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County Commission moves forward with Phase III of Meadow River Trail

By Chelsea Blair

The first item on the agenda for the regular Greenbrier County Commission meeting on Sept. 24 was the consideration to award a construction bid for Phase III of the Meadow River Trail Project to Lynch Construction.

Matt Ford, Project Director of the Meadow River Trail, was present during the meeting to request an award of bid. He stated that this phase of the project will open a section of the Meadow River Trail to the trailhead of Rainelle.

"We are looking forward to breaking ground on November 1," Ford said. On Aug. 27, the Commission opened sealed bids received for Phase III, with Lynch Construction being the low bidder at \$2,125,590.50. Unfortunately, though the lowest bid, it was still over budget. Thankfully, the WV Department of Environmental Protection and their Abandoned Lands Economic Revitalization Program found approximately \$500,000 in funds to add to the budget. Before approving the motion, Commission President Tammy Shifflett-Tincher thanked Ford for his effort. The motion was then approved pending legal review.

Next, Ford brought forth the consideration of approval of a letter of support for application for New River Gorge Working Group technical assistance funds for the Meadow River Recreational Corridor Master Planning project. Ford stated that people come from all over the world to visit the Meadow River Valley with little to no place to park, having to park in ditches along the road. Many workshops were held with Greenbrier West High School students to get students involved with the project planning. Ford showed appreciation to Beth Gill with Experience Greenbrier Valley, for doing a tremendous job at getting students involved and working with them on the marketing plan.

"Students definitely see the vision of the project," said Ford.

After looking at options to develop a master plan, Ford stated they received a proposal from a company that completes this type of work all over the United States, the New River Gorge Working Group. The group has funding to provide most of the costs for the plan. The group asks for a letter of support from government entities or organizations in the area to ensure they are not stepping on any toes. The County Commissioners approved a motion to provide a letter of support unanimously.

Commissioners also welcomed Melissa O'Brian with CityNet to join them in the discussion of the consideration to approve a letter of support to CityNet for the WV Broadband Equity Access and Deployment (WVBEAD) program. Melissa told the commission that WVBEAD has \$1.2 billion available from the federal government to serve addresses across the state with broadband access and then, serve those who are underserved. To be eligible for the funding, the state must provide to the government a plan to cover the last 114,000 unserved addresses across the state. A couple months ago a pre-application process was held that any interested ISP was

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Celebrating 50 years of the Greenbrier Artists



The Greenbrier Artists meet in the Kellar Art Studio at Carnegie Hall every Thursday, and are always accepting new members.

By Sarah Richardson

The Greenbrier Artists are celebrating 50 years of art in the Greenbrier Valley with a special anniversary art show this October, which will be held at the Greenbrier County CVB in downtown Lewisburg.

Founding member Jeanne Brenneman says that she started the group essentially unintentionally in 1974 when she began meeting with her friend Carol Mankins on Thursdays to practice art together in Rupert. Both Brenneman and Mankins had taken art classes before, but being transplants to the Rupert area thanks to their husband's jobs, they met regularly to practice watercolor and other art styles with the help of how-to books. They took turns going to each other's houses and before too long, artists from the Rainelle area heard about their Thursday meet-ups, and several more painters joined in.

After over 10 years of meetings and one art show, the group decided to officially call themselves the Greenbrier Artists in 1986. What started as friends meeting in living rooms has now evolved into a group of anywhere from 80 to 90 members and a dedicated space at the Kellar Art Studio at Carnegie Hall. And after 50 years, they still meet every Thursday morning.

"We are a hands-on, working art group, not a 'society,'" explains Brenneman, stating that the group is still a gathering of friends both old and new, and that their meetings are a space to gain perspective on works



This photo from 1995 shows Jeanne Brenneman (right) painting at an Artists meeting together with long-time member Sharon Johnson.

of art in progress, try new techniques, and to get feedback during their Show and Tell portion of the meeting.

The Kellar Studio becomes a hub of activity on Thursdays as members start to arrive around 9 a.m. for the open art portion of the meeting. Artists gather around several tables in the studio with their supplies, setting up shop for an hour or two of work while the coffee is flowing and Nutmeg, Brenneman's dog, makes the rounds to also say hello.

While a large chunk of members are Greenbrier County locals, some travel from nearly an hour away to attend, and others make a journey down from Pocahontas County. Brenneman says that the Greenbrier Artists title doesn't limit to members just from Greenbrier County, but anyone who is interested in participating is welcome.

"Members practice all kinds of art here," she said, "and we want to support everybody with their art journey. That can look different for everyone, but we are

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West Virginia's archery and crossbow seasons open September 28

Hunters are reminded to purchase their license and stamps and review regulations

Gov. Jim Justice reminds hunters to prepare for archery and crossbow seasons for white-tailed deer, black bear, and wild boar, which will open on Sept. 28.

Hunters are encouraged to purchase their license and stamps at WV-hunt.com before the seasons start.

"With the start of archery and crossbow seasons, West Virginia's fall beauty will be on full display, giving hunters the perfect opportunity to experience the thrill of the outdoors," Gov. Justice said. "I encourage everyone to get their licenses early and make the most of this incredibly exciting season. As a lifelong outdoorsman, I can tell you this is one of my favorite times of the year."

White-Tailed Deer

Hunters may harvest one deer with a base license and up to two additional deer with a Class RB or RRB stamp. Resident landowners hunting on their own property and Class DT license holders don't need to purchase additional stamps. In nine counties, hunters must harvest an antlerless deer before taking a second antlered deer. In archery-only counties (Logan, McDowell, Mingo and Wyoming), hunters may take up to two deer, with only one being antlered.

For more information about the deer archery and crossbow seasons, see pages 26-28 in the West Virginia Hunting Regulations Summary available to download at WVdnr.gov.

Black Bear

Hunters may take two bears annually if at least one is harvested in Boone, Fayette, Kanawha, Logan, McDowell, Mingo, Nicholas, Raleigh or Wyoming counties. The daily bag limit is one. A base license and Bear Damage Stamp (Class DS) are required for residents, while nonresidents

also need a Bear Hunting License (Class EE), Conservation/Law Enforcement Stamp (CS/LE) or Class EE-L and a National Forest Stamp (Class I) if hunting on national forest lands.

For more information about the bear archery and crossbow season, see page 40 in the West Virginia Hunting Regulations Summary available to download at WVdnr.gov.

Wild Boar

West Virginia's wild boar season is only open in Boone, Logan, Raleigh and Wyoming counties, with a season limit of one boar. A second split of the season is Feb. 7-9, 2025. To hunt in February, hunters will need a 2025 license, which will go on sale in December.

For more information about the wild boar season, see page 45 in the West Virginia Hunting Regulations Summary available to download at WVdnr.gov.

Bowhunter Survey

Bowhunters from last season are encouraged to participate in the WVDNR's annual bowhunter survey, which helps gather data for wildlife management. Survey invitations will be emailed the week of Sept. 23.

Hunters are also reminded that all big game must be tagged and electronically registered. Hunters harvesting two deer in one day do not need to check the first before taking the second.

All hunters 15 and older are required to have a valid West Virginia hunting license, unless hunting under resident landowner privileges. Hunters also must carry a valid form of identification. To purchase a hunting license and stamps or upgrade an existing license with an optional durable license card, visit WVhunt.com.

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Monroe County Commission purchases first 2024 Dodge Ram truck cruiser using jail reimbursement funds

The Monroe County Commission is proud to announce the purchase of the county's first 2024 Dodge Ram Truck Cruiser, funded entirely by jail reimbursement money. This investment in the county's fleet enhances public safety efforts and provides a robust, versatile vehicle for the county's law enforcement.

The newly acquired 2024 Dodge Ram Truck Cruiser will be an essential tool for the Monroe County Sheriff's Office, helping to improve response times, navigate difficult terrain, and enhance overall patrol capabilities across the county. The truck's rugged design and advanced technology ensure it will be an effective addition for both routine patrol and emergency situations.

Monroe County Commission President Galford expressed enthusiasm for the acquisition. "This new vehicle is a significant upgrade for our Sheriff's Office. We are always looking for ways to support our law enforcement while ensuring that taxpayer money is spent wisely. By using jail reimbursement funds, we were able to make this purchase without impacting the county's general budget."

