastic containers in the microwave here are several precautions you should take. First of all, never use high power and only defrost or reheat food; never cook food in a plastic container. Food in a plastic container should not be heated for more than three minutes, and hot food should not be left in the plastic container. Transfer it out to a glass container or plate so the hot food is not exposed to hot plastics. The best way to make sure your food heats up evenly is to use short intervals, stirring in between the intervals. This cuts down on the total microwaving time, which reduces the chances of plastic melting or leaching harmful

chemicals into your food. Dear Recycle Lady,

My family eats lots of bananas. Is there any way to reuse the banana peels?

Healthy Eater

Dear Healthy Eater,

According to a 2013 study, about 40 million tons of banana peels, worldwide, are disposed of or go unused every year. You are not alone in wanting to reuse your banana peels,

as banana peels do have a second life. For example, banana peels can be used to polish leather by rubbing the peel against the outer side of the leather, then buffing with a soft cloth. Peels can also be used to fertilize your plants. First soak peels in a jar of water, then mix five parts tap water to one part banana-water. A 2011 article in Applied Biochemistry and Biotechnology found that banana peels contain many healthy antioxidants like carotenoids and polyphenols, so some people use the banana peels as a way to enrich food dishes and drinks. Chop the peels, boil them for 10 minutes and add to your favorite dish. Who knew banana peels had so many uses!

Dear Recycle Lady,

Why is the month of July called Plastic Free July?

Want to Know

Dear Want to Know,

The Plastic Free July Challenge, a global social movement, began in 2011 in Western Australia as an annual challenge to help empower people to reduce single-use plastic. The challenge, which began with only 40 participants, had an estimated 89 million participants in over 190 countries last year in the 2023 challenge. To join the 2024 Plastic Free July Challenge go to https:// www.plasticfreejuly.org/take-thechallenge, click on "Take the Challenge" and pledge to reduce the use of one single-use plastic item, target takeaway items, or be "plastic free"

Good/Bad News: Laws have been passed in 42 countries that end or limit cosmetics testing on animals. Unfortunately, the US is not one of these countries.

Have questions about recycling, or interesting information about recycling? Send questions or requests to Recyclelady7@gmail.com. Dear Recycle Lady is sponsored jointly by the Greenbrier Recycling Center and Greenworks Recycling.

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ALook Back.

By William "Skip" **Deegans**

By this time in 1924. the Paris Olympics were well underway and White Sulphur Springs resident Martha Norelius had captured a gold medal for the USA in the women's 400-meter freestyle swimming event. She set a new world record and at 15 years old she was the youngest world champion on record. Born in Sweden, Norelius was the daughter of Charles Norelius, who swam for Sweden in the 1906 Olympics. He was the swimming instructor at The Greenbrier's pool where Martha trained.

At the 1928 Olympics, Norelius again won gold and set a world record in 400-meter free-



Photo from the International Swimming Hall of Fame. Sources: International Swimming Hall of Fame, The West Virginia News, The Boston Glove, St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

style race, and with her Louis in 1955 from team mates they won gold medals and set a world record in the 4 x 100-meter freestyle

complications following gallbladder surgery. She was described in obituaries as "one of the world's greatest Norelius died in St. swimmers of the time."

Remember When Community Fair set next weekend in Williamsburg

The 75th Williamsburg Community Fair, Remember When, will be held on July 26 and 27 with a slew of activities, exhibits, music, and a parade. There will be cruise-in vehicles on display, a bouncy house, crafts, dunk tank, games, door prizes, health screenings, and a raffle. Fireworks finish out the festivities on Saturday, July 27 at 9:30 p.m.

This event is sponsored by the Williamsburg Community Action Group, the Williamsburg Ruritan Club, and the Williamsburg Volunteer Fire Department. Proceeds benefit community projects. View updates on Facebook at WilliamsburgWV (events), www.WilliamsburgWV.com. Contact 304-667-9288 with questions.

