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Greenbrier County Schools announces reduced school day for upcoming school year

Greenbrier County Schools is pleased to announce a significant adjustment to the daily schedule for the upcoming school year. Beginning this fall, the length of the school day will be reduced, offering a more balanced approach to education while maintaining high standards of instructional time.

Since the early 1970s, Greenbrier County Schools has consistently exceeded the state-required instructional time, accruing a substantial amount of additional instructional minutes. This has provided our students with extensive educational opportunities and ensured ample time for make-up days when necessary. However, after thorough evaluation and consideration, the decision has been made to revise the daily schedule to better meet the needs of our students, staff, and families.

Key Changes:

- **Reduced Daily Instructional Minutes:** The new schedule will decrease the number of instructional minutes each day while still meeting and surpassing state requirements.

- **Maintained Accrued Time for Make-Up Days:** Even with reduced daily minutes, our schools will retain sufficient accrued instructional time to accommodate make-up days for inclement weather or other unexpected closures.

- **Enhanced Balance for Students and Staff:** This change aims to give students more time for extracurricular activities, rest, and family engagements, fostering a well-rounded educational experience.

Benefits of the New Schedule:

- **Increased Focus on Quality Over Quantity:** By optimizing the instructional day, teachers can concentrate on delivering high-quality, engaging lessons without the constraints of an overly extended school day.

- **Support for Student Well-Being:** A shorter school day can reduce stress and burnout among students, allowing them to pursue personal interests and spend more time with family.

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- **Enhanced Afterschool Opportunities:** Students will have the opportunity to receive individualized tutoring, free dinner, and participate in other educational programming in optional afterschool programs at all elementary and secondary schools.

- **Staff Professional Development:** The revised schedule offers teachers and staff additional time for professional development, planning, and collaboration, ultimately enhancing the overall educational experience.

Superintendent Jeff Bryant expressed enthusiasm about the upcoming changes, stating, "We believe this adjustment will benefit our students and staff by providing a healthier balance between academic demands and personal well-being. Our commitment to delivering exceptional education remains unwavering, and we are confident that this new schedule will support that mission."

In West Virginia, the required instructional minutes vary by grade level. According to West Virginia State Board of Education Policy 2510, the minimum instructional time requirements are as follows; however, each school in Greenbrier County will continue to accrue instructional minutes daily by attending 30 minutes longer than required by Policy 2510:

- Grades K-4: 315 minutes per day
- Grades 5-8: 330 minutes per day

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K-9 officer Layla retires from Sheriff's Department

By Chelsea Blair

Tuesday's meeting of the Greenbrier County Commission began with Arts and Recreation transfers in the amount of \$22,278.43. Transferred to Greenbrier County 4-H was \$2,400 for 2023-2024 Energy Express programming supplies, \$5,000 for Leader's camp supplies for 2023-2024 and \$3,780 for the clay shooting program for four pallets of clay. A reimbursement of \$120 will be transferred to the Town of Alderson for music events, \$9,325.17 to the Town of Rainelle for turf supplies and goal cart items purchased for the 2023-2024 year, \$418.51 to



County Commissioner Nick Dailey (left), K-9 officer Layla, Lt. Steven Hudnall, County Commissioners Tammy Tinchler, and Lowell Rose

Quinwood Community Library for the 2023-2024 Summer Kids Club program, and \$1,234.75 to the Meadow River Trail project for engineering and consulting services for 2024-2025. The first item on the agenda was the resolution for the retirement of

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State Fair to open next week



Gates are set to open for the 99th annual State Fair of West Virginia on Thursday, Aug. 8, at 8 a.m., with carnival rides opening at 11 a.m. To celebrate the return of the state's largest multi-day event, catch opening day specials, including \$8 gate admission and a \$25 all-day ride pass.

"We have a great 10-days planned this year, including two already sold-out concerts, amazing fair See "State Fair" Page 4

Sunset Berry Farm to host Peach Festival

By Chelsea Blair

Sunset Berry Farm, located outside of Alderson, has announced they will be hosting their inaugural Monroe County Peach Festival on Saturday, Aug. 31. The farm currently hosts a MarketFest every Sunday, and a variety of other festivals from April to October of every year. They offer numerous activities for families and kids of all ages, including a bounce pad, bucking cow barrel train, fairy forest scavenger hunt, fun maze, and more.

Many locals may remember the Morgan Orchard and their wonderful selection of fruit to be picked by everyone, especially their delicious peaches. Owner of Sunset Berry Farm, Jennifer Gilkerson, stated that the closure of Morgan Orchard was devastating to the community; therefore, she decided to dedicate one special day to celebrating peaches. Unfortunately, Sunset Berry Farm's peaches were lost to the below freezing temperatures this past winter but that does not deter them from hosting the festival. They see the mis-



Sunset Berry Farm Peach Festival August 31

fortune as an opportunity to celebrate another local farm. They will be bringing in peaches from a large farm located in the northern part of the state, Orr's Farm Market.

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'There's no place like home'

By Stephen Baldwin
RealWV, www.therealwv.com

After living in a local hotel for a month due to a busted water line during a storm, all the residents of Morgan Manor are now back home.

"Like Dorothy said, 'There's no place like home,'" said resident Katherine Walcott.

A government-subsidized housing complex operated by RLJ Management, Morgan Manor contains 32 apartments primarily for senior citizens. Many of the seniors have physical limitations and few can provide for their own transportation.

While they were housed at the hotel, local citizens Pam Harders and Miranda Huffman coordinated for their unmet needs alongside Paula Brown, Greenbrier County Emergency Management. Pam organized transportation and laundry while Miranda provided meals, with assistance from Eric Mercer of Ronceverte.

The residents received at least one meal per day from restaurants, individuals, and churches while they were away from home.

On Sunday afternoon, Harders and Brown brought pizza to celebrate all the residents returning home.

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"There's no place like home," residents chanted in triumph as they celebrate moving back home following a water line break in late May. Neighbors including Paula Brown, front left, Eric Mercer, front center, and Pam Harders, front center, coordinated efforts to meet their needs.

(Photo by RealWV)

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Williamsburg Community Fair

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Williamsburg Community Fair a success, parade winners announced

The 75th annual Williamsburg Community Fair was celebrated with food, fun, and friends. Williamsburg, notorious for its home cooking, highlighted the fair with walking tacos, biscuits and gravy breakfasts, barbecue, snow cones, popcorn, and much more. Fun was had by all with displays of all crafts, history, hobbies, produce from the garden and works of art by the children. Bingo, a bouncy house, water games, a dunk tank, cornhole and horseshoe tournaments, square dancing, and craft vendors were among the activities.

A parade with about 50 floats and other participants made its way through town and of course music was ongoing all day Saturday culminating with a dance concert and fireworks.

The community of Williamsburg wishes to thank all those who worked diligently to make the Williamsburg Community Fair a huge success and to all those who came from far and wide to enjoy our fair. Special thanks to all those who entered floats, and others who made our parade a huge success.

A particular thanks to those who donated door prizes to the fair: Beauty Transitions, Blue Ridge Farms, Bob Evans, Dave's Farm Supply, Ellen Drigger, Food and Friends,

Williamsburg's 6th Annual Back Home Festival scheduled

The Williamsburg Volunteer Fire Department is holding its 6th annual Back Home Festival in Williamsburg on Sept. 6 and 7. Friday food includes walking tacos and hot dogs with all the fixings, popcorn, and drinks in the firehouse from 5 to 8:30 p.m.

The music lineup will begin on Friday evening at 5:30 p.m. with Allan Sizemore and the Lost Souls, followed by Greener Pastures at 7:30 p.m. Both these groups will give you a great show. Allan got his first guitar from the trash, as growing up in the hollow of Trout Valley they were hard to come by. His uncle brought it to him, an old one-string Harmony with a hole in the back. He would help Uncle T and many of his aunts and uncles out in the valley, but Uncle T taught him some banjo chords when he came to help him. That summer he worked for pay in the hayfields and bought his own guitar at 10 years old. He sat and played for hours and wrote his first song at 15 years old, since then Allan has written hundreds of songs. He became a member of ASCAP in 1989 and has had hundreds of songs published. He has played many festivals such as MerleFest, the John Hartford Memorial Festival, Live on the Levee, Bristol Rhythm and Roots, The Lowell Folk Festival, The Americana Music Festival, and many others. He has been around, back again, and now back again. The Lost Souls consists of longtime music scene veterans Dan Freeman on bass and Nick Cornwell on drums.