Jail reimbursement funds are received from the state as compensation for housing inmates in the Monroe County Jail. The commission saw an opportunity to use these funds to directly enhance public safety through the purchase of the vehicle.

Sheriff Michael Miller, who leads the Monroe County Sheriff's Office, added, "The 2024 Dodge Ram will be a game-changer for our department, allowing us to operate more efficiently in rural areas and respond swiftly in critical situations. We are grateful to the Monroe County Commission for making this possible."

This is the first step in a broader initiative to modernize the county's fleet with ve-



The Monroe County Commission has purchased this 2024 Dodge Ram truck using jail reimbursement money.

hicles that are more reliable, durable, and suited for the demands of the job.

The Dodge Ram Truck Cruiser is equipped with the latest safety and performance features, ensuring that Monroe County law enforcement officers have the tools they need to serve and protect the community effectively.

WV regulators dismiss AEP rate hike proposal

By Nadia Ramlagan

A proposed rate hike by American Electric Power that would have affected customers in two dozen West Virginia counties is off the table for now.

West Virginia regulators dismissed AEP's case, citing incomplete documents and failure to disclose financial information.

Courtney MacDonald, coalition coordinator with West Virginians for Energy Freedom, said while advocates would like to cheer the case dismissal, it will likely resurface.

She said residents should stay tuned. "There were so many eyes on this case," said MacDonald. "There was a lot of outrage and frustration from West Virginians that already can't afford their electricity bills."

The proposal would have raised rates by nearly 18% - or around \$29 a month for residential customers, and hundreds of millions of dollars in revenue for AEP.

The utility argues the rate hike is needed to cover increased costs involved in procuring and supplying energy.

MacDonald contended energy companies should be working to lower costs through efficiency programs and renewable power sources, instead of placing the burden on communities.

"Fifteen to 22% for schools, 25% for churches, and 25% to 30% for small businesses," said MacDonald, "which we all know in this post-COVID world are already struggling."

MacDonald added that residents who want to be involved in the regulatory process and share their views with the Public Service Commission can sign up for alerts online, at energyfreedomwv.org.

"You will get an alert to let you know that it is time to start writing letters again, and we provide a form that makes that easy to do," said MacDonald. "Within two minutes, you can have your own personalized message sent to the PSC."

Mountain State residents saw their average electricity costs jump by 90% between 2005 and 2020, an increase higher than almost all other states, according to the group Conservation West Virginia.

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absolutely not competitive here. It should never be a competition."

With art from all mediums lining the walls of the studio, it's easy to see what a diverse collective of artists are members of the group. Oils, watercolors, pastels, acrylics, gouache, and more are used by artists in the group. Members have the opportunity to learn more about different art styles with mini-workshops that are held occasionally during meetings, or via discussions with other artists each week. With membership dues totaling \$15 for the whole year, she says it's a goal to make it affordable for all who want to be in the group. She says it's not required to attend the meetings each Thursday, and while some members attend every week, others only attend on occasion, and all are welcome.

There will be a meet and greet to kickoff the 50th anniversary October art show at the Visitor's Center on Friday, Oct. 4 from



Artist Bob Telisko works on a new piece at last week's Greenbrier Artists meeting.

4 to 5:30 p.m. The public is welcome to come out and meet some of the Greenbrier Artists members as they celebrate their anniversary. Brenneman also noted that the West Virginia Watercolors Society is holding a show that same day, starting at 5:30 p.m. and running until 7:30, in the Old Stone Room at Carnegie Hall.

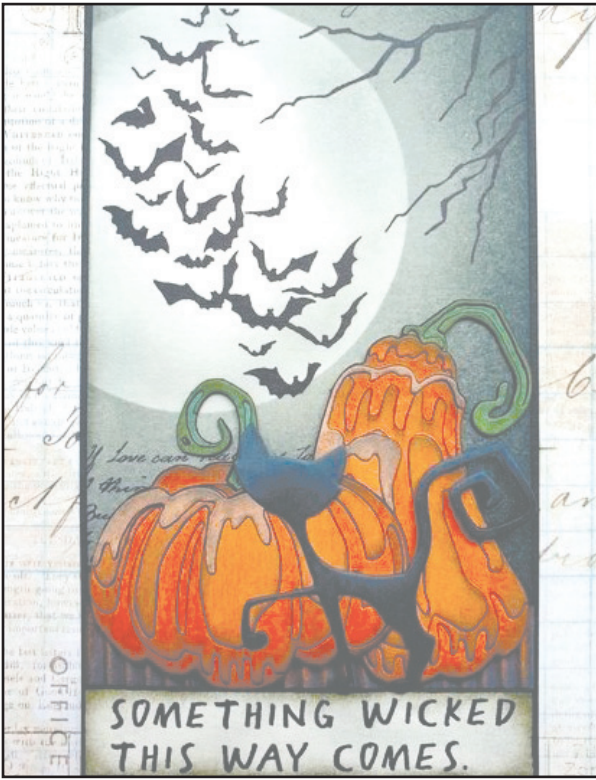
Third annual Carnegie Hall-O-Ween features spooky fun for the entire family

Running from Sept. 28 through Nov. 16, Carnegie Hall's third annual Hall-O-Ween series offers fun and exciting opportunities to get you ready for Halloween, trick or treat, and beyond.

Carnegie Hall-O-Ween kicks off Saturday, Sept. 28, from 12 noon to 3 p.m. with Ceramic Posh Pumpkins with teaching artist Amie Durrman. In this workshop students explore simple and easy clay techniques, such as adding surface texture or pattern, in hand building clay pumpkins. Registration is \$65 for members; \$90 for adult and child pair. Students must be 10 years of age or older.

This year, the All Things Pumpkin Culinary Contest will take place during Taste Of Our Towns (TOOT) on Saturday, Oct. 12 at the Greenbrier County CVB. Enter your best sweet or savory pumpkin recipe and be the second winner in the annual Carnegie Hall All Things Pumpkin Contest. Judging will occur at 2 p.m. and conclude with a live awards presentation. The best recipe winner will receive a \$200 cash prize, bragging rights for the whole year, and the Golden Pumpkin Award, a custom-made one-of-a-kind art piece created by a different Carnegie Hall Teaching Artist each year. This year's award is a beautiful stained-glass window hanging created by Glasswerks artist Lynda Weischowsky.

On Friday, Oct. 18, at 7 p.m., 2022 West Virginia Folk Artist of the Year Adam Booth pres-



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ents Ghost Stories and Spookier Things. Adam's spooky stories include traditional and original stories about ghosts (haints, haunts, and boogers), witches, inexplicable phenomena, and strange creatures from West Virginia. Adam blends traditional mountain folklore, music, and an awareness of contemporary Appalachia to create original, forward-thinking story artistry. Not for the faint of heart, these stories are truly spooky and not for young or immature listeners.

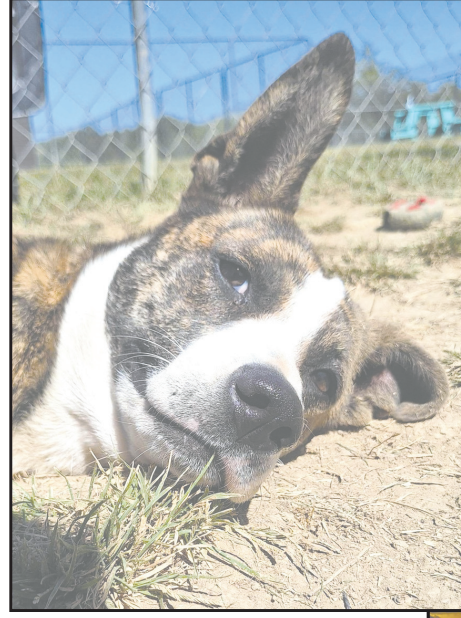
A returning favorite of Hall-O-Ween week, the Historic Candlelit Cemetery Tours are back on Friday, Oct. 25, at 7 p.m. and 8 p.m. Walking tours will explore the fascinating history of a selection of Lewisburg's well-known grave markers and interesting details of the lives - and deaths - of the interred.