Thursday, July 25:

6-8 p.m.: Bring in exhibits (categories are online)

Friday, July 26:

5-8 p.m.: View exhibits

5-8 p.m.: Hot dogs, BBQ, brown beans, and cornbread

5:30-7:30 p.m.: Bingo with cash prizes, in the rescue squad. Bring dauber or purchase for \$1

7:30 'til done: We've Got Talent -\$200, \$100, and \$50 winners. Register by Monday, July 22, by texting 304-667-9288

Saturday, July 27:

8 a.m.-1:30 p.m.: View exhibits

8 a.m.-9:30 a.m.: Breakfast with burritos, biscuits and gravy, eggs, and

9 a.m.-12 noon: Thrift Shop open, \$1 bag sale (old schoolhouse) 8-9:45 a.m.: Parade Registration

and lineup alongside the firehouse,

judging by 10 a.m.

10 a.m.: Flag raising ceremony

10:30 a.m.: Parade, starting at the Community Building and to the Methodist Church and back. Helmets required for ages 16 and under on self or motor-propelled vehicles. Parade participant lunch with special ticket is until 12:30 p.m. at the Firehouse

11 a.m.-2 p.m.: Lunch concessions, all beef hot dogs, hamburgers, BBQ, and more

11 a.m.-afternoon: Outdoor Sweets, drinks, cotton candy, Dippin' Dots, snowcones, popcorn, and desserts

12-2 p.m.: Demonstrations of smithery, chair caning, leatherwork,

tion behind basketball court, \$10 per 1 p.m.: Horseshoe and Cornhole

12:45 p.m.: Tournament registra-

Tournaments. Intermission from 2:30

12:30-1:15 p.m.: Entertainment

Under the Tent: John 3:16 Crossroads 1:30-2:30 p.m.: Entertainment Under the Tent: Midland Trail Band

2:30-4 p.m.: Organized games of earlier years, for all ages, bring chairs for viewing comfort

4 p.m.: Fire Truck Splash

4-6 p.m.: Bingo with cash prizes in the Firehouse. Bring dauber or pur-

4-7 p.m.: Spaghetti Dinner with garlic bread, salad, dessert, and beverage. Adults are \$10, children under age 12 are \$5, and children under age 5 eat free

7-9 p.m.: Greener Pastures Dance Concert, bring your own chairs

9:30 p.m.: Fireworks









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State Fair to host School Supply Drive

The State Fair of West Virginia in partnership with Communities in Schools of Greenbrier County (CISGC), is set to host a school supply drive on Monday, Aug. 12, at the 99th Annual State Fair!

Fairgoers are asked to bring in three different school supply items OR two hygiene products and pay only \$25 for gate admission and carnival rides from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Those who do not wish to ride carnival rides will receive a discounted \$8 gate ad-

"We are very excited to be partnering

with Communities in Schools of Greenbrier County, which does amazing work with kids in our area," State Fair CEO Kelly Collins stated. "By offering a discount to those who donate, we hope to encourage even more fairgoers to participate and support this incredible organization."

Supplies may be redeemed at the main tunnel entrance or gate 5 located on 219 North ONLY. All donations will directly benefit students within the region to ensure they have the essential tools needed for academic success.

"As we approach our 20th anniversary, this partnership is an exceptional way to jump start the celebration and another successful school year for local youth," Brittany Brackenrich, Executive Director of CISGC, stated. "We are beyond grateful for the State Fair of West Virginia team and for those participating in the school supply drive!"

Visit www.statefairofwv.com/tickets for a full list of acceptable donations. The mission of CISGC is to surround stu-

dents with a community of support, empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life. Visit www.cisgc.org for more informa-

The 10-day State Fair of West Virginia is celebrating 99 years on August 8-17, 2024. The State Fair of West Virginia, with a \$16.9 million-dollar economic impact on the state of West Virginia, is a 501 © 3 nonprofit corporation committed to the traditions of agriculture, family entertainment, and education. For more information, please visit www.statefairofwv.com, or follow fair events on Facebook, Instagram, and TikTok. Join the conversation by using #sfwv!

WVDE announces 21st Century Community Learning Centers grant awards

The West Virginia Department of Education (WVDE) is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2025 Nita M. Lowey 21st Century Community Learning Centers grants. Funds are awarded competitively to youth-serving organizations and local educational agencies to provide high-quality, academic-focused afterschool programs for students.