Greener Pastures takes the stage at 7:30 p.m. and was established in April of 2023. Their name is still new to the music scene, but the veteran musicians are far from being green in experience!

David Lynch is known as "the best soul singer on the east coast" according to Jeff Bryant, retired music educator. His powerful vocals eclectic range has astounded the local music scene for decades. Kimberly Dawn's powerful bluesy voice had its start in churches singing gospel and her addition helps us play a much larger range of music. Educated at Berkley College of Music and WVU, Virgil Kelly adds his jazz-influenced style to the mix on keyboards and vocals. Escaping Russia during the fall of the USSR, Andrei KharaSov adds his unique take on the American genres with his Slavic guitar riffs. The solid bass lines of Jason Cooper round out the bottom end with his perfect P-bass tone. Relocating from New York City, drummer Tom France lays down the beat with utmost precision. His timing and groove provide the perfect framework for our musical canvas. Be entertained by this group with their take on your favorite songs in rock, blues, grunge, soul, R&B, funk, and much more, so be ready to get up and get that body moving and feel the beats of these two bands.

Saturday morning be ready to sign up for some adventure and fun, there will be two rides available, one less demanding but action-packed for the whole family, and one that is more adventurous and challenging. Come on out to Williamsburg for a scenic ride that has some adventures and fun along with the beauty of the mountains in jeeps, side by sides, or whatever you want to drive. The most adventurous ride will be led by Jediah Smith, the Backroads of Appalachia Director of Operations. The less demanding ride is \$25 and the more challenging ride

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The Williamsburg Community Fair brought food, fun, and activities to town.

Jo Long, Out Behind the Barn Custom Baskets, Greenbrier Vet Hospital, Samme Gee, Neathawks, TNT Auto, The Meeting Place, Tractor Supply, WV Woodburners: Bruce Brenneman, Carroll Bassett, George Boxwell and Michael Cope, State Fair of West Virginia, Martin & Jones, Greenbrier Medical Arts Pharmacy, Hersman's, Taft Cochran Farm, Satch's Garage, James River, Mountain State Computer, Donna Vance, Bob Evans Restaurant, Country Roads Realtor, Liz Wickline, Williamsburg Thrift Shop, Bella Vita/Jake Hansan and a special thanks to Greenbrier Solid Waste for all their care of the community. If you gave a door prize to our fair and your name was omitted, we apologize and thank you.

We would also like to recognize our parade winners.

Floats: 1st - Williamsburg Flying Falcons 4-H, 2nd - Resurrection Life Church, 3rd - Williamsburg Ruritans

Antique Vehicles: 1st - Jeff Butler, 2nd - Jerry Dolen, Carolyn Dolan, 3rd - Kenneth Baker.

Fire Trucks: 1st - Renick, 2nd - Smoot, 3rd - Lewisburg.

Tractors: 1st - Trace Butcher, 44 JD, 2nd - Anzel Knotts, 1946 Farmall, 3rd - JL Knotty, 1943 Allis-Chalmers

Adult Walkers: 1st - Miss Berkley County Bridget Altizer, 2nd - Miss Raleigh Alli Haynes, 3rd - Miss Sunflower, preteen Elizabeth Gum.

Child Walker: 1st - Going Fishing, 2nd - Trout Valley Gang.

Miscellaneous: 1st - Valley Vipers Softball, 2nd - Haynes Hogs.

The Show Vehicles: 1st - Orby Hull 2009

Political Float: 1st - Richie Holiday, 2nd - Greenbrier County Republicans.

West Virginia Hive hosting Coffee Talks session in Lewisburg

The West Virginia Hive is teaming up with Ascend WV Greenbrier Valley to host its next Coffee Talks networking session. The free event is being sponsored by City National Bank and will be held at the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine's Clingman Center for Community Engagement located at 980 Jefferson Street North, in Lewisburg on Tuesday, Aug. 6 from 9:30 to 11 a.m.

Judy Moore, deputy director of the New River Gorge Regional Development Authority and executive director of the WV Hive, will be interviewing entrepreneur Jorge Rodriguez-Stanley. Rodriguez-Stanley owns The RNCVRT - a gluten-free cafe in Ronceverte - with his partner, Chris Rodriguez-Stanley.

"The goal of the RNCVRT cafe is to provide fresh, healthy options that introduce new flavors to the area," said Rodriguez-Stanley. He said they chose to name their cafe "The RNCVRT" so when people talk about the cafe, they are saying the name of

Chris's hometown, Ronceverte. Additionally, Jorge and Chris own the Hollerwood House, a three-bedroom inn located in Ronceverte that offers guests a tranquil place to rest and host events that bring together both the Holler and Hollywood through the art and decor of the house.

Morgan Hodge, vice president, Retail Regional Manager at City National Bank, will discuss City National Bank's financial services for small businesses and entrepreneurs.

Callie Isenberg, Greenbrier Valley Experience Coordinator for Ascend WV, said, "Entrepreneurship is strong in Ascend Greenbrier Valley, where 16 percent of our program members are already small business owners, and even more have entrepreneurial goals. Our coworking space provides a base camp for program members and others in the local community to co-work, network, and build connections that can help new businesses come alive. We value the opportunity to gain experience from entrepreneurs

and resource providers, while providing a beautiful and functional space to facilitate meaningful connections. Ascend WV is a program of the Outdoor Economic Development Collaborative, whose mission is to empower WV's communities and partners to advance the state's economy and enhance quality of life through outdoor recreation. It's extremely positive to see all entrepreneurs, especially those in the outdoor economy, tap into the resources available through the WV Hive and other community partners."

Moore said there will be both casual and guided networking opportunities geared for local entrepreneurs, business owners and community leaders. "Our Coffee Talks sessions are always informative and designed to make meaningful connections," she said.

Participants who wish to attend this free event asked to register on Eventbrite.com, "WV Hive Coffee Talks with Ascend WV: Lewisburg, WV."

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BLIZZARD
Blizzard is a one-and-a-half year old female husky mix and weighs 44 pounds



DONNIE
Donnie is a two-month-old male 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

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.

86th annual State Horseshoe Tournament scheduled

The Mountaineer Horseshoe League from Ronceverte will host the 86th annual State Horseshoe Tournament on Saturday, Aug. 24, at the horseshoe courts located on the Island Park in Ronceverte. Pitching will begin at approximately 9 a.m. We invite everyone to come and watch the pitchers and cheer them on.

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.

Veteran's Memorial Museum

of Southern West Virginia, 419 Ballangee Street, Hinton, WV, is open Saturdays 11 AM - 3 PM. Call 304-466-4443 for more information or to schedule a tour.

WV Sales Tax Holiday to take place Friday, Aug. 2 through Monday, Aug. 5

Gov. Jim Justice announced that West Virginians in need of materials for the upcoming school year will be able to save money the weekend of Aug. 2 through Aug. 5 during the state's back-to-school Sales Tax Holiday.

During this holiday, certain back-to-school items are exempt from sales tax, such as clothing, school supplies, instructional materials, laptops and tablets, and sports equipment. The Sales Tax Holiday begins on Friday, Aug. 2, and will continue through Monday, Aug. 5, at 11:59 p.m.

To learn more about what can and cannot be purchased tax-free during this time period and for additional information about the Sales Tax Holiday, visit <https://tax.wv.gov/Business/Pages/SalesTaxHoliday.aspx>.

The average customer will save at least 6% on every qualified purchase and up to 7% if they purchase the item in a municipality that has imposed a local sales tax.

During the holiday, the following items are exempt from Sales and Use tax:

- Certain clothing with a purchase price of \$125 or less
- Certain school supplies with a purchase price of \$50 or less
- Certain school instruction material with a purchase price of \$20 or less
- Certain laptop and tablet computers with a purchase price of \$500 or less
- Certain sports equipment with a purchase price of \$150 or less

Items purchased for use in a trade or business are not exempt under the sales tax holiday.