Period dress encouraged! Registration is \$13.

Carnegie Hall-O-Ween will also feature additional festive events, including Autumn Cards and Tabletop displays (Thursday, Oct. 3), Ceramic Skull Planter/Candle Lantern (Saturday, Oct. 5), The Harvest Home: Fire Cider! (Saturday, Oct. 19), Halloween Animal Masks (Saturday, Oct. 19), Harvest Season Paint Date (Saturday, Oct. 26), Bread & Soup Series (Saturday, Nov. 2), and painted Barn Stars (Tuesday, Nov. 12 and Thursday, Nov. 14).

For more information on Carnegie Hall-O-Ween or for a complete list of classes and workshops and to enroll visit carnegiehallwv.org/classes-and-workshops or pick up a Classes & Workshops brochure at 611 Church Street, Lewisburg.

PICK OF THE LITTER



MABLE
Mable is a three-year-old female terrier mix and weighs 49 pounds



HORSEMAN
Horseman is a nine-year-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

Falling Into Fun at Renick

The Renick Community Center is holding a "Falling Into Fun" event on Sunday, Sept. 29, from 2 to 5 p.m. at 217 Huff Street, Renick. All area youth are invited to attend, adult supervision required. There will be a scavenger hunt, face painting, obstacle course, rock painting, tie-dye, snacks, and more.

Alderson Farmers Market

is held each Tuesday from 3 to 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 Ballancee Street, Hinton, WV, is open Saturdays 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.. Call 304-466-4443 for more information or to schedule a tour.

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.

Lewisburg Parks Commission

will meet Tuesday, Oct. 1, at 7 p.m. in the Paul R. Cooley Council Chamber. The following topics are scheduled for discussion:

- Communications from members
- Project updates
- Greenbrier West High School Fundraiser
- Consideration of changing the time of the Parks Commission meeting
- Approval of Minutes - July 2, 2024

Historic Landmarks Commission

will meet Monday, Oct. 7, at 5 p.m. in the Paul R. Cooley Council Chambers, Washington Street West, Lewisburg, to hear the following applications.

- Approval of the Minutes
- Bob Pollard, 471 Church Street - add black wrought iron railing to upper and lower steps
- Norma McNeely, 786 Court Street - install new hanging sign to existing bracket
- Montwell Commons, 970 Jefferson Street - install 4 new signs to replace Hill and Holler signs with Amy's Cake and Cones signs
- Patricia Lally, 489 Randolph Street - install new roof, (Brownwood in color)
- Virginian Land Company, 906 Washington Street W - repair crumbling chimney & add a stainless steel flew
- Comments from the public
- Comments from the Commissioners
- Comments from the Planning and Zoning Officer

The next scheduled meeting of the Lewisburg Historic Landmarks Commission will be held Monday, Nov. 4, at 5 p.m. with a deadline of Thursday, Oct. 18, at 12 noon.

Suits

New Cases from 9/18/24 to 9/25/24

New Civil Cases

Discover Bank C/O Lloyd & McDaniel, PLC v. Shawn Campbell

Discover Bank C/O Lloyd & McDaniel, PLC v. Julie Cooper

Discover Bank C/O Lloyd & McDaniel, PLC v. Julie Cooper

Discover Bank C/O Lloyd & McDaniel, PLC v. Anne M Glick

Discover Bank C/O Lloyd & McDaniel, PLC v. Araminda R McQuerry

Amanda Baldwin v. Mary Martin by Dianna J. Munn, Conservator

Yoseph Shalev MD v. Jonathan Bair

New Divorces

Rebecca Ann Bailey and Robert Wayne Bailey, Jr. Christine Diana Gongola and Gary Irwin Gwynn, II

Trisha L. Carter and Mark Wayne Carter

Brett Michael Wolfington and Caroline Elizabeth Wolfington

Eric Lewis Chin Burns and Erica Danielle Burns

Nicolas Scott Sodaro and Cierra Jean Johnson

For the Record

Deeds

William S. Arbaugh, Emory J. Arbaugh, Kim C. Arbaugh, Barry W. Arbaugh, and Laurel Arbaugh (devisee under last will and testament of Rosalie M. Arbaugh) to Joseph W. Boswell Family Irrevocable Living Trust and Tamara F. Boswell Family Irrevocable Living Trust: Will Book 80, page 346, Ronceverte District, Map 9 Parcel 19. Filed Sept. 13, 2024.

Saundra S. Rider to Clarence W. Sears Jr.: 00.276 acres, lot 4, White Sulphur District, Map 9 Parcel 463, 464. Filed Sept. 13, 2024.

Britton S. Wildsin to Carlos Perez and Myranda Robinson: lots 60-63, 77, and 1/2 of 64, Meadow Bluff District, Map 56P Parcel 4, 65. Filed Sept. 13, 2024.

John H. Montgomery to Montgomery Rentals 764 LLC: 8.17 acres more or less & 4.081 acres, Fort Spring District, Map 10 Parcel 0001 0000 6001. Filed Sept. 13, 2024.

Highland Mineral Resources LLC to Des Nedhe Resources LLC: mineral deed, coal, coal bed methane, other minerals, Meadow Bluff District, Williamsburg District, White Sulphur District. Filed Sept. 16, 2024.

Quinwood Baptist Church (by trustee) to Michael P. Chapman and Angela Chapman: 225' X 159.26', Quinwood District, Map 3 Parcel 112. Filed Sept. 16, 2024.

Michael P. Chapman to Quinwood Baptist Church (by trustee): lots 7 & 28, Quinwood District, Map 4 Parcel 92. Filed Sept. 16, 2024.

Michael Massie and Kristy Massie to Otis Queens and Brook Carpenter: 1.59 acres, Meadow Bluff District, Map 40 Parcel 71. Filed Sept. 16, 2024.

David E. Bowyer to Robert Adkins: 5.16 acres, Alderson District, Map 2, 7, 7, 7, 7 Parcel 199, 6, 1, 4, 5. Filed Sept. 16, 2024.

Kimberly B. Walker to Frederick A. Stoker Jr.: lot 6 Atkinson Place, White Sulphur District, Map 8 Parcel 0094. Filed Sept. 16, 2024.

Tabatha M. Light to Tabatha M. Light Trust Agreement (by trustee): 8.593 acres, 2 acres, 2 acres, and 155 acres, Fort Spring District, Map 5.5 Parcel 15, 15.2, 15.3, 15.4. Filed Sept. 17, 2024.

Mountain Lair LLC and Mountain Vista Farm LLC to Berkeley Miller and Sarah Miller: 17.82 acres, Lewisburg District, Map 9 Parcel 41. Filed Sept. 17, 2024.

Jeffrey L. Thompson to Derrek Thompson and Lindsey Thompson: 1.524 acres more or less, Anthony Creek District, Map 54 Parcel 39.1. Filed Sept. 17, 2024.

Alexander R. Gillespie to Christopher Rettos and Jean Rettos: 12.39 acres, Lewisburg District, Map 17 Parcel 0007. Filed Sept. 18, 2024.

Lonnie E. Burns and Judy A. Burns to Lonnie E. Burns and Judy A. Burns: N/S sec. Rt. 13, 13.979 acres, less right of way, Frankford District, Map 5 Parcel 0042. Filed Sept. 18, 2024.

Lonnie E. Burns and Judy A. Burns to Lonnie E. Burns and Judy A. Burns: 0.62 acres, less right of way, Frankford District, Map 5 Parcel 0036 0002. Filed Sept. 18, 2024.

Beatrice H. Wikle (by attorney in fact) to James Kelly and Jessica Kelly: 3/4 acre, minus accepted and reserved, property 2 - 14,381 square feet, White Sulphur District, Map 17 Parcel 0042. Filed Sept. 18, 2024.

Elizabeth A. Williams to Angela J. Williams and Amy W. Couillard: 35 acres, Williamsburg District, Map 33 Parcel 18. Filed Sept. 18, 2024.

Lynda A. Taylor (sole heir and administrator of estate of Cameron Cooper) to Danelle Lekan: 4.65 acres, Falling Spring District, Map 67 Parcel 18. Filed Sept. 18, 2024.