The 2025 awardees are:

- Greenbrier County Schools
- Morgan County Schools
- Partnership of African American
- · Playmates Preschool and Childcare Centers, Inc.
 - Preston County Schools
 - Save the Children Federation, Inc.
 - Tucker County Schools
 - World Vision, Inc.

"The success of our students is built on the combined and cooperative efforts of our schools, our families and our expanded communities," said State Superintendent of Schools Michele L. Blatt. "These grantees represent the commitment of organizations and systems across our state to fully serve our children. Each offers the level of supplemental programming that will positively impact students today and in the future." The 21st CCLC program offers students

access to high-quality and engaging afterschool activities that support their learning and development. Funding provides students with homework assistance, tutoring and a broad array of enrichment activities that complement their regular academic programs during out-of-school hours. Additionally, this grant requires grantees to engage parents

and caregivers in their children's learning and progress.

Grants are available for up to five years, if the grantees successfully implement afterschool programs with fidelity, meet federal and state requirements and the United States Department of Education continues to provide federal funding.

For more information, contact Christy Day, West Virginia Department of Education Office of Communications, at 304-558-2699 or Christy.Day@k12.wv.us.

Follow the WVDE online on Facebook, X, Instagram and LinkedIn.

South Dakota State announces spring 2024 graduation list

nounces Richard Anthony Rink of Maxwelton has graduated following the spring 2024 semester.

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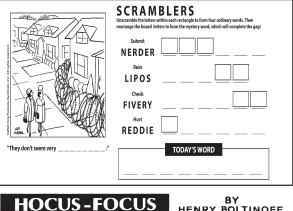
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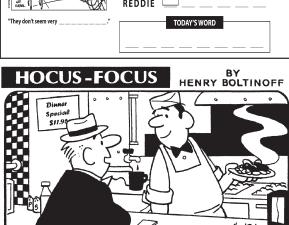
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by Linda Thistle

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Greenbrier County has released a Request for Proposal for new or refurbished desktops and monitors for the 2024-25 school year. Details are available at www.greenbriercountyschools.org or by contacting Vicky Cline at vcline@ k12.wv.us or (304) 647-6484.

The West Virginia Health Care Authority announced that it has received a Letter of Intent from VCG Luna, LLC, CON File #24-12-13027-A, to become the sole member of Amedysis West Virginia, LLC and Tender Loving Care Health Care Services of West Virginia, LLC. Capital Expenditure \$28,746,330.

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

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REOUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Greenbrier County Board of Education is seeking written proposals from qualified individuals or agencies for unarmed security guard services

Proposals will be received at the Greenbrier County Board of Education, Attn: Jeffrey Bryant, Superintendent, 653 Church Street, Lewisburg, WV 24901 until 4 PM August 2, 2024. Proposals may be mailed via U.S. Postal Service delivered via courier. It shall be the submitting party's responsibility to ensure that proposals arrive in the Board's office prior to the scheduled opening. Late submissions will not be accepted and will remain unopened.

A committee of at least three members will be formed by the Board to review the submissions. The committee will then conduct interviews with three of the firms/individuals. The intent of the RFP is to select individuals or agencies with the highest level of specialized skill, knowledge, resources, and experience to serve as the Board's unarmed security guard services. The Board reserves the right to determine the best Proposal for the District's needs. A full version of the RFP can be obtained by contacting David McClure, CSBO.

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

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Bids will be received electronically by the West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways through the Bid Express Bidding Service (www.bidx.com) and by sealed proposals (only when prequalification is waived) being received at its office in Building 5, Room 843, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East, Charleston, West Virginia until August 13, 2024 at 10:00 AM (Eastern Standard Time). The bids will be downloaded and/or opened and read publicly thereafter for the constructions of the following project(s): Call Contract State Project Federal Project Description

022 2023890009 U389-19-0.00 00 HSIP-0019(519)D GUARDRAIL 2024 D9 GUARDRAIL PROJECT Upgrade Guardrail End Terminals on Greenbrier County US 219 & Fayette County US 60 **COUNTY: FAYETTE, GREENBRIER**

3 % OF CONTRACT BID AMOUNT. BIDDER MUST PROVIDE WRITTEN DBE GOAL: ASSURANCE OF MEETING GOAL ON FORM IN PROPOSAL.