Mary B. Nickell Foundation accepting grant requests

The Mary B. Nickell Foundation, Inc., a 501(c)(3) organization, is now accepting grant requests from qualified organizations for suitable projects and purposes in Greenbrier County, West Virginia.

This Foundation was organized for the charitable and educational purposes of administering funds entrusted to it for the promotion of the arts and for educational purposes to encourage the development and appreciation of the arts and for the promotion of the happiness and well-being of the community centered in and around Greenbrier County, West Virginia, by expending funds itself for such purposes and in cooperation with institutions qualified to carry out these objectives most efficiently, all to the end of benefiting charity.

You may request a grant form by email to jjohnson@summitfgi.com or by mail to Summit Community Bank, Inc. Attn: Julie Johnson, P.O. Box 1559, Bluefield, WV 24701. Grant requests must be postmarked by Sept. 30, 2024.

The Mary B. Nickell Foundation, Inc. reserves the right to make awards in its sole discretion and without explanation as to any decisions made or denial of requests.

For the Record

Deeds

Fleshman Brother Properties LLC to Zachery Fain and Beverly Moore: 0.46 acres, 0.51 acres, and 0.54 acres, Meadow Bluff District, Map 40B, 40F Parcel 113, 17, 18. Filed July 22, 2024.

Betty M. Livesay to Susan M. Leatherman: lot less 8,402 square feet, Foster Street, Lewisburg District, Map 25 Parcel 178. Filed July 22, 2024.

John M. Blake Jr. and Jerry W. Combs to Jerry W. Combs and Debra A. Combs: 0.73 acres, Falling Spring District, Map 55N Parcel 0010. Filed July 22, 2024.

Mary A. Norris and Daniel J. Britten to Mary A. Norris and Daniel J. Britten: 25,119 square feet, lot 2, Lewisburg District, Map 25 Parcel 119. Filed July 22, 2024.

Matilda S. Sweeney to April L. Norris: 2.53 acres, Anthony Creek District, Map 28P Parcel 1. Filed July 22, 2024.

Rurally Remodeled LLC to Celeste Filiatrault and Eric Gardener: 2.022 acres, Frankford District, Map 18 Parcel 17.1. Filed July 22, 2024.

Joanne Worline to Floyd Worline Jr. and Lara Stuteville: 14.54 acres, White Sulphur District, Map 5 Parcel 0009. Filed July 24, 2024.

Kaitlyn H. Palmer and Justin D. Palmer to Mathew W. Lemons: lots 130 and 131 Riverview Addition, Alderson District, Map 6-0184.0000. Filed July 24, 2024.

James D. Brackenridge and Sandra R. Brachenridge to Timothy R. Pyne and Tamela L. Pyne: lot 41 block 4, S/D 2 & P/L 39 block 4, S/D 2 65 X 156, Tailass, Baker Street, Fort Spring District, Map 9M Parcel 55. Filed July 24, 2024.

Mark J. Linkous to Josiah Solak and Alyson Solak: 30,128 square feet, White Sulphur District, Map 5 Parcel 151. Filed July 24, 2024.

Ryan T. Franklin to Brandy Ratliff: lot 203 Rupert District, Map 5 Parcel 17. Filed July 25, 2024.

John B. McCuskey State Auditor (by appointee) to WVTA LLC: lot 113 or 0.27 acres, Meadow Bluff District, Map 31B Parcel 0030. Filed July 25, 2024.

Marius N. Grecu to Marag LLC: 100.340 acres, Anthony Creek District, Map 54 Parcel 0034. Filed July 25, 2024.

Almost Heaven Habitat for Humanity Inc to Kileigh Boothe: lots 37 & 39, Ronceverte District, Map 9 Parcel 0394, 0393. Filed July 25, 2024.

Pinnacle Bank of Knoxville, TN (trustee of John N. Caldwell Revocable Living Trust) to Leslie C. Garcia and Leigh Caldwell Duckworth: 2 acres Meadow Bluff and 9.88 acres White Sulphur Springs, Meadow Bluff District, White Sulphur District, Map 22, 23 Parcel 39, 98. Filed July 25, 2024.

Vera L. Hayes to Verta L. Hayes: 0.78 acres - two tracts, Blue Sulphur District, Map 24 Parcel 82. Filed July 26, 2024.

Ver L. Legg Hayes to Lea Y. Palmer: 0.78 acres - two tracts, Blue Sulphur District, Map 24 Parcel 82. Filed July 26, 2024.

Paul Craycraft Jr. and Kendall Craycraft to Jeffrey D. Crawley and Melisa E. Baker: lot 47, Meadow Bluff District, Map 31F Parcel 95. Filed July 26, 2024.

Harley T. Hoskins and Kristen M. Hoskins to BGRS Relocation Inc.: lot 56 and part of lot 55, Crowfields Addition, Lewisburg District, Map 16 Parcel 0063. Filed July 26, 2024.

David C. Workman and Belinda C. Workman to Leonard T. Baldwin and Jamie B. Baldwin: 47.94 acres, Williamsburg District, Map AA-004.0000. Filed July 26, 2024.

Alyce G. McCallister to Laxon Lafferty: 3.01 acres, White Sulphur District, Map 6 Parcel 64. Filed July 26, 2024.

Cory C. Taylor and Mackenzie E. Taylor to Jared C. Jennings and Hallie B. Jennings: lot 4 or 1.985 acres, Lewisburg District, Map 14 Parcel 14.4. Filed July 26, 2024.

Carl D. Cunningham, Jr., Deanna Y. Shamsheer, and Tamera Fraley to Shamike S. Roman and Jackson K. Roman: lot 13 Murphy Addition, 60X90 Gum Street, Calhoun, White Sulphur District, Map 9 Parcel 504. Filed July 26, 2024.

Anna M. Bright and James E. Bright to John Bright: 5.50 acres, White Sulphur District, Map 26 Parcel 19. Filed July 26, 2024.

Douglas K. Dodd to Tanya Hazelwood: 0.44 acres, White Sulphur District, Map 25 Parcel 12.1. Filed July 29, 2024.

Jeffrey D. Tincher and Justin Tincher to Jeffrey D. Tincher, Justin Utberg, Linda J. Utberg, and Henry R. Utberg: 30.08 acres, Meadow Bluff District, Map 74 Parcel 26. Filed July 29, 2024.

Samuel Jones, Joyce Christian, Diana J. Lee, Glenna F. Wright, Rhonda McGuire, Calvin L. Jones, William Dishion to Calvin Jones and Renee S. Jones: 1.57 acres, Anthony Creek District, Map 35J Parcel 0015, .0016. Filed July 29, 2024.

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.

Suits

New Cases from 7/24/24 to 7/31/24

New Civil Cases

New Divorces

Amber Danielle Poojari and Rohit Narayan Poojari
Jessica Lynn Price and Tessa Rebecca Sue Price
Heidi Elisabeth Scott and Adam Dean Scott
Jessica Lynn Dowdy and Jeremy Darren Dowdy

Greenbrier County Magistrate Court Convictions

David S. Senseman, West Chester, OH, speed or traffic, fine \$90, NCP

Rex Allen Persinger, Lewisburg, 1) one way (wrong direction), fine \$15; 2) failure to yield right of way, fine \$25, GP

Kevin Eugene Hayes, Lewisburg, driving while license suspended or revoked, fine \$100, GP

Sawyer Hunnicutt, Amhurst, VA, speed or traffic restriction in construction zones, fine \$115, GP

William A. Robinson, Lewisburg, speeding, fine \$18, NCP

Jeffrey B. Jenkins, Lewisburg, speed or traffic restriction in construction zones, fine \$75, GP

Madison B. Shrewsbury, Shady Spring, speeding, fine \$5, GP

Carmet J. Foster, Mount Hope, speed or traffic restriction in construction zones, fine \$65, NCP

Nathaniel A. Boggs, Sinks Grove, speeding in construction zones, fine \$60, GP

April Glasser, Fort Spring, shoot within 500 feet of dwelling, fine \$30, NCP

Zachary Garner, Beckley, 1) driving suspended or revoked, fine \$100; 2) driving too fast for road conditions, fine \$100, NCP

Kenneth Roy Neff, Lewisburg, 1) possession of a controlled substance, fine \$100; 2) possession of a controlled substance, fine \$100, NCP

Jaylin Jovan Marshall, Ronceverte, simple assault, fine \$30, jail 14 days - suspended and placed on 9 months unsupervised probation, NCP

Marriages

Chelsea Dawn Lilly and Travis Lyn Terry
Allison Faith Dolan and Stacey Leigh Bradshaw
Brittany Nicole Wickline and Jonathan Michael McMillion
Rachell Lea Stover and Clement Allen Johnson

Forest Service seeks feedback on Cranberry Glades Boardwalk Replacement Project

Monongahela National Forest is seeking feedback on a project to replace the Cranberry Glades Boardwalk located at Cranberry Glades Botanical Area, 9.5 miles west of Marlinton in Pocahontas County.