Greenbrier County Magistrate Court Convictions

Troy Edward Dille, Renick, hunting between half hour after sunset, fine \$20, GP

Johnny Andrew Hammonds, White Sulphur Springs, 1) leaving scene of accident, fine \$10; 2) driving without valid license, fine \$25, GP

Lawrence Lacey Pyles, Alderson, passing with oncoming traffic, fine \$25, GP

Vickie Lea McNeely, Asbury, possession of controlled substance, fine \$100, jail 90 days - suspended and placed on 1 year unsupervised probation, GP

Zachary S. Glick, Lewisburg, expired motor vehicle registration, fine \$25, GP

Vickie Lea McNeely, Asbury, possession of controlled substance, fine \$100, jail 90 days - suspended and placed on 1 year unsupervised probation, GP

Hunter G. Sargent, Princeton, speeding, fine \$10, NCP

Marc C. Runck, Pinkerington, OH, speeding, fine \$32, GP

Marvin Loper, Sinks Grove, no operators, fine \$25, GP

Joseph Blaine, Indianapolis, IN, speeding, fine \$8, GP

Tarryn J. Walker, Oak Hill, use of electronic device without hands-free equipment, fine \$10, NCP

WVDOH accepts bids for I-64 bridge project

A project to replace two interstate bridges dating from the early days of Interstate 64 is among 31 construction projects included in a bid letting conducted by the West Virginia Division of Highways on Tuesday, Sept. 10.

The eastbound and westbound bridges, at milepost 179 on I-64 in Greenbrier County, cross over two lines of railroad track owned by CSX.

"The two existing bridges at this location are part of the original segment of I-64 that was built in 1965, which for a long time ended at Sam Black Church," said Tracy Brown, P.E., WVDOH State Bridge Engineer. "The remaining section into Beckley was built in the late 1980's, fully connecting I-64 to Interstate 77 and the West Virginia Turnpike.

"These bridges are now 60 years old and have seen a lot of salt and chlorides over the years given the relatively harsh winter weather this region of the state routinely experiences," Brown said. "The new bridges will have wider shoulders, meeting all modern design requirements, and will provide an increased vertical clearance for the rail lines running underneath."

Each bridge carries about 5,600 vehicles a day. Traffic will be shifted onto the westbound bridge while the eastbound bridge is demolished and rebuilt, then traffic will shift to the eastbound span to replace the westbound bridge. Brown said the arrangement will minimize the impact on the traveling public during construction.

Joyce C. Spence and Junior Preston Family Irrevocable Trust (by trustee Joyce C. Spence) to Wayne E. Yoder: 2.75 acres, Irish Corner District, Map 5 Parcel 74.1. Filed Sept. 18, 2024.

Charles Hodgson to Ruh Roh LLC: lot 4 block 4, Rainelle District, Map 4 Parcel 20. Filed Sept. 18, 2024.

Kassidy O. Renick to Kathleen M. Stanton and Thomas Ropelewski: lot 36 or 0.05 acres, Eloise Circle, White Sulphur District, Map 6 Parcel 0035.0036. Filed Sept. 18, 2024.

Robert E. Trout to Melissa A. Trout: lots 28-29, Quinwood District, Map 2, 2 Parcel 3, 4. Filed Sept. 18, 2024.

Rocket Mortgage LLC to Secretary of Housing and Urban Development: 0.65 acres, lots 88, 89, 90, Lewisburg District, Map 18N Parcel 0041. Filed Sept. 19, 2024.

Wilson K. Dolan to Channing B. Judy and Autumn S. Judy: 1 acre, Fort Spring District, Map 15 Parcel 0029. Filed Sept. 19, 2024.

Ashley M. Burns to Channing B. Judy and Autumn S. Judy: 1 acre, Fort Spring District, Map 15 Parcel 0029. Filed Sept. 19, 2024.

Betty S. Dempsey to Joanne D. Glaser: 76 X 150, 0.26 acres, Lewisburg District, Map 20 Parcel 122. Filed Sept. 19, 2024.

Harvey E. Ball and Mathew C. Harvey to Bradlynn Properties LLC: construction lots 77-78, P/L 76, 17, 18, Lewisburg District, Map 18N Parcel 57. Filed Sept. 19, 2024.

Jamey D. Redden to Wesley G. Redden: 12.11 acres, Lewisburg District, Map 10 Parcel 7/ Filed Sept. 19, 2024.

Charles Burr Living Trust (by James C. Burr IV) to Creekside LLC: 7.53 acres, White Sulphur District, Map 6 Parcel 49. Filed Sept. 19, 2024.

Marie R. Goodwin to Michelle L. Faudree: lot 75, Crowfields Phase One, Lewisburg District, Map 21 Parcel 58. Filed Sept. 19, 2024.

Gary J. Cochran and Deborah A. Cochran to Chad W. Cochran: 2 acres, Williamsburg District, Map 33 Parcel 002. 0001,0024. Filed Sept. 20, 2024.

Velma S. Brackenrich (by executor Joe H. Hendricks) to Joe H. Hendricks Sr. and Catherine J. Hendricks: 0.592 acres, Frankford District, Map 19 Parcel 96.1. Filed Sept. 20, 2024.

Velma S. Brackenrich (by executor Joe H. Hendricks) to Joe H. Hendricks Sr. and Catherine J. Hendricks: 0.416 acres, Frankford District, Map 19 Parcel 96.1. Filed Sept. 20, 2024.

Zachary Yates to Frankford Rentals LLC: 1.333 acres, Frankford District, Map 9K Parcel 0022 0001. Filed Sept. 20, 2024.

G. Russell Rollyson Jr. (appointee of State Auditor) to 23 WVC LLC: 180 X 56 X 175, Rupert District, Map 4 Parcel 0075. Filed Sept. 20, 2024.

Robert D. Forbes and Bowen-Thompson Inc. Mountain Home Estates Subdivision Restricted Covenants: part of 1 acre or lot B, Orient Hill, Meadow Bluff District, Map 40B Parcel 0114. Filed Sept. 20, 2024.

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required to go through. Melissa stated this sort of vetted out the financing aptitude of the companies. The application portal has now opened, and full applications are due on Oct. 24. As a requirement to apply for the funding, a letter of support from a local Government entity is needed. Members of the commission approved the request for a letter of support unanimously.

Marriages

Carolyn Botello and James Calvert Lafollette
Anna Lauren Smead and Brent Joseph Windon
Vicki Ellen Dunbar and Gerald Gene Bland
Kelsey Michelle Morgan and Joseph Lee Stout
Heather Marie Stiefel and Anthony Martin
Farbacher

Pepper Michelle Messick and Charles Ray
McKinney

Stephanie Zena Brown and Ian Richard Wyatt
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Gov. Justice announces launch of 'Prepped to Serve Appalachia' through partnership with Chef Paul Smith, WV Health Right, Workforce West Virginia

Gov. Jim Justice has announced the launch of "Prepped To Serve Appalachia," an accelerated fine dining worker certification program.

The initiative is led by West Virginia Health Right in partnership with Chef Paul Smith, the state's only James Beard Award-winning chef. The program is funded through a \$250,000 grant award from Workforce West Virginia.

This initiative will prepare 40 West Virginians annually for careers in the fine dining industry. Participants will undergo a three-month program featuring one month of intensive classroom training led by Chef Paul and two months of on-the-job training at local fine dining

establishments. The training sessions will be held at West Virginia Health Right locations in Charleston, with the first session starting in October.

"This is another shining example of how West Virginia is approaching workforce development differently," Gov. Justice said. "By Partnering with a community organization like Health Right and tying them in with the brilliant Chef Paul, we're going to really support folks in helping them get new skills and new careers—the kinds of skills that will really make a huge difference. I couldn't be more excited to announce this new partnership. I thank everyone at WorkForce West Virginia for helping

get the ball rolling, because it's going to help a lot of people."

West Virginia Health Right's state-of-the-art teaching kitchens and comprehensive healthcare services will support participants in achieving employment success.