REMARKS:

Proposals will be received from prequalified and West Virginia licensed contractors only except that on Federal-Aid Projects a contractors' licence is not required at time of bid, but will be required before work can begin. Registration is required with the Department of Administration, Division of Purchasing, in accordance with Chapter 5A, Article 3, Section 12 of the West Virginia Code. All contractors submitting bids on project(s) must include one of the following forms properly executed with each proposal: Proposal Guaranty Bond, Cashier's Check, or Certified Check for \$500.00 or 5% of the total bid, whichever is greater.

The West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways reserves the right to defer, delay or postpone the date for receiving and publicly opening proposals for any project designated in this advertisement, without the necessity of renewing such advertisement. The deferment, delay, postponement, and the date that proposals will be received and publicly opened will be available on www.bidx.com.

The West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex or national origin in consideration for an award.

GREENBRIER COUNTY COMMISSION MEADOW RIVER RAIL TRAIL PHASE 3

The Greenbrier County Commission (Owner) will receive sealed bids properly endorsed "Meadow River Rail Trail Phase 3" until 10:00 a.m., EST on Tuesday, August 27, 2024, in the offices of the Greenbrier County Commission, 912 Court Street, North, Lewisburg, WV 24901, at which time all bids will be opened publicly and read aloud. The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any informalities in bidding and to accept the bid considered to be in its best interest from the lowest responsible bidder. All interested parties are invited to attend.

The work consists of the following:

Construction of approximately 9.15 miles of rail trail, to include a trailhead parking lot, signage, crushed stone trail surface, culverts, ditch clearing, one (1) prefabricated pedestrian bridge, one (1) trestle conversion, park benches, slope repairs, removable bollards, railing, seeding/straw mulch, and erosion control, and other trail amenities.

The Plans and Contract Documents may be examined at the following locations: Greenbrier County Commission

912 Court Street, North Lewisburg, WV 24901 (304) 647-6689, Ext. 0 Contractors Association of WV 2114 Kanawha Blvd., East Charleston, WV 25311

(304) 342-1166 Kanawha Valley Builders Association 1627 Bigley Avenue

Charleston, WV 25302 (304) 342-7141 Parkersburg-Marietta Contractors Association

4424-B Emerson Avenue

Parkersburg, WV 26104 (304) 485-6485 Construction Employers Association NCWV

2794 White Hall Blvd. White Hall, WV 26554 (304) 367-1290

E.L. Robinson Engineering Co. 5088 Washington Street, West Cross Lanes, WV 25313 (304) 776-7473

A MANDATORY pre-bid conference for the purpose of discussing the scope of work, labor standards and other requirements will be held on Thursday, August 8, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. in the Rainelle Town Hall, 201 Kanawha Avenue, Rainelle, WV, 25962, and will adjourn at the project site.

Copies of the Plans and Contract Documents may be obtained from the office of the Engineer, E.L. Robinson Engineering Co., 5088 Washington Street, West, Cross Lanes, WV, 25313, upon a nonrefundable payment of one hundred dollars (\$125.00) for each set of documents.

A certified check, bank draft or a satisfactory bid bond furnished by a solvent surety company authorized to do business in the State of West Virginia in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the total amount of the bid, payable to the Greenbrier County Commission, shall be submitted with each bid.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish a satisfactory Payment and Performance Bond, Labor, and Material Bond for 100% of the contract amount and the fee for same shall be included in the bid proposal.

Prospective Bidders are advised that the contracts awarded under this bid are to be funded in whole or in part by Greenbrier and Fayette County Commissions and the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection - Office of Abandoned Mine Lands Economic Revitalization (AMLER) Program.

Bidders on this work will be required to comply with the President's Executive Order No. 11246 and "HUD Section 109," which prohibits discrimination in employment regarding race, creed, color, sex, or national origin. Attention of bidders is also called to Section 3, Segregated Facilities, Title VI, and the conditions of employment to be observed and minimum wage rates to be paid.