The Cranberry Glades Boardwalk Replacement Project will replace the existing boardwalk, entrance information board and all interpretative signs located along the boardwalk. The boardwalk replacement will be designed to be accessible, stable and low maintenance. Removal of the existing boardwalk and installation of the replacement will be completed with hand tools or machine powered tools within the footprint of the existing route, as to ensure minimal disturbance to the surrounding sensitive environment.

Submit email comments to adrienne.nottingham@usda.gov with the subject line "Cranberry Glades Boardwalk Replacement". Comments can also be mailed to: Marlinton Ranger District, Attn: Jason Hattersley, 1627 Cemetery Road, Marlinton, WV 24954. Comments will be accepted until Aug. 14, 2024.

Information received from the public during the comment period will be used to help develop the project proposal. For more information contact Adrienne Nottingham at adrienne.nottingham@usda.gov or call 304-799-4334.

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West Virginia Folklife seeks applications statewide for 2024-2025 Folklife Apprenticeship Program

The West Virginia Folklife Program, a project of the West Virginia Humanities Council, is now accepting applications for its statewide Folklife Apprenticeship Program. Hosted biennially, this program supports traditional artists working with dedicated apprentices on a yearlong apprenticeship in their cultural expression or art form. Since 2017, the West Virginia Folklife Apprenticeship Program has celebrated traditional artists and helped them pass on cultural knowledge, stories, and techniques to their apprentices. Applications are due Aug. 26, 2024 for the 2024-2025 yearlong program. Applications will be evaluated by a review panel in September, and successful applicants will be notified in October 2024.

Folklife apprenticeships can be based in music, dance, craft, fiber arts, occupational arts, foodways, storytelling, and much more. The traditions may be based in generations of practice in West Virginia or from more recent immigrant communities in the Mountain State. Traditional artists will receive \$3,000, and apprentices \$800 for their participation in the program. Teaching artists

must apply with their proposed apprentices. Pairs may request an additional \$400 to pay for supplies related to their apprenticeship. Pairs design their own work plans and are expected to participate in a community presentation, recorded documentation of their apprenticeship experiences, virtual meetings as a cohort, and a final public showcase.

The West Virginia Folklife Apprenticeship Program is administered by the West Virginia Folklife Program at the West Virginia Humanities Council. It is supported with funding from the National Endowment for the Arts. West Virginia Folklife is dedicated to the documentation, preservation, presentation, and support of West Virginia's vibrant cultural heritage and living traditions.

Guidelines and applications are available at <https://wv-folklife.org/folklife-apprenticeship-program/>. For more information on the West Virginia Folklife Program, visit wvfolklife.org and <http://wvhumanities.org/programs/west-virginia-folklife-program/> or contact Jennie Williams at williams@wvhumanities.org or 304-346-8500.



West Virginia Folklife hosts a folklife apprenticeship showcase in Elkins featuring mushroom foraging with Sharon Briggs and apprentice Anthony Murray (center), soul food with Xavier Oglesby and his apprentice Brooklynn Oglesby (left), and fiber arts with Enrica McMillon and apprentice Barbara Weaner (right).
(Photo taken in 2023 by Michael Keller)

State Fair

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food, thrilling rides, and livestock shows throughout the week,” State Fair CEO Kelly Collins stated. “Summer may be ending, but there is still time to get a few more days of fun in!”

The 2024 Concert Series features Turnpike Troubadours (8/8), Lil Jon with special guest Landon Cube (8/9), Buckin’ B Bull Ride (8/10), West Virginia’s own Charles Wesley Godwin with special guest Muscadine Bloodline (8/11), Seether (8/12), Anne Wilson with special guest Luke Bower (8/13), Jimmy Fortune (8/14), Bailey Zimmerman with Special Guest Matt Schuster (8/15), Oliver Anthony (8/16), Travis Tritt with Special Guest War Hip-pies (8/17).

Keeping true to tradition, the fair has a full 10-day schedule of livestock events, including the WV High School Rodeo, Junior 4-H and FFA livestock shows, horse shows, and the memorable and fan-favorite Draft Horse Pull on Friday, Aug. 16 at 9 a.m.!

The gate specials offered throughout the week will be the Opening Day gate and ride special (8/8), Communities in Schools of Greenbrier County - Tools for School Supply Drive (bring in three school supply items or two personal hygiene products and receive \$8 gate admission OR \$25 for rides and gate admission on 8/12), Senior Citizen’s Day (8/13), the Early Bird Special featuring \$1 admission from 9 AM – 5 PM (8/14), Military Day (8/15) and an Afternoon Special for guests arriving after 4 PM (8/13 - 8/15). Children ages 10 and under will once again get in free all day, every day.

As always, there will also be exciting free entertainment opportunities for all ages, including the Paul Bunyan Lumberjack Show, Live Shark Encounter, Butterfly Encounter, Hot Glass Academy, and the return of Hypnotist Catherine Hickland to the UScellular Free Stage!

The sponsors helping to make the 2024 fair a reality are 99.5 WJLS, Busch Light, Can-Am, Douglas A Bickler CPA, Greenbrier Valley Medical Center, Farm Credit, First Energy Foundation, Freedom AG & Energy, H&M Electric & Construction, Long View Eye Center, People’s Bank, Pepsi, Tractor Supply, UScellular, Warren’s Real Estate and Auction, WV811, WV Adult Education, and the WV Lottery.

Mark your calendars and join us at the 2024 State Fair of West Virginia to celebrate the old and make new mountain memories!

See inside this edition for Mountain Media’s 2024 WV State Fair Guide for a full list of daily schedules, ride information, shows, and more!

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\$50, have the time of your life then return to the firehouse for some more great fun.

There will be an auction, raffle, wonderful food, great music, games, and vendors from Dime Toss owned by Jonathan Hamrick to printing caps by Michael Tischer, face painting, a car show, s’mores, and more.

Enjoy some gospel music with Ben Anderson from Ronceverte beginning at 1 p.m. to open the afternoon festivities. Ben has been singing in churches from a youthful age and has entertained many with his vocals that you cannot miss.

Saturday’s music will have the dynamic sounds of Mudhole Control beginning at 2 p.m. This band has been around for a while and has some lively foot stamping music. Mudhole Control is an old time music band made up of members from Greenbrier and Pocahontas Counties. Guitarist Jr. Loudermilk is well known for his work in old time and bluegrass music. He is joined by his cousins, Eric and Carl “Pudge” Spencer. Eric sings tenor and plays guitar while Pudge is featured with his great baritone voice. Jr.’s brother, Jerry “Cannonball” Loudermilk, plays bass and newest members, Steven Castro and Benjamin Davis, play banjo and fiddle. Mudhole Control’s music takes the audience back to a simpler time that pleases the ear and heart of the listener.

Beginning at 3:30 p.m. there will be a food auction which includes many of the area ladies and gentlemen’s best baked goods, casseroles, etc. will be auctioned off to the highest bidder. There will be a silent auction on prizes also that you will not want to miss!

Fire dancers from the great state of Ohio will be returning this year with Boo and Firefly, the fire does fly with these two around. Their dance routines are wonderful and such a fun thing to watch.