"This program is a game-changer for our community, providing both valuable skills and comprehensive support," Chef Paul Smith said, who was also named a Distinguished West Virginian earlier this year.

"We're thrilled to partner with Chef Paul to empower individuals and uplift our local economy," Dr. Angie Settle, CEO of WV Health Right, said. "By equipping partici-

pants with new skills, we are fostering sustainable employment and helping build a stronger, more resilient local economy. 'Prepped to Serve Appalachia' aligns with our mission to enhance both the health and economic stability of our community."

Participants have access to free medical, dental, behavioral health, recovery, and pharmacy services to ensure their success in the program.

"'Prepped To Serve Appalachia' addresses a critical need for skilled workers in West Virginia's fine dining sector while offering participants a pathway to employment and financial stability. Participants receive not only culinary training but also essential



Dr. Angie Settle, Chef Paul Smith, and Gov. Justice

healthcare services, ensuring they are well-prepared for their new careers," Secretary of Commerce James Bailey said.

Graduates of the pro-

gram will be prepared for high-end food prep and service positions, offering a living wage and a pathway to sustainable employment.

OBITUARIES

John Robert Hiltner



John Robert Hiltner, 69, of Lewisburg, passed away Sunday, September 15, 2024, at his home. Born June 1, 1955, in Canton, OH, he was the son of the late Virgil Foy Hiltner and Mary Stauffer Hiltner.

Survivors include his loving wife of 35 years, Barbara VanDerlin Hiltner, daughters, Amanda Sergeant (Tom) and Emily Lawrence (James), brother, Eric Virgil Hiltner (Bonnie), sister, Peggy Ann Hiltner (Michael Holz).

A Celebration of Life service will be held at 1 p.m., Sunday, September 29, at the Morgan Funeral Home Chapel, Lewisburg, WV. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service, Sunday at the funeral home. In Lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Greenbrier River Trail Foundation - P.O. Box 203, Marlinton WV 24954, which was a favorite place for John + Barb + Merlin to hike + ride their ebikes. To donate online go to <https://www.greenbrierrivertrail.com/>.

Online guestbook can be signed at www.morganfh.net. Arrangements by Morgan Funeral Home, Lewisburg, WV.

Andrew Westfall-Shrewsbury



Andrew Westfall-Shrewsbury, 32, of White Sulphur Springs passed away Monday, September 16, 2024, at Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital, following an extended illness. Born September 9, 1992, in Beckley, he was the son of Vera Westfall-Shrewsbury and the late Carry Leonard Shrewsbury. Andrew umpired baseball, football and softball and was a coach for the White Sulphur Springs Falcons.

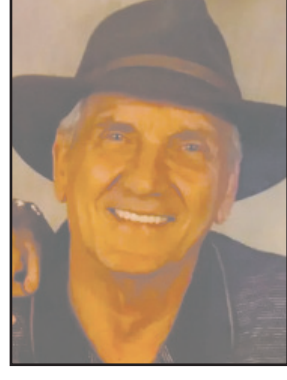
In addition to his father, he was preceded in death

by his maternal grandparents, Donald and Elaine Westfall, paternal grandparents, Mary Elizabeth and Everette Shrewsbury, uncle, Conard Shrewsbury, and a cousin, Donald Sebert.

Survivors include his mother and a brother, Daniel Shrewsbury, sisters, Alana Westfall-Shrewsbury and Melissa Justice, nephews, Donald Westfall and Eli Withrow and nieces, Taylor Withrow and Klaressa Hanway, several aunts, uncles, cousins and many friends.

Memorial service will be held at 1 p.m., Tuesday, October 8, at the Morgan Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor John Groves officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Morgan Funeral Home to help the family with final expenses. Online guestbook can be signed at www.morganfh.net. Arrangements by Morgan Funeral Home, Lewisburg, WV.

Albert H. Britt



Albert H. Britt, 81, of Ronceverte passed away Monday, Sept. 23, 2024, at his residence with his family by his side.

He was born Feb. 23, 1943, in Dickinson, WV, the son of the late Mary Margaret Skiles Britt.

Albert was a retired plumber.

Other than his parents he was preceded in death by his wife of 56 years, Margaret Riffle Britt and brothers John F. Britt Sr. and Edward A. Britt.

Albert is survived by his daughters, Kathie Britt of Beckley, Cindi Flannery and her husband Mike of Beckley and Becky Smith and her husband Tim of Ronceverte; sons Curtis Britt of Ronceverte; grandchildren, Travis (Evy) Dolan of Ronceverte, Bryan Dolan of Beckley, Shawn Dolan of Ronceverte, Sarah Smith of Ronceverte, Hannah Smith of Ohio, Kaitlin Flannery of Beckley, Brandi (Rodrique) Batio of Beckley and Michael Flannery of Beckley; great grandchildren, Victoria Dolan of KY., Jackson

Dolan of Ronceverte, Dallas and Declan Meriwether of PA., Macklin Miller of OH., Mikah and Jaelyn Batio of Beckley, Emily Flannery of Beckley and baby Haynes due in December 2024.

Funeral services for Mr. Britt will be Saturday, Sept. 28, at 1 p.m. at the Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Lewisburg with Rev. Ron Miller.

The family will receive family and friends on Saturday, Sept. 28, from 12 noon until time of services.

James Madison Moody



James "Jimmy" Madison Moody, 55, of Meadow Bridge passed on Saturday, Sept. 21, 2024, at his home. He was the son of Phillip Moody and Nadine Pugh.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Louise Harrah; and brothers, Benny Boggess and Herman Pugh

Those left to cherish his memory include a longtime companion and mother of their children, Dora Moody; daughters, Melissa (Travis) Gardner and Jamie (Michael) Harvey; son, Charlie Dunn; seven sisters, Lionel Goodnough of Syracuse, NY, Lorina Harmon of Clarksburg, PA, Nancy (Richard) Curry of Delbarton, Mary Campbell of Prince, Barbara (Donald) of Backus Mtn, Martha Moody of Peachtree, Liley (Alan) Bowels of Backus Mtn; 5 brothers, John (Patty) Pugh of Syracuse, NY, David Pugh of Backus Mtn, Gary (Jean) Moody of Backus Mtn, Phillip (Tresa) Moody of Beckley; grandchildren, Marissa Gardner, Addilyn Harvey, Addison Moody, Brayden Harvey, and Jayden Harvey; several nieces and nephews; great nieces and nephews; and special friends.

A graveside service will be held on Thursday, Sept. 26, at 2 p.m. at Harrah Cemetery on Backus Mountain.

Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting www.wallaceandwallacefh.com.

Wallace & Wallace, Inc. of Rainelle, WV, is in charge of arrangements.

Nancy Sue Hogue



Nancy Sue McDowell Hogue, 85, of Marlinton passed away Friday, Sept. 20, 2024, at Seneca Trail Healthcare Center in Fairlea. Nancy was born Feb. 12, 1939, at Second Creek to the late Charles and Virginia Adams McDowell.

Nancy was a Bank Teller and retired from United Bank.

Other than her parents, Nancy was preceded in death by her son, Charles Michael Welker.

Survivors include her son, Thomas Christopher Welker of Marlinton; granddaughter, Faynette Welker of Chelyan; great-grandchildren, Carli Pauley and Tanner Stidham both of Chelyan; brother, Charles David McDowell of Marlinton.

A graveside service will be at 2 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 27, at the Salem Presbyterian Church Cemetery at Organ Cave. There will be no visitation.

Charlotte Lousie King



Charlotte Louise King, 69, of Bellburn, passed away on Friday, Sept. 20, 2024, at her home surrounded by family and friends. She was the daughter of Caleb Charles Wood and Annie Lovada Bell.

Louise attended First Baptist Church of Quinwood, loved cooking on Thanksgiving and Christmas, reading books, cats, traveling, and sitting on her front porch.

She was preceded in death by her parents; sisters, Becky and Betty; and brothers, Charles, Gilbert, and Roger.

She is survived by her sons, Luke (Kaitlin) King, Jack King, and Mark King, and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Services will be held on Friday, Sept. 27 at 7:30 p.m. at Wallace & Wallace, Rainelle, with Chad Rodes officiating. Visitation will be from 6 until 7:30 p.m.

Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting www.wallaceandwallacefh.com. Wallace & Wallace, Inc. of Rainelle, WV is in charge of arrangements.

Delores Lee Mitchell



Delores Lee Mitchell, 83, of Leslie, WV, passed on Friday, Sept. 20, 2024, in Lewisburg. She was the daughter of Lorenzo and Blanche Henderson Williams.

She was a member of Faith Mission Apostolic Church in Leslie. Her dedication and love for her family were unmatched, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Curtis Lee Mitchell; sons Lawrence "Larry" Carter and Kevin Mitchell; sisters, Dorothy Marie Saunders and Mildred Jamison; and brother, Dennis Williams.

Those left to cherish her memory include: daughters, Annie Mitchell-Sewell and Beverly Painter; sons, Steven "Tony" (Joan) Mitchell, Vincent Mitchell, and Curtis (Lynn) Mitchell; sister Gloria McClung; brothers, Lorenzo Williams and Kenneth Williams; grandchildren, Monica Terry, Sabrina Mitchell, Steven Mitchell II, Chelsea Mitchell, Eric Mitchell, Ashley Mitchell, Curtis Mitchell II, Aaliyah Painter, and Jonathan Painter; four great-grandchildren, and a host of cousins, family, and friends.

Special thanks to her healthcare team of: Davita Dialysis, Fresenius Kidney Care, Dr. Erskine and Dr. Honiany, and Your Choice Home, Health Care, Dr. White, CAMC/Greenbrier Valley Medical Center, Amedysis. The care and compassion that you provided for Mom is truly appreciated.

Services will be held at Wallace & Wallace, Rainelle on Saturday, Sept. 28, at 1 p.m. with Pastor Phylander J. Moon officiating. Burial will follow in Wallace Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be from noon until time of service.

Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting www.wallaceandwallacefh.com. Wallace & Wallace, Inc. of Rainelle, WV, is in charge of arrangements.

Leonard James Baldwin

Leonard James Baldwin, 86, of Orbisonia, PA, formerly of Renick passed away Thursday, Sept. 19, 2024, at the Embassy of Woodland Park, Orbisonia, PA. Born Sept. 3, 1938, in Renick he was the son of the late Ted and Olive Faye Blake Baldwin.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Nell Urban and a brother, Lowell Baldwin.

Survivors include a brother, Walter Baldwin and sisters, Bernice Croston and Eva Pritt.

Funeral service will be at 11 a.m., Wednesday, Sept. 25, at the Morgan Funeral Home Chapel, Lewisburg, WV. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service, Wednesday at the funeral home. Burial will follow the service in the Ellis Chapel Cemetery.

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The Williamsburg CEOS Club

The Williamsburg Community Educational Outreach Service (CEOS) Club took a “country road” to meet together at the Williamsburg Historical Foundation Museum on Tuesday, Sept. 10.

LauraAnn Tiller led the lesson about the popular John Denver song, “Country Roads,” which has been around for 50 years and has become a staple of West Virginia culture. This lesson traced the origins of the song and how it has grown in popularity over the last 50 years. Of course everyone sang the song too! These lessons provided by the WVU Extension Service always pro-

vide lots of interesting information and share recipes, activities, opportunities etc. Those participating include Lynn Jones, Blanche Knicely, Shela McComsey, Cassandra Perkins, Burl and Patty Post, Loretta Shirley, Linda Spencer, and Denver and LauraAnn Tiller.

The club meets again at the Museum on Tuesday, Oct. 8 at noon for another interesting lesson titled “Beverly, WV: Small Town Big History.”

Members of the CEOS are people like you! So come and join us!

Department of Arts, Culture and History seeking entries for Inspired: WV Wildlife Juried Art Exhibition

The West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History (WVDACH) will begin accepting submissions for the third installation of Inspired: A West Virginia Series of Juried Exhibitions on Friday, Sept. 20. This installation of the exhibit will feature West Virginia wildlife. Submissions will be accepted through Friday, Nov. 8.

The exhibit will open Sunday, Jan. 12, 2025, at 2 p.m. with an awards ceremony and reception at the Culture Center, State Capitol Complex, in Charleston and will be displayed through mid-May 2025.

Inspired: A West Virginia Series of Juried Exhibitions is a four-part series in honor of the upcoming 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States, highlighting visual representations of West Virginia themes.

The final installation will feature West Virginia Historic Figures. Previous shows have focused on landscapes, as well as historic buildings and structures. All parts of the series will be displayed in the Commissioner’s Gallery of the Culture Center.

Artists must be current West Virginia residents and may enter up to two pieces in each of the four exhibitions. Entries should be made within the past two years and not exceed 7 feet in any dimension. Film/video works are not eligible for this exhibit.

Prospectus and entry information can be found on our website at <https://wvculture.org/agencies/museums/>.

For more information, please contact WVDACH Exhibits Coordinator Sidney Duncan at 304-558-0220 ext. 175 or Sidney.L.Duncan@wv.gov.

West Virginia State Historic Preservation Survey & Planning grants available

Applications are now being accepted for FY 2025 Historic Preservation Survey and Planning grants through the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) of the West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History (WVDACH). It is anticipated that approximately \$90,000 will be awarded from funding appropriated by the United States Congress for preservation efforts through the National Park Service Historic Preservation Fund.

Grant funds are awarded on a matching basis. Deadline for receipt of applications is 11:30 p.m. on Oct. 31, 2024. A complete program description, including funding priorities and selection criteria, and access to the GoApply on-line grant application portal, are available at

<https://wvculture.org/agencies/state-historic-preservation-office-shpo/grants/> or contact Claire Tryon at (304) 558-0240 or Claire.E.Tryon@wv.gov.

State or local government agencies, not-for-profit organizations, for-profit organizations, and educational institutions and Certified Local Governments (CLG) are eligible to apply. Eligible projects include architectural and archaeological surveys, preparation of National Register of Historic Places nominations, heritage education programs relating to preservation activities (i.e. hands-on window or masonry workshops), pre-development activities and comprehensive planning documents projects. Funded projects must be completed by June 30, 2026.

A competitive process is used to determine the recipients. An outside grant panel reviews and makes recommendations to the West Virginia Archives and History Commission. The final decision will be made by the Commission. The projects are selected based on how they best meet the established priorities and criteria stated in the grant application packets. All grant monies must be administered in accordance with federal and state requirements.

The announcement of grantees is planned for April 2025, contingent upon receipt of an allocation by the National Park Service.

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OPINION

Commentary

Amendment No. 1 ballot initiative

By Del. Todd Longanacre

This PSA is to inform the voters of a ballot initiative which will see on your ballots when you vote on November 5, 2024. “Amendment No 1” stems from a bill which passed in your Legislature during the Regular Legislative Session earlier this year. That Bill was essentially a vote to determine if the issue of Euthanasia (Medically Assisted Suicide) would appear on the 2024 General Election, or not. The Bill passed and therefore the issue will be put before you, the voters, to decide.

So, what is it that you will decide? Currently Euthanasia IS already illegal within the State of West Virginia and this ballot initiative will not change the current status. Amendment No. 1, if passed in November, will strengthen the current State Law, moreover enshrine it within, our State Constitution thereby making it far more difficult for any State Legislature to repeal the current law in the future. The intent of this initiative is to ensure that physicians are not enriching themselves by providing a pre-mature death to individuals who may not be in a healthy and sein state of mind due to their current mental or physical circumstances.

The wording you will see on your ballot will say: “Amendment No. 1: Protection of Persons Against Medically Assisted Suicide. Summary of Purpose: The purpose of this amendment is to protect West Virginians against medically assisted suicide. Instructions to Voters: To vote in favor of the Amendment submitted, make a selection next to “FOR.” To vote against the Amendment, make a selection next to “AGAINST.””So...

If you DO want to enshrine the current law (which bans medically assisted suicide in WV) into our State Constitution...check the “FOR” box.

If you DO NOT want to enshrine the current law into our State Constitution...check the “AGAINST” box.

If you have any other questions feel free to email me at: Todd.Longanacre@wvhouse.gov
May God bless you and your families.