Bidders must comply with the requirements for Affirmative Action and Minority Business Enterprises participation as described in the Federal specifications insert to the contract documents. Special provisions will be made by the bidder to show what portions of the bid within each division are supported by Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) work. In addition, bidders may obtain, upon request, information concerning

Contractors will ensure compliance by its consultant(s) and contractor(s)/subcontractor(s), with the Copeland Act "Anti-Kickback" Act (40 U.S.C. § 276C and 18 U.S.C. § 874), the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. §§ 327-333), "Equal Employment Opportunity" Executive Orders 11246 and 11375 and 41 CFR 60, the Drug Free Workplace Act of 1988, the "Build America, Buy America" (BABA) requirements concerning the use all iron, steel, manufactured products, and construction materials for Federally funded projects in the United States (Build America, Buy America (BABA) Act, P.L. 117-58, Secs 70911 - 70917, and Worker Visibility Regulations that require that all persons working within the right-of-way of a Federal Aid Highway wear highly visible safety apparel that meets the Performance Class 2 or 3 requirements of ANSI/ISEA 107-204 publication entitled, "American National Standard for High-Visibility Safety Apparel and Headwear." Although no Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goal has been set for this project, the Greenbrier County Commission strongly encourages the consideration of DBE's when hiring contractors for this or any sponsored project. Minority, Female and Section 3 owned firms are encouraged to apply.

No bid may be withdrawn after the scheduled closing time for the receipt of bids for at least ninety (90) days. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Sports

WV Long Course State Championship Meet held



A number of Sea Dragons participated in the West Virginia and Allegheny Mountain Long Course Champion-

joint West Virginia and Allegheny Mountain Long Course Championship swim meet at the Mylan Park aquatic center in Morgantown on July 12-14. There were over 450 swimmers and 50 teams at the meet.

Several Sea Dragons swimmers participated in the

Tianna Allen, Emily Hobbs, Zoey Hobbs, Cooper Homer, Solomon Rodebaugh and Stella Rodebaugh all achieved personal best times in multiple events, dropping over 76 seconds combined from their seed times. Emily Hobbs qualified for finals in the 50m, 100m, 200m and 400m freestyle events and placed 4th in the 400m freestyle.

The Sea Dragons celebrated their summer season accomplishments with ribbons and relays at the Greenbrier Valley Aquatic Center on July 16t. The short course season will begin in the fall. For more information about the Sea Dragons, visit their website at gvseadragons. teampages.com.

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA CHARLESTON

CASE NO. 24-0413-E-ENEC APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY and WHEELING POWER COMPANY

Petition to initiate the annual review and to update

the ENEC rates currently in effect.

NOTICE OF FILING AND EVIDENTIARY AND PUBLIC COMMENT HEARINGS On April 30, 2024, Appalachian Power Company and Wheeling Power Company (jointly the Companies) filed their 2024 petition to initiate the annual review and update of Expanded Net Energy Cost (ENEC) rates. The Companies are seeking net changes in ENEC rates effective September 1, 2024, comprised of an approximate \$1.9 million decrease for residential customers and an approximate \$22.3 million increase for other classes of customers, or a net overall increase of \$20.4 million over annual revenues generated by ENEC rates, which include the ENEC under-recovery deferral rate increment previously approved by the Commission to begin September 1, 2024. The net \$20.4 million requested increase equals an approximate

1.13% overall increase in total revenues.

The impact on an average monthly bill by customer category is as follows:

The impact on an average monthly on by customer category is as ionows.								
		(\$) INCREASE/(DECREASE)	(%) INCREASE/DECREASE					
	Residential	(\$0.39)	(0.23%)					
	Commercial	\$6.09	1.40%					
	Industrial	\$7,061.68	2.66%					
	Special Contract ¹	\$24,053.11	4.37%					
	Other	\$0.03	0.17%					

¹Excludes Special Contract customers who are billed standard tariff rates.

The increases shown are based on averages of all customers in the indicated class. Each class may receive an increase or decrease greater or less than stated here. Individual customers may receive increases that are greater or less than average. Furthermore, the requested rates and charges are only a proposal and are subject to change (increases or decreases) by the Public Service Commission in its review of this filing. Any increase in rates and charges will not become effective until authorized and approved by the Commission. (If a hearing is scheduled, notice will be given of the time and place of hearing.)