Country music begins again at 5:30 p.m. with Caden Glover from Union showing off his skills as a guitar player and singer, if you enjoyed him at the Ronceverte River Festival come on out and listen or dance to his tunes. Caden grew up surrounded by old timers and old music, and learned to play bluegrass banjo at an early age. Eventually he would grow to love southern rock, blues, country, and folk music with big inspirations such as Lynyrd Skynyrd, Doc Watson, The Allman Brothers, and many more! These inspirations molded his voice to what it is today. His knowledge and playability of music is a wide variety of all genres. Caden has put out a single, “Appalachian

Reduced School Day

- Grades 9-12: 345 minutes per day

These requirements ensure that students receive adequate instructional time to meet educational standards. The policy also allows for flexibility in addressing the needs of different schools and students while ensuring that the total annual instructional time meets state standards.

The new schedule for schools in Greenbrier County, listed below, will take effect on the first day of the school year. Students in grade 1-12 return to school on Aug. 26. Kindergarten begins on Sept. 3, and Pre-K starts on Sept. 5. Busing schedule considerations impact each school’s daily schedule.

School start times and end times are as follows:

Alderson Elementary: 7:50 a.m. to 2:35 p.m.

Crichton Elementary: 7:50 a.m. to 2:27 p.m.

Eastern Greenbrier Middle: 8 a.m. to 2:48 p.m.
Frankford Elementary: 7:45 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.
Greenbrier East High: 7:58 a.m. to 3:07 p.m.
Greenbrier West High: 7:50 a.m. 3:08 p.m.
Lewisburg Elementary: 7:55 a.m. to 2:32 p.m.
Rainelle Elementary: 7:45 a.m. to 2:32 p.m.
Ronceverte Elementary: 7:50 a.m. to 2:32 p.m.
Rupert Elementary: 7:55 a.m. to 2:42 p.m.
Smoot Elementary: 7:53 a.m. to 2:42 p.m.
Western Greenbrier Middle: 7:50 a.m. to 2:44 p.m.
White Sulphur Springs Elementary: 7:50 a.m. to 2:27 p.m.

For more information, please contact Nancy Hanna, Associate Superintendent, Greenbrier County Schools, 304-647-6470 /email: nhanna@k12.wv.us

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Sunset Berry Farm

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“The event is now even more special because we get to support another farm,” said Jennifer.

Not only can visitors enjoy the peaches, but also the state’s largest outdoor bounce pad, axe throwing, mini golf, tractor pull barrel rides at 4 p.m., food, flea market, craft vendors, and a “build your own stuffie” station. There will also be a miniature cow, donkey, goat and other animals from Huckleberry Knoll Farm and Petting Zoo, and you can pick your own sunflowers and zinnias from the flower fields. All ages can enjoy a magic show by Keith Adkins at 2 p.m., followed by line dancing from 3 to 4 p.m. Sunset Berry Farm encourages you to bring a chair and stay awhile to enjoy live music by Lee Dean who does an amazing tribute to Elvis, Johnny Cash, and Frank Sinatra.

Jennifer says their farm is trying to focus more on entertainment and agri-tourism rather than just providing crops. She hopes the farm can be enjoyed by all ages, but their main target is to create a fun, outdoor space for children to enjoy. They continue to invest in play zones and strive to continuously add more entertainment for the young crowd. Jennifer says she likes to look at each festival as a small fundraiser to help add more activities and create a fun, safe park for the children.

Sunset Berry Farm encourages anyone who needs to “get their peach-fix on” to come out and enjoy a day full of adventure. To stay up to date on events and changes, follow Sunset Berry Farm on Facebook.

Skyline,” which tells a true Appalachian story and has done great across all streaming platforms. He has been featured on “Norans Rare Guitars” in L.A., with over 300,000 views across social media platforms. Caden tried out for the show American Idol where he received three yeses and a golden ticket from Lionel Richie, Katy Perry, and Luke Bryan. Caden was featured on Radio WV which gained almost 500,000 views across social medians. He also has released his EP “The Cabin Session.” Caden is now an up-and-coming artist based in southern West Virginia.

At intermission the drawing for our gun raffle will take place, you do not have to be present to win, but if you are you can pick up your winnings.

Then at 7:30 p.m. is more country music by the one and only Thomas Taylor Band featuring Thomas Taylor with the lead vocals/guitar, Don Drummer on pedal drum/steel guitar, Butch White on drums, Jerry Wood playing the fiddle, Bill Clapman on piano, Alan Copenhaver with the lead guitar/sax, and Marty Wells on bass. The Thomas Taylor Band has an amazing traditional country and western swing sound. His songs are heard though out the state, and they are a great dance band with music you can sing along with that we know and love.

Food will be served from 1:30 to 8:30 p.m. which includes our very own smoked BBQ by Chis Winfrey, homemade cole slaw; nachos with cheese, jalapenos, and black olives; hot dogs with all the fixings; and more. All are sure to please.

This is a major fundraiser for the Williamsburg Volunteer Fire Department with all proceeds going to the department for repairs of engines and upkeep of the firehouse. The festival is held behind the Fire Department at 6571 Shoestring Trail, Williamsburg, WV. 24991.

For more information you can go to williamsburgwv.com or call Festival Chairman Shirley Winfrey at 304-667-8041 or Assistant Chief Chris Winfrey at 304-646-9278. We are looking forward to seeing you there on Sept. 6 starting 5:30 p.m. and Sept. 7 at 2 p.m. Thank you for your support!

No Place Like Home

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“It’s a wonderful day with everyone back home,” Harders told the residents. “And we got you a little something else.”

Members of the community raised more than \$5,000 for the resident’s needs, which Harders managed through her church, Edgewood Presbyterian. She used the funds to purchase grocery gift cards from Cornerstone IGA for each and every resident. Harders surprised the residents with the gift cards on Sunday at the party.

“We lost our food when the power went out and we had to move,” Walcott said in tears. “Thank you so much. This really helps. You made our time away from home more comfortable.”

Harders said all leftover funds will be donated to the Greenbrier County Local Emergency Planning Committee to provide for unmet needs when the next natural disaster strikes.

OBITUARY

Connie Ann Bowling



Connie Ann Bowling, born on Nov. 14, 1953, in Clifton Forge, VA, left this earth on May 19, 2024, at Thomas Memorial Hospital, South Charleston, WV, after a seven-year battle with ovarian cancer.

She graduated from Greenbrier East High School in 1971 and then attended West Virginia University where she received her bachelor’s degree and her Master in Jurisprudence. After she left WVU, she went to work as a law clerk for Justice Darrell McGraw at the West Virginia Supreme Court and served as the Deputy Clerk for the West Virginia Supreme Court. Additionally, she worked for the Attorney General’s and Public Defender’s offices.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Chris, in 1998; her mother, Barbara, in 2003, and

her father John in 2008. She was also preceded in death by four aunts and three cousins.

Connie is survived by two brothers, Jay (Gwen) and Bruce (Barb); one sister, Martha, and one dog, Maggie. She is also survived by numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, and several great-nieces and nephews.

She served as the Kanawha Valley Chapter Regent of the Daughters of the American Revolution and a member numerous bridge, backgammon, and card game groups. She enjoyed traveling with her friends and family members and was a fierce advocate for women’s rights and animal safety.

Memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 3, at Barlow Bonsall Funeral Home, 1118 Virginia Street East, Charleston, WV.

Visitation will begin one hour prior at the funeral home.

Donations may be made in her honor to the American Cancer Society and/or your local animal shelter.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.barlowbonsall.com

Barlow Bonsall Funeral Home has been entrusted with arrangements.

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Club & Church

Master Gardeners Demonstration garden to feature All-America Selection plants

The Master Gardener's Demonstration Garden at the West Virginia State Fair features All-America Selection (AAS) plants. The AAS is an organization that tests new, never before sold varieties for home gardeners. These plants have been started by seeds by volunteer horticultural professionals and the top performers are given the AAS award designation for their superior performance. Performance standards that are evaluated are in areas of ease and success of seed germination as well disease resistance, quality of vegetable, and attractiveness. The seeds are submitted by people and companies from all over the world.