Please remember your civic duty and go vote on November 5th.

*Delegate Todd Longanacre
Member, WV House of Delegates, District 47*

Church Bulletin

Spaghetti Dinner at St. Charles Borromeo Church

The World Famous St. Charles Borromeo Spaghetti Dinner will be served on Sunday, Oct. 6, from 4 to 6 p.m. at St. Charles Borromeo Church, 40798 Midland Trail E., White Sulphur Springs, WV 24986. Adult \$15, Children (under 12) \$5. Dinner includes spaghetti, salad, bread, dessert, and a drink. Spaghetti with meat sauce or vegetarian options available. Dine in or Take out. 50/50 Raffle. For ticket reservations call the church office at 304-536-1813. Tickets will also be sold at the door.

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Dear Recycle Lady,

Is textile waste as bad as I have heard it is? Surely unworn new pieces of clothing are not sent to a landfill.

That's Unbelievable

Dear That's Unbelievable,

This question was a real eye opener. According to environmental-action.org, the equivalent of one dump truck full of clothes is sent to the landfill or incinerator every second. By design, the fast fashion industry figures it is cheaper to "over produce clothes as fast as possible." When a textile is overproduced, it becomes overstock and is often dumped in a landfill. Not only does overproduction result in waste in the landfill, our natural resources are wasted in the production itself. According to fashionunited.uk, production of one T-shirt requires more than 700 gallons of water (the amount of water an average person drinks in 2.5 years) and the amount of carbon emissions released is the same as driving a car 10 miles.

Here are some facts about textile waste, according to <https://fashionunited.uk/news/fashion/infographic-the-extent-of-overproduction-in-the-fashion-industry/>: "Worldwide, 150 billion garments (20 items per person) are produced each year, 30% of which are never sold; the average American buys 70 apparel items per year; over 50% of fast fashion produced is disposed of in under a year; and 12.8 million tons of clothing are sent to landfills annually, producing over 1.2 billion tons of greenhouse gas emissions - more than all international flights and maritime shipping combined."

California currently has the first ever-textile-recycling bill, Responsible Textile Recovery Act of 2024, in process. In the meantime, citizens are encouraged to take unwanted clothing and household textiles to thrift stores, charities, and other possible sites that accept donations. As California Senator Josh Newman

says, "this bill is a step towards a sustainable, market-aligned, circular economy." Although clothing is the main source of textiles sent to landfills, it is not the only source according to epa.gov: furniture, carpets, footwear, sheets, and pillowcases are also wasted.

Dear Recycle Lady,

What is upcycling? Is it the same as recycling?

Something New

Dear Something New,

Upcycling is a special kind of recycling. When an item is upcycled, it is reused or recycled into a product that has a higher value than the value of the original item. Or, it is used to create something entirely new. Most recycling is downcycling or making a lower grade version of the same product. An example of Upcycling is making new shoes from recycled plastic bottles, while an example of downcycling is making lower quality plastic bottles from recycled plastic bottles. Upcycling supports a circular economy in which goods are used and reused many times instead of getting thrown out after one use. A circular economy is more sustainable as it uses what we have instead of creating new products out of new materials. It also reduces landfill wastes and minimizes carbon emissions.

Good News: Kudos to the Governor of California for signing a law banning all plastic shopping bags at grocery stores and all checkout lanes. According to Environment America Research & Policy Center, 12 states have plastic bag bans in place and hundreds of cities across 28 states have plastic bans in place.

Have questions about recycling, or interesting information about recycling? Send questions or requests to greycycle450@gmail.com. Dear Recycle Lady is sponsored jointly by the Greenbrier Recycling Center and Greenworks Recycling.

A Look Back

By William "Skip" Deegans

As railroads expanded in West Virginia at the turn of the 20th century, remote tracts of virgin timber became accessible. The development of a spur of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad that ran up the Greenbrier River from Ronceverte led to a saw mill being built by the West Virginia Spruce Lumber Company in 1902 and the establishment of Cass in Pocahontas County. Grown only at high elevations, West Virginia's Red Spruce trees were sought after for pulpwood, boat manufacturing, and musical instrument making. On March 5, 1904, the Wright Cycling Company of Dayton, Ohio wrote the West Virginia Spruce Lumber Company. Signed by Wilbur Wright, the letter described the Wright Brothers' search for the "finest possible spruce, free of knots with grains "free from twist." Wright further wrote, "We found it impossible to obtain this lumber in our local yards." A check stub at the Wright State University Library's archives reveal that the Wright Brothers purchased \$45 worth of lumber from the West Virginia Spruce Lumber Company. Red Spruce and Ash were used in the construction of the Wright Brothers' airplanes. Presumably, West Virginia played a part in



the history of aviation.

West Virginia's Red Spruce forests were an important part of the Appalachian ecosystem. Over harvested, the forests were subjected to erosion and forest fires and have all but disappeared. Other species of trees grew where the Red Spruce once did. Efforts are underway by conservation organiza-

tions, including the Nature Conservancy, to plant Red Spruce seedlings and restore West Virginia's Red Spruce forests.

Photo of the Wright Brothers' 1904 Flyer II from Wikimedia.

Sources: The Columbus Dispatch, Tumult On The Mountains by Roy B. Clarkson, Nature Conservancy.

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- Applications will be available online at www.iuoe132.org or by calling 304-273-4852.

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BUSINESS

Greenbrier County CVB announces change to Experience Greenbrier Valley

The Greenbrier County Convention & Visitors Bureau is entering a new era. The Board of Directors and staff are thrilled to announce that the organization will now operate as Experience Greenbrier Valley (EGV).

“Our new business name better defines our role as the destination marketing organization (DMO) for the Greenbrier Valley,” said Kara D. Dense, president and CEO. “While our name and letterhead have changed, our com-

mitment to positively impacting the local economy through tourism remains the same.”

The recent trend in the tourism industry is to create a better connection between the location and the DMO. “Experience” was chosen as the action verb to fit the character and tone of the established Greenbrier Valley brand. The word suggests a more immersive, deeper connection to the communities EGV represents.

About Experience Greenbrier Valley:

Experience Greenbrier Valley (EGV) is the offi-

cial destination marketing organization for Greenbrier County, West Virginia. The mission of EGV is to strive each day to positively impact the area’s economy by marketing the region as a premier tourist destination.

A vital industry to Greenbrier County, tourism employed 2,908 people, generated \$42 million in state and local taxes and yielded \$399.6 million in visitor spending in 2023. For more information or details about visiting the Greenbrier Valley, go to GreenbrierWV.com.



Kara D. Dense, president and CEO of Experience Greenbrier Valley



WVSOM receives 10th recognition as a Great College to Work For

The West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine (WVSOM) has received national recognition for the 10th time as a Great College to Work For in The Chronicle of Higher Education’s annual report on academic workplaces.

The 2024 report, which surveyed employees, recog-

nizes WVSOM in six categories: job satisfaction and support; compensation and benefits; professional development; mission and pride; faculty and staff well-being; and faculty experience.

WVSOM was also included in the publication’s Honor Roll, a distinction granted to only 42 institutions that are recognized the greatest number of times across all categories.

A total of 216 institutions participated in the 2024 Great Colleges to Work For survey, 75 of which received recognition. An institutional questionnaire that captured workplace policies and a survey seeking employee feedback at each institution, was administered by ModernThink, an organizational development consulting firm.

Richard Boyer, chief culture strategist at ModernThink, said as higher education institutions have emerged from the trauma of the past four years, there has been much action around the well-being of faculty, staff and students.

“In the face of rising levels of burnout and mental health concerns, that focus on the individual members

of our community has been critical. The 2024 Great Colleges participants have brought similar intentions to the well-being of the institution, not just its individual members. Their commitment to workplace quality and their stewardship of culture positions them well to navigate the continuing challenges higher education faces,” he said.

WVSOM President James W. Nemitz, Ph.D., said it is important to him to let employees know how much they are valued for their contributions to educating future physicians.