The Public Service Commission will conduct a public comment hearing in this matter on August 12, 2024, beginning at 5:30 p.m. The public comment hearing will be held virtually, allowing for interested persons to make a comment telephonically, through the Microsoft Teams application from the internet, or in-person at the Commission headquarters. Interested persons intending to make a virtual public comment hearing should register with the Commission by 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 8, 2024. Registration may be made by any of the following methods.

- (1) Through the Microsoft Teams meeting link located on the Commission's website, http://www.psc.state.wv.us under the "PSC Hot Topics" section located at the top of the homepage;\
- (2) By calling 304-340-0836 (Karen Hall) or 304-340-0820 (Andrew Gallagher); or (3) By emailing khall@psc.state.wv.us or agallagher@psc.state.wv.us

The link for the Microsoft Teams meeting will also be in a future press release from the Commission. Interested persons wishing to comment in-person at the public comment hearing should attend and sign up to speak at 5:00 p.m. at the Public Service Commission, Howard M. Cunningham Hearing Room, 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia.

As an alternative to speaking at the public comment hearing virtually or in person, individuals or entities interested in providing written comments regarding this case should submit their comments by mail or hand delivery to Executive Secretary, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia 25323 or online at http://www.psc. state.wv.us by clicking on "Submit A Comment" in the left column and following the directions provided. All written comments should be marked with Case No. 24-0413-E-ENEC.

The Commission will conduct an evidentiary hearing at 9:00 a.m. on August 12, 2024, in the Howard M. Cunningham Hearing Room, Public Service Commission Building, 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia. Interested persons should monitor the Commission's web docket and website because the public comment or evidentiary hearing may be cancelled for good cause.

Anyone desiring to protest or intervene should file a written protest or notice of intervention within thirty days of the date of this Notice, unless otherwise modified by Commission order. Failure to timely protest or intervene can affect your rights to protest any rate increases or to participate in future proceedings All protests or requests to intervene should briefly state the reason for the protest or intervention. Re-

quests to intervene must comply with the Commission's rule on intervention set forth in the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. All interventions may be mailed and be addressed to Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, P.O. Box 812, 201 Brooks St., Charleston, West Virginia 25323, or hand-delivered, Protests may be filed online through the Commission website using the "Submit a Comment" link or may be mailed or hand-delivered to the Executive Secretary at the address above.

A complete copy of the proposed rates, as well as a representative of the Companies to provide any information requested concerning it, is available to all customers, prospective customers, or their agents at any of the offices of the Companies. A copy of the proposed rates is available for public inspection at the office of the Executive Secretary of

the Public Service Commission at 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia. APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY and WHEELING POWER COMPANY

Greenbrier County Commission Tammy Tincher, President

Steppin' Out

Lewisburg arts organizations' first-time collaboration set to present The Hunchback of Notre Dame

For the first time, Greenbrier Valley Theatre (GVT), Carnegie Hall, and Greenbrier Valley Chorale (GVC), have teamed up to present a spectacular staged concert version of The Hunchback of Notre Dame on Thursday, July 25, at 7:30 p.m., Friday, July 26, at 7:30 p.m., and Saturday, July 27, at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. at Carnegie Hall in Lewisburg. The production features over 50 performers, including nationally recognized actors, professional choreography and lighting, and a full chorus, all on the Hamilton Auditorium stage.

Based on the Victor Hugo novel and songs from the Disney animated feature, The Hunchback of Notre Dame showcases the film's Academy Award-nominated score, as well as new songs by composers Alan Menken and Stephen Schwartz. Menken composed music for The Little Mermaid, Beauty and the Beast, Aladdin, and Enchanted, just to name a few. Schwartz scored and composed music for Godspell, Wicked, Pocahontas and The Prince of Egypt, among others. Peter Parnell's new book embraces story theatre and features verbatim passages from Victor Hugo's novel.

Greenbrier Valley Theatre provides the cast and production crew and designed the set, costume, choreography, and lighting. The 12-member cast, including five members of Actors' Equity Association, is a diverse group of actors from different parts of the country. "I feel like we're very lucky to be able to bring in our actors and guest from New York City, who have done Broadway, sung in opera, and then perform this music with the GVC," exclaims GVT's Producing Artistic Director Paul Stancato.