In the Demo Garden this year, a special area has been devoted to highlighting these award winners. Master gardeners Donna

Miles and Willa Rizzo have been diligently starting and tending to these seeds at their homes, then transplanting and caring for them in the Demo Garden. Come on out to the Demo Garden at the West Virginia State Fair to see the fruits of their labor. The AAS plants are not only



View the newest All-American Selection plants at the Master Gardener's Demonstration Garden during the State Fair.

the best of the new varieties of plants but are readily available and easy for home gardeners to grow.

For further information and to sign up to be a Master Gardener call the Greenbrier County Extension Office at 304-647-7408. Contact- Mary Dameron.

Lewisburg House and Garden Club hosts July meeting

The Lewisburg House and Garden Club held their July meeting on Wednesday, July 24 at the Native Plant Nursery of Appalachian Headwaters which is located at Wood Thrush Nursery on US Route 60 west of Lewisburg. The park is also the site of Appalachian Headwaters' newly established pollinator and native plant gardens. It is a well-designed and laid out park which is made up of 160 acres of forests, streams and meadows.

President Marit Withrow called the meeting to order and introduced speaker Bella Walker who is the Native Plant Manager of Appalachian Headwaters. The meeting was held in the pavilion adjacent to the high tunnel greenhouse and a smaller nursery area. She spoke about the mission of Appalachian Headwaters which is a not-for-profit organization promoting ecological restoration and environmental education. A day camp for youngsters was being held in the main building which also houses a fully-equipped ecology teaching laboratory. They have a large list of native plants that are available for purchase by the public.

Four prospective members were introduced along with reports from other committees. Barb Hiltner and Dee Dotson served as hostesses.



Bella Walker, Native Plant Program Manager, Appalachian Headwaters.

Master Gardeners announce 2024 graduates



Heather Lockard-Wheeler (left), Susanne Norris, Robin Blough, Chassie Canterbury, Sarah Hill, Celeste Filiatrault, Vanessa Price, and Harry Wyatt. Not pictured: Melanie Arnold, Holly Bittinger, Shane Hanna, Ashley Herndon, Lauren MacIntyre, and Marcus Fioravante.

The Greenbrier Valley Master Gardeners met on June 13 to recognize the graduates of the 2024 Master Gardener Training Program. Graduation certificates were awarded to 14 new members of the Master Gardeners in recognition of their achievement of completing 17 courses covering a wide variety of topics, including plant propagation, pruning, and insect and pest management, to name a few.

The graduates are Heather Lockard-Wheeler, Susanne Norris, Robin Blough, Chassie Canterbury, Sarah Hill, Celeste Filiatrault, Vanessa Price, Harry Wyatt, Melanie

Arnold, Holly Bittinger, Shane Hanna, Ashley Herndon, Lauren MacIntyre, and Marcus Fioravante.

The recent graduates are ready and eager to help the community with their gardening challenges. Come out and meet the new graduates, or other master gardeners who will be out and about in the Demonstration Garden at the WV State Fairgrounds in Fairlea.

For further information and to sign-up to be a Master Gardener call the Greenbrier County Extension Office at 304-647-7408. Contact- Mary Dameron.

Church Bulletin

Annual Homecoming at First Baptist Church of Trout

Bring a covered dish Sunday, Aug. 4 and join in fellowship and song. Service starts at 11 a.m. Special singing. Pastor Roger Williams welcomes everyone!

Worship Services and other events at Lewisburg Baptist Church

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

Reunions

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!



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City Holding Company appoints James A. Hoyer to Board of Directors



James A. Hoyer (Photo courtesy of City Holding Company)

City Holding Company, the "Company" (NASDAQ: CHCO), has appointed Major General (retired) James A. Hoyer to its Board of Directors.

Hoyer's appointment is effective immediately and he will stand for election by the shareholders at the next annual meeting scheduled for April 2025. This increases the number of directors of the Company from 13 to 14. The Board of Directors expects to recommend Hoyer as a Class II director, whose terms shall expire at the annual meeting of shareholders in 2028.

Hoyer received his undergraduate degree from the University of Charleston. He has a master's degree in Management and Public Administration from the West Virginia Graduate College, a master's in Strategic Studies from the US Army War College and a Certificate in Identity Management from the Naval Post Graduate School.

Hoyer served as The Adjutant General for the State of West Virginia from 2011 until 2021, providing command guidance to the West Virginia Army and Air National Guard of more than 6,500 citizen soldiers and airmen. He also led the state's Joint Interagency Task Force and response to multiple emergencies and major security events, including the 2016 thousand-year flood and the COVID pandemic.

Hoyer currently serves as Vice President for Economic Innovation for West Virginia University. He also serves as a Senior Advisor for the Civil Military Innovation Institute and is a member of the Board of Advisors for Fidelis New Energy LLC.

"We are thrilled to have General Hoyer join our Board of Directors," said Dallas Kayser, Chairman of the Board of City Holding Company. "His extensive leadership experience as well as his risk

management experience will complement the expertise of City's current Board."

City Holding Company is a \$6.3 billion bank holding Company headquartered in Charleston, WV. City Holding Company is the parent company of City National Bank of West Virginia. City National operates 97 branches across West Virginia, Kentucky, Virginia and Ohio.

Date set for 2024 Freshwater Folk Festival

The 2024 Freshwater Folk Festival will be held on Saturday, Sept. 7, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in White Sulphur Springs at the WSS National Fish Hatchery. Hosted by the friends of the White Sulphur Springs National Fish Hatchery, the festival is a fun and educational event with live music, a variety of food, and exhibits including fishing demonstrations, an observation beehive, and live animals including snakes, axolotls, fish, birds, and more.

Live music will be provided by Terrance Zimmerman, Nick Pennington, and Cody Wickline. Opening the festival is Terrence Zimmerman at 10 a.m., then Nick Pennington at 12 p.m. and Cody Wickline starting at 2 p.m.

Food trucks will be on-site with a selection of items, and new this year is the touch-a-truck event for the kids. This event will be held rain or shine.

SCRAMBLERS

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

Blank
BEASTN

Save
SECURE

Scowl
LAGER

Young
GENRE

"Not too comfortable now. It's for the _____ room."

TODAY'S WORD

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Hand is moved. 2. Ear is larger. 3. Man is thinner. 4. Awning is different. 5. Tree is larger. 6. Cap is larger.

Super Crossword

GREAT PARKING SPOTS

ACROSS

1 Fencing lunge
 7 Large wine bottles
 14 Derisive imitator
 20 Theater area
 21 U.S. soccer star Megan
 22 Chimney flue, e.g.
 23 Start of a riddle
 26 Woes
 27 Ketchup's color
 28 "The Great Gatsby" star
 29 Running the show, for short
 31 Illinois' tree
 33 Twisty letter
 34 Riddle, part 2
 44 Made gentle
 45 Source of some milk
 46 Source of some milk
 47 Earthy color
 48 Dark deli breads
 49 Kind of internal-combustion engine
 52 Bygone jet, for short

53 Just one sip
 54 Riddle, part 3
 58 Throw lightly
 59 Shoe tip
 60 Puzzle cube creator Rubik
 61 Cousins of counties
 63 Etchings, e.g.
 64 Baseball hitter's stat
 65 Shows' actors
 67 With 83-Down, Idaho's nickname
 68 TV drama of 2000-15
 71 10K or marathon
 73 Con job
 74 Fabled bird
 75 Japanese wrestling
 78 Riddle, part 4
 82 Ionize, e.g.
 84 Pioneered
 85 Alternative to Roy Rogers
 86 Slightly
 87 Protruding belly button
 88 Tax mo.
 89 Tax pro
 90 Ghana's largest city
 91 End of the riddle

97 — -Cat
 98 Raw metal
 99 Rip up
 100 It fixes off-key singing
 105 "I'd say," to texters
 107 Simple wind instruments
 112 Riddle's answer
 115 Enkindle
 116 Peanut, castor bean or canola
 117 Long pastry
 118 Earned after taxes
 119 Cozies up
 120 Taco exteriors