“I hope every person at WVSOM recognizes that the work they do is important and valuable to our students - whether it’s the faculty members who teach them or the staff members who have a more indirect role. Everyone at our school contributes to our mission, whether they realize it or not,” he said. “Being a school listed on the honor roll, and in most of the recognition categories, means we are doing something right. As president, I want to continue to foster an environment where people are excited about their work and are passionate about student success.”

Leslie Bicksler, the school’s chief human resources officer, thanked WVSOM’s 314 employees for making the school a quality workplace. She said recognition in categories such as mission and pride as well as faculty and staff well-being are a testament to the work environment that employees continue to maintain since the institution’s inception more than 50 years ago.

“A great workplace is no accident; it’s a choice by employees every day to strive to make positive changes under challenging circumstances that will move us forward in achieving our mission and goals,” Bicksler said. “WVSOM credits all our employees for our success and appreciates that 122 employees have been with the school for 10 years or more.”

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GREENBRIER COUNTY BUILDING COMMISSION ANNUAL STATEMENT OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024		
Balance July 1, 2023		\$ 14,743.55
Revenues: Interest		6.27
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WV Daily News - publishing		
2022-2023 annual report	-80.48	
Mountain Messenger - publishing		
2022-2023 annual report	-27.51	-107.99
Balance June 30, 2024		\$ 14,641.83
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Greenbrier County Commission will conduct a Public Hearing on Wednesday, October 23, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard in the County Commission Courtroom of the Greenbrier County Courthouse located at 912 Court Street N, Lewisburg, WV 24901.

In accordance with W.Va. Code §§ 24D-1-1 *et seq.*, the Greenbrier County Commission, as the franchising authority, shall conduct a Public Hearing to consider the request by Cebridge Acquisition, LLC and/or Altice USA, Inc. for the renewal of a franchise agreement to operate a cable system within Greenbrier County, West Virginia, which is operating under the name of Optimum.

The application and supporting materials are available for review in the County Commission office located on the second floor of the Greenbrier County Courthouse and are available on the county website: www.greenbriercounty.net.

Interested members of the public are welcome to attend the Public Hearing on October 23, 2024, or may submit written comments to: The Greenbrier County Commission, 912 Court Street N, Lewisburg, West Virginia 24901. To be considered, written comments must be received by 4:00 p.m. on October 22, 2024.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS
GREENBRIER COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION**

In accordance with chapter 8A of the West Virginia Code and the Public Participation Plan adopted by the Greenbrier County Planning Commission, notice is hereby given that the Planning Commission will conduct two public hearings regarding the adoption of a new zoning ordinance. The hearings will take place on Wednesday, October 16, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. at the Greenbrier Valley Visitor’s Center located at 905 Washington Street West, Lewisburg, WV, and on Wednesday October 23, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. in the County Commission Courtroom of the Greenbrier County Courthouse Annex located at 912 Court Street N, Lewisburg, WV.

Under consideration at the public hearings will be the repeal and replacement of the existing county zoning ordinance for areas currently subject to zoning in Greenbrier County, West Virginia. The proposed replacement ordinance does not change the zoning classification for any parcel but is intended to update definitions, land uses and performance standards and will incorporate existing ordinances for cell tower communications facilities and exotic entertainment establishments.

The study and report on zoning, including the propose ordinance and official zoning map, are available for review in the County Commission office located in the Courthouse, in local public libraries, and are also available for viewing and download on the county website: www.greenbriercounty.net.

Any member of the public may attend and be heard on the matter at either public hearing on October 16, 2024, or on October 23, 2024. Written comments will be considered if they are received prior to October 23, 2024 at:

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**WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS**

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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.

SBA Working Capital Loans available due to drought

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) announced last week that federal Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDLs) are available in West Virginia for small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, small businesses engaged in aquaculture, and most private nonprofit organizations with economic losses due to drought that began on Sept. 10.

The declaration includes the primary counties of Mingo, Raleigh, Summers, and Wyoming; and the adjacent counties of Boone, Fayette, Greenbrier, Kanawha, Lincoln, Logan, McDowell, Mercer, Monroe and Wayne in West Virginia; Martin and Pike in Kentucky and Buchanan and Giles in Virginia.

“Working capital loans from the SBA are essential to eligible small businesses when the Secretary of Agriculture declares a disaster due to farmers’ crop losses,” said Francisco Sánchez, Jr., associate administrator for the SBA’s Office of Disaster

Recovery and Resilience. “These loans help sustain rural economies when a disaster occurs.”

Under this declaration, the SBA’s Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) program is available to eligible farm-related and nonfarm-related entities that suffered financial losses as a direct result of this disaster. Apart from aquaculture enterprises,

SBA cannot provide disaster loans to agricultural producers, farmers, and ranchers. The loan amount can be up to \$2 million with interest rates of 4% for small businesses and 3.25% for private nonprofit organizations, with terms up to 30 years. Interest does not accrue, and payments are not due, until 12 months from the date of the first loan disbursement.

The SBA sets loan amounts and terms based on each applicant’s financial condition. Eligibility is based on the size of the applicant, type of activity and its financial resources. These working capital loans may be used to pay fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable, and other bills that could have been paid had the disaster not occurred. The loans are not intended to replace lost sales or profits. For information and to apply online visit SBA.gov/disaster.

Applicants may also call the SBA’s Customer Service Center at (800) 659-2955 or email disastercustomerservice@sba.gov for more information on SBA disaster assistance. For people who are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability, please dial 7-1-1 to access telecommunications relay services. Submit completed loan applications to SBA no later than May 16, 2025.

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Frankford Autumn Festival

Saturday, September 28th

Frankford Autumnfest to be held September 28

Plans for the Frankford Autumnfest are wrapping up! This beloved festival will be held on Saturday, Sept. 28, in the charming town of Frankford. The day kicks off with the annual Pancake Breakfast at the Frankford Presbyterian Church from 7 a.m. until the parade begins at 11 a.m. Be sure to try the famous buckwheat pancakes! If pancakes aren't your thing, stop by Good Roads Bakery, which will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for baked goodies.

Also starting at 7 a.m. is the return of the annual 5K Race. All participants will receive a T-shirt, and medals will be awarded to the top male and female winners in each age group, which includes: 12 and under, 13-17, 18-25, 26-30, 31-35, 36-40, and 41 and up.

The Grand Parade is a highlight of the festival, averaging 50 to 60 entrants each year, including floats, horses, bands, civic groups, antique cars, and more. Line-up and registration will run from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Categories judged include bands, EMS/Fire departments (judged separately), Royalty (only those escorted by classic car/ATV), classic cars, ATVs/off-road vehicles, walkers, tractors, floats, and equine. Judging will take place at 10 a.m. Late entries are welcome to join the parade, which begins promptly at 11 a.m. Only one entry per group, company, or organization will be eligible for judging.

The art tent will feature various activities for all ages, including spin art and body art. There will be a wealth of arts and crafts, with opportunities for young entrepreneurs to display and sell their creations, including art, crafts, jewelry, and produce. Kids can enjoy games, inflatables, and a basketball tournament, which will consist of foul shots and 3-pointers. Age groups for the tournament include first and second grades, third and fourth grades, fifth and sixth grades, seventh and eighth grades, and all others. Medals will be awarded to the top three winners in each group. Play begins at 1 p.m., so arrive early to register.

Local fifth-grade students have worked hard on Heri-



tage projects about the community, and these will be on display during the festival - don't miss them!

No festival is complete without food, and there will be plenty of options for everyone. Expect nachos, burgers, hot dogs, barbecue, walking tacos, biscuits, cinnamon rolls, and more. Breakfast biscuits will be available for early birds. Several arts and crafts vendors will also be present. The hosts of Frankford Autumnfest invite local school bands and choirs to perform if interested, or simply to join in the fun or use the event as a fundraiser.

K9 demonstrations for search and rescue, along with introductions to traditional squirrel hunting, will be on site. If you have a passion for other types of hunting and want to introduce youth to your favorite sport, please consider attending. An archery demonstration will also be held in the gym, with local schools offering archery instruction through their physical education programs. Frankford Elementary is excited to participate in this initiative. If you love fishing and are interested in teaching others about the sport, such as how to tie flies or choose the right bait, contact Kim at 304-646-2874. The festival aims to introduce local youth and adults to the outdoors and