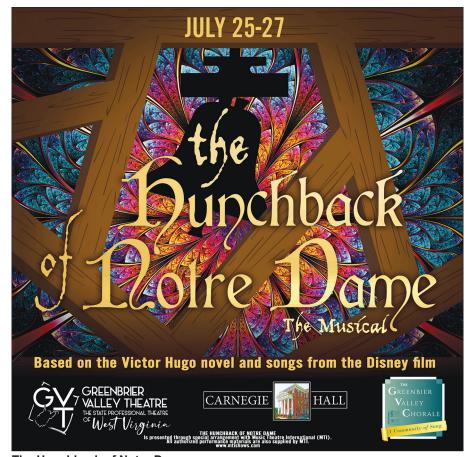
Members of the cast include (in alphabetical order) Ian Brady (Congregant, Jehan Frollo, Quasimodo U/S), Willem Butler (Quasimodo), Julie Cepec (Congregant), Brandon Grimes (Captain Phoebus de Martin), Evan Buckley Harris (Claude Frollo), Mekhi Holloway (Clopin Trouillefou), Erin Jerozal (Congregant, Madam), Allyn Faith Jones (Congregant, Florika, Esmeralda U/S), Josh Lapping (Congregant), Dorothy Jo Oberfoell (Congregant), Adam Jeffrey Rossi (Lieutenant Frederic Charlus), Valerie Torres-Rosario (Esmeralda), and Garrett Shin (Congregant, Saint Aphrodisius).

Willem Butler has recently been seen in the Broadway National Tour of Anastasia the Musical as Dmitry, Fulton Theatres production of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat as Gad, and Bigfork Summer Playhouses production of Jersey Boys as Frankie Valli.

Brandon Grimes is a NYC-based actor, singer, and composer/lyricist. He's thrilled to return to Greenbrier County where he last played Billy in Some Enchanted Evening and Trout Shue in The Greenbrier Ghost. He has performed with the Boston Symphony where he played Henry Ford in Ragtime alongside several Tony Nominees and Broadway legends. He also created the role of the Messerschmidt triplets in the world premiere of MacGyver: The Musical and can be found on the concept album on Spotify and Apple Music. National Tours include Jekyll and Hyde, All is Calm; Off-Broadway: Calamity Jane (Musicals Tonight); Regionally credits includeCabaret (Cliff- Peterborough Players), Julius Caesar (Brutus - Hanover Theatre), Sweeney Todd (Sweeney Todd- CLOC), Company (Bobby -Texas Rep), Hamlet (Laertes - Colonial Theatre), Man of La Mancha (New Rep), The Producers (Barnstormers), Pirates of Penzance (Ordway Center), 1776 (Cape Playhouse); Film: The Compatriots, Abominable, and A Hot Tin Menagerie of Desire. TV credits include Titans of Hollywood (Curiosity Stream).

Erin Jerozal was last seen at GVT in Steel Magnolias and I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change. Erin earned her MFA in Classical Acting from the Shakespeare Theatre Company in Washington, DC and has her BFA in Musical Theater from Syracuse University. She has worked off-Broadway and regionally, highlights include: The Secret Garden, Jacques Brel is Alive and Well..., and Hamlet. Erin has worked for over 20 years as a medical educator, teaching communication skills for medical schools throughout the country.

Valerie Torres-Rosario is a Puerto Rican artist based in New York City. Previous productions at GVT include "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change" and



The Hunchback of Notre Dame

"Little Shop of Horrors." Broadway: Camelot. Regional: The Fantasticks, Evita, Noises Off!, ONCE, The Little Mermaid, In the Heights, West Side Story. Education: BFA, University of Florida. Proud client of the Hell's Kitchen

Evan Buckley Harris lives in New York City and some notable roles include Will in Some Enchanted Evening at GVT Doctor Madden in GVT's production of Next to Normal, Johnny Cash in Million Dollar Quartet (Norwegian Cruise Line/ Las Vegas/ '15-'16 Nt'1 Tour), Memphis (Huey), All Shook Up (Chad), and Hairspray (Corny Collins). He will be directing and music directing GVT's Fall production of Million Dollar

The Production Staff includes Jenna Sulecki (Director), Patrick Summers (Music Director), Jenna Fawn Brown (Costume Design), E. Tonry Lathroum (Lighting Design), Arron Seams (Sound Engineer), Ashton Webb (Properties Design), Julie Cepec (Movement Coordinator), Richard Crowell (GVT Production Manager), Jason Dow (GVT Technical Director), Elizabeth Salisch (Production Stage Manager), and Mallory Topel (Assistant Stage Manager).