9 On — with (much like)
 10 Distribute
 11 At a future point in time
 12 Trio before Q
 13 Blood fluids
 14 Simba's father in "The Lion King"
 15 Unfilled part of a schedule
 16 PC key near Shift
 17 2009-10 "American Idol" judge
 18 Scraped (out)
 19 Funny Foxx
 24 Viking Ericson
 25 Funeral poem
 30 Assemblage
 32 Mouths or faces, slangily
 34 Tiers
 35 Singer Swift
 36 Egg y entree
 37 Remainder
 38 Seaport on Italy's "heel"
 39 "That's a lie!"
 40 Future docs' exams
 41 Very, very
 42 Match divisions

43 Very, in Paris
 49 Long-winded
 50 Limited
 51 Gold, in Gijon
 52 Edinburgh inhabitant
 53 Patterned wool blankets
 55 Long deli sandwich
 56 "Barnaby Jones" star
 57 Major protest
 62 Kind of internal-combustion engine
 65 Mollycoddle
 66 Battery liquid
 68 Thing relied on for support
 69 Like a day in June, per a Lowell poem
 70 Roofing problem in cold weather
 71 In favor of the idea
 72 Activist Nader
 73 Long deli sandwich
 75 Garbage boat
 76 "Nothin' doin' "
 77 — Hari (spy)

79 Stare stupidly
 80 Unravels
 81 Envoy's skill
 83 See 67-Across
 88 Woe
 89 One who may study bonds
 90 CIA spy Ames
 92 Accustomed
 93 Test runs
 94 Triads, e.g.
 95 Western U.S. gas brand
 96 Things raked in autumn
 100 Neat as —
 101 Compulsion
 102 Color slightly
 103 Fail to include
 104 Inflation subj.
 106 Pitcher Hershiser
 108 Inactive
 109 Actress Patricia
 110 Edible bit of a pomegranate or litchi
 111 Estonia and Latvia, once: Abbr.
 113 Go fast, quaintly
 114 — Wee Reese

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
 ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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PUZZLE ANSWERS PAGE 7

Mountaineer Horseshoe League 2024 Season begins

On May 28, the Mountaineer Horseshoe League began their 2024 season with 21 pitchers. Due to health issues, we have one pitcher who had to quit, giving us 20 pitchers.

The league welcomed back Doug Withrow who hadn't pitched in the league for a few years due to work issues. Also, the league welcomed two new members, Mindy and Dave Fuchs.

Standing for the first half are as follows:

Solomon Simmons - won 7, lost 3, 72.9-point average, 36.8 ringer percentage

Jery Davis - won 7, lost 3, 78.7-point average, 27.8 ringer percentage

Fred Doss - won 7, lost 3, 64.4-point average, 23.6 ringer percentage

Gene Goins - won 7, lost 3, 60.9-point average, 28 ringer percentage

Doug Withrow - won 7, lost 3, 60.2-point average, 23.6 ringer percentage

Mike Moore - won 7, lost 3, 40.4-point average, 12.6 ringer percentage

Allen Withrow - won 6, lost 4, 81.3-point average, 35 ringer percentage

Johnny Mitchell - won 6, lost 4, 65.4-point average, 25.4 ringer percentage

Josh Morgan - won 6, lost 4, 59-point average, 25.4 ringer percentage

Randy Doss, Jr. - won 6, lost 4, 42.1-point average, 13 ringer percentage

David Slaven - won 6, lost 4, 32.4-point average, 8.6 ringer percentage

Frank Highlander - won 5, lost 5, 45.4-point average, 14 ringer percentage

Jimmy Nutter - won 5, lost 5, 38.1-point average, 11.8 ringer percentage

Randy Doss, Sr. - won 4, lost 6, 51.3-point average, 18.6 ringer percentage

Charlie Brown - won 4, lost 6, 43.5-point average, 9.6 ringer percentage

Freddie Hodges - won 4, lost 6, 32-point average, 8.2 ringer percentage

Mindy Fuchs - won 4, lost 6, 23.9-point average, 4.2 ringer percentage

Mark Morgan - won 3, lost 7, 52.7-point average, 15.2 ringer percentage

Bernie Holiday - won 3, lost 7, 42.6-point average, 9.8 ringer percentage

David Fuchs - won 2, lost 8, 16.1-point average, 2.4 ringer percentage

More than 260 WVSOM students volunteer throughout Greenbrier County



Students at the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine (WVSOM) started the new academic year by learning the importance of giving back to their community.

During the school's annual Day of Service on July 27, more than 260 first- and second-year students performed volunteer work at 16 locations in Lewisburg and other parts of Greenbrier County. Students cleaned stables and leveled gravel at the grounds of the State Fair of West Virginia, organized books for an upcoming book fair at Greenbrier County Public Library, built planter boxes the West Virginia State Police will use to create a community garden, and assisted with parade direction, prize tables and games at the Williamsburg Community Fair, among other activities.

Jayden Dailey, a student in WVSOM's Class of 2027 who helped organize the event as the school's Student Government Association Translating Osteopathic Understanding into Community Health (T.O.U.C.H.) coordinator, said the Day of Service not only provides

future osteopathic physicians with valuable insights into West Virginia's patient population, but allows students to give back to the communities that support the school.

"This deeply inspiring event unites the student body and the local community," Dailey said. "Volunteering creates a ripple effect, enhancing lives, fostering connections and contributing to the greater good in ways that extend beyond the task at hand. This year, each student's contribution made a meaningful difference, embodying WVSOM's mission."

Through the T.O.U.C.H. program, students at osteopathic medical schools engage in community service for the purpose of expanding the osteopathic ideals and principles to those unaware of its professional values. Participants are recognized for reaching different levels of volunteer hours in a given academic year.

At the Greenbrier Humane Society, students cleaned animal cages and walked and bathed dogs. They installed signage along the Greenbrier River Trail and tended to a commu-

nity garden at Montwell Commons. Volunteers also worked at several Greenbrier County churches, where they cleaned, painted structures and performed yard work.

Dawn Roberts, Ed.D., WVSOM's associate dean for multicultural and student affairs, said she was pleased to see so many students contributing to nonprofits and other organizations that needed assistance with physical labor.

"I'm proud of our students for their outstanding participation. They demonstrated remarkable dedication and compassion by volunteering their time and skills. The enthusiasm shown by everyone involved has made a lasting positive impact on our community," Roberts said.

Organizations that received assistance through the Day of Service were: Greenbrier Christian Retreat, in Crawley; Children's Home Soci-

ety of West Virginia and the State Fair of West Virginia, in Fairlea; the Child and Youth Advocacy Center, Davis Stuart, Greenbrier County Public Library, Greenbrier Humane Society, Lewisburg Baptist Church, Lewisburg United Methodist Church, Montwell Commons and the West Virginia State Police, in Lewisburg; Clifton Presbyterian Church, in Maxwelton; the Greenbrier River Watershed, in Renick; Trinity United Methodist Church, in Ronceverte; Emmanuel United Methodist Church, in White Sulphur Springs; and Williamsburg Community Fair, in Williamsburg.



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STEPPIN' OUT

Ivy Terrace Concert Series presents Browns Creek Night Crawlers

Carnegie Hall's Ivy Terrace Concert Series picks back up on Thursday, Aug. 8, at 6:30 p.m. with Browns Creek Night Crawlers. Sponsored by City National Bank, the concert takes place outside on Carnegie Hall's Ivy Terrace as attendees watch from the expansive lawn in front of New River Community and Technical College. Concertgoers are encouraged to bring a lawn chair or blanket and pack a picnic to enjoy live music. All Ivy Terrace concerts are free, open to the public, and alcohol free.

The Browns Creek Night Crawlers are an old-time Appalachian string trio of multi-instrumentalists Mike Burns, Mary Sue Burns, and Jay Lockman. They live in Pocahontas County, West Virginia and have been playing music together for more than 20 years.

Since 2007, they have played and recorded with the band, Juanita Fire-



Browns Creek Night Crawlers

ball & the Continental Drifters, and Opera House, Shepherd University Appalachian Heritage Festival, The Ivy

Terrace, The Vandalia Gathering, and numerous square dances, fairs, festivals, and other events in Pocahontas and surrounding counties.

Members of the trio have played for square dances and dance contests throughout the region, including the Appalachian String Band Festival at Clifftop and have participated in the Dolly and the Devil recording project.

Kitchen 304 will be vending on location.

Concerts will move into the Hamilton Auditorium if the weather dictates. For more information, please visit www.carnegiehallwv.org or call 304-645-7917.