"Working with GVT and GVC has been fun and educating, but also challenging. We have learned so much about each organization," according to Carnegie Hall President and CEO Cathy Rennard. "We're learning and growing together which will knit us together for many years to come."

Performances of The Hunchback of Notre Dame will take place at Carnegie Hall on July 25, 26, and 27. Tickets are available online at www.carnegiehallwv. org, or at the Carnegie Hall box office, 611 Church Street, Lewisburg, 304-645-

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Entertainment Calendar

July 19-28

Friday, July 19

Friday Night Community Market Edgar Ave, Ronceverte, 5 p.m.

Tavern Night by GHS & North House Museum with Patrick O'Flaherty live, 5-7 p.m.

Western Greenbrier Farmer's Market, Main St, Rainelle, 3:30-6 p.m.

Saturday, July 20

Open Mic Center Stage Series, Encore Community Arts, WSS, 5 p.m.

Textile Dying with Ice with Greenbrier Valley Dyes, The Hub, Lewisburg, 1-4 p.m.

Mushroom Foray, the Yew Moun-

tain Center, Hillsboro, 1-9:30 p.m.

Skyline Bluegrass Festival, Ronceverte Island Park, 11-5 p.m.

A Field of Dreams, Classic Car & Antique Tractor Show, Ballard, 12-4

Yoga on the Rooftop, Schoolhouse Hotel, 10-11 a.m. every first and third

Flea Market, State Fair parking lot, every Tues. and Sat. 7 a.m.-1 p.m.

Courthouse Farmer's Market, Robert C. Byrd parking lot, Lewisburg, 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

Dwain Sheppard live, the Sweet Shoppe, Lewisburg, 9-12 p.m.

Sunday, July 21

Marketfest at Sunset Berry Farm, Alderson, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Pence Springs Flea Market, 8 a.m. Grand Opening of Sara's Sweet Treats, Union, 11 a.m.- 4 p.m.

Monday, July 22

Textile Dying with Ice with Greenbrier Valley Dyes, The Hub, Lewisburg, 5:45-6:45 p.m.

Tuesday, July 23

Alderson Farmer's Market, Riverview Ave., 3-6 p.m.

Indian Inspired Food, Mountain Table, 3-8 p.m. Reservations required Farmer's Market, Mountain Table,

Textile Dying with Ice with Greenbrier Valley Dyes, The Hub, Lewisburg, 5:45-7:45 p.m.

Wednesday, July 24

Pocahontas County Farmers Market, Green Bank Fire Department, 2:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, July 25

Oktober Sky Release Party, GVBC, Maxwelton, 1 p.m.

The Hunchback of Notre Dame, Carnegie Hall, 7:30 p.m.

White Sulphur Springs Farmer's

Market, Midland Trail Park, 3-6 p.m. Friday, July 26

Friday Night Community Market, Edgar Ave, Ronceverte, 5 p.m.

The Hunchback of Notre Dame, Carnegie Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Western Greenbrier Farmer's Market, Main St, Rainelle, 3:30-6 p.m.

59th Annual WV State Water Festi-

vals Fireman's Parade, Hinton, 8 p.m. Saturday, July 27 The Hunchback of Notre Dame,

Carnegie Hall, 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Ben and the Sons Live at GVBC,

Maxwelton, 5 p.m. Courthouse Farmer's Market, Rob-

ert C. Byrd parking lot, Lewisburg, 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Flea Market, State Fair parking lot,

every Tues. and Sat. 7 a.m.-1 p.m. Sunday, July 28

Marketfest at Sunset Farm, Alderson, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

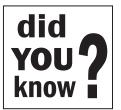
Pence Springs Flea Market, 8 a.m. To submit information to Mountain Messenger's Entertainment Calen-

dar, email news@mountainmessenger.com. Information should be submitted two weeks in advance.





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