Carnegie Hall WV is a nonprofit organization supported by individual contributions, grants, and fundraising efforts such as TOOT and The Carnegie Hall Fantasy Gala. The Hall is located at 611 Church Street, Lewisburg.

Entertainment Calendar

August 2-11

Friday, August 2

Lewisburg Literary Festival, 8 a.m. to Sunday at 12 a.m.

Community Market, Edgar Ave, Ronceverte, 5-7 p.m.

LLF Workshop: Memoir with Diane Tartantini & Renee Nicholson, Lewisburg, 5 p.m.

LLF Presents: The Porch Poets, Lewisburg, 6 p.m.

Mike Jones, GVBC, Maxwelton, 7 p.m.
Patrick O'Flaherty, Patina, first Friday of every month, 4-8 p.m.

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

Saturday, August 3

Pocahontas County Farmers Market, Discovery Junction, Marlinton, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

LLF Presents: Victoria Christopher Murray, Lewisburg, 3 p.m.

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

Chaise Robertson book signing, Alderson Public Library, 10 a.m.

LLF Presents: Patrick Bringley, Lewisburg, 1 p.m.

Treasure on the Mountain, Snowshoe Resort, 2 p.m.

Matt Mullins and the Bringdowns live, GVBC, Maxwelton, 7 p.m.

Sunday, August 4

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

Flea Market, Pence Springs, 8 a.m.

Yoga with Jacque Minarik, Hawk Knob Cidery, Lewisburg, 10-11 a.m.

10th Annual Tribute to Bricktop, the Memorial Bridge, Alderson, 6-8 p.m.

Joe Simpson at Sunday Brunch, Hawk Knob Cidery, 12 p.m.

Tuesday, August 6

Farmers Market, Alderson, 3 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Farmer's Market, Mountain Table, Re-nick, 4-7 p.m.

Wednesday, August 7

White Sulphur Springs Farmer's Market, Main Street, 3 p.m. - 6 p.m.

WV Hive Coffee Talks with Ascend WV, Lewisburg, 9:30-11 a.m.

Paint & Sip: Mermaid, School house Hotel, White Sulphur Springs, 6 p.m.

Thursday, August 8

Browns Creek Night Crawlers (Appalachian String Trio), Ivy Terrace, 6:30-8 p.m.

Friday, August 9

Community Market, Edgar Ave, Ronceverte, 5-7 p.m.

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

Saturday, August 10

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

Pocahontas County Farmers Market,

Discovery Junction, Marlinton, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Cass to Spruce Trip, Cass Scenic Railway, 11 a.m.

Historic Alderson Train Depot Tours, 11 a.m.- 4p.m., May-October

Grand Opening Weekend, Country Roads Beer Co., WSS, 12 p.m. to August 11 at 10 p.m.

Mister Crabs Food Truck, GVBC, Maxwelton, 12 p.m. until sold out

Sunday, August 11

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

Flea Market, Pence Springs, 8 a.m.

10th Annual State Fair of WV Car Show, 9 a.m.

To submit information to Mountain Messenger's Entertainment Calendar, email news@mountainmessenger.com. Information should be submitted two weeks in advance.

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K-9 Kayla Retires

Greenbrier County K-9 Officer, Layla, presented by Bart Baker. Due to Layla's age she will retire from active duty and ownership will be transferred from the Greenbrier County Commission to Lieutenant Steve Hudnall. Baker stated that Hudnall has been Layla's sole handler during her service to Greenbrier County, and she's a member of the Hudnall family. Hudnall agreed to assume full responsibility for Layla's feedings, housing, and medical care for the remainder of her life at his expense.

Hudnall said that in Layla's career, she has tracked and caught an armed kidnapping suspect out of South Carolina in 2019, tracked an armed robbery suspect from GoMart in White Sulphur Springs a few years ago, and assisted in an assault and battery case in Lewisburg. These just being a few of many cases that Layla assisted on over her seven-year tenure with the Sheriff's Department, she's also assisted in numerous narcotic busts and recovered stolen

firearms during traffic stops.

"It is a bittersweet day. She deserves her retirement and I've found that being a K-9 means a few things; one - she is never clean, and two - as silly as some people may think, you always have somebody there," said Hudnall, "All the nights in the future are going to be a little different, going out without Layla right over my shoulder." He thanked the Commission for the opportunity to take her home to her forever family.

Tincher thanked Layla for her service as well as Lieutenant Hudnall for his. "She has made an impact within our community, and we thank her for her service."

The next item of business on the agenda was the resolution to commit county funds for employers' contribution to the Deputy Sheriff's retirement system associated with earning generated from contractual pay for services provided by Greenbrier County Schools for the 2024-2025 school year. Green-

brier County Sheriff Bruce Sloan has agreed to provide extraordinary police and security services to the Greenbrier County Schools. The sheriff's department will provide deputies and associated transportation to service in the aforementioned capacity to the schools. The schools included are Frankford, Smoot, Crichton, and Rupert Elementary schools. Greenbrier County Schools pay approximately \$100,000 for these services.

The Greenbrier County Sheriff's Deputies participate in the Deputy Sheriff's Retirement System administered through the WV Consolidated Public Retirement Board and as the employer of the Sheriff's Deputies, the County Commission is responsible for paying the employers matching contributions to the deputy's retirement account in the amount of 17 percent. It has been approved that \$17,000 shall come from the accounts of the Greenbrier County Commission to cover the required contributions. The resolution was approved unanimously.

Next, the commission considered an award bid opened at a special meeting held earlier in the month for demolition of structures approved by the WVDEP Dilapidated Program. Greenbrier County Building Inspector and Code Official Steven Simmons provided a comparison sheet for the two bids received.

"I recommend to the commission that we accept the lowest bidder for the DEP guidance which would be L.D. Hannah," he said. "Their contractor documents are all in order and they have all the proper insurances and licenses. Also, they will be partnering with an approved contractor for asbestos abatement."

The bid submitted was as follows; \$5 per square foot of asbestos abatement, \$48 asbestos abatement per linear foot, \$3.64 per square foot for demolition of residential and commercial structures, and \$2.75 per square foot of removal of debris and trash. Fifty properties have been approved for the program and five have been removed. Simmons stated that the funds must be used within a year, and this will assist with expediting the process. The process has also been approved by the DEP for it to be voted on by the commission where it was approved unanimously.

Consideration of approval of a resolution and grant submission for the WV

Homeland Security Grant Program for triage equipment and supplies for the Greenbrier Valley Airport Aircraft Rescue and firefighting training was also under consideration. Director of Homeland Security and 911, Don Havens, stated a mass casualty disaster drill was conducted last September as a requirement for their readiness to the FAA. As a result of that exercise, Havens said it was determined that the staff lacked the proper equipment and training to effectively triage patients, causing a lot of confusion. A grant has been submitted by Havens to Homeland Security to buy triage tarps, tags, and other labeling that allows the ARF department to be properly equipped to work with EMS agencies that would come to the airport should a disaster of this magnitude occur. He also came up with a list of items that he is confident will fulfill their needs and has secured an instructor willing to train them for free in the use of the equipment and how to properly triage patients. The total cost of supplies needed is \$968.94 and needs to be spent by the end of August. Commissioner Nicholas Dailey asked Havens if there was a plan to continue training to where he answered training is to be completed annually, and the request was approved by the Commission.

Commissioners also considered a request for payment of annual trustee fees for fiscal year 2023-2024 from the White Sulphur Springs Tax Increment Financing (TIF) fund. United Bank provided an invoice for the service years for the trustee fee in conjunction with the tax increment finance. Each bill is in the amount of \$2,500 for a total draw of \$7,500. The proper draw request process and a request for payment for this will be submitted because this is an expense that should come out of the TIF fund.

The last item on the agenda was consideration to approve the reappointment of a member of the Greenbrier County Planning Commission Board, effective July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2027. Dan Edwards, a current member of the board, requests to continue his service and be reappointed for the upcoming term. The reappointment was approved unanimously.

Before the meeting was adjourned, Tincher announced that the next County Commission meeting will occur on Thursday, Aug. 15 at 10 a.m.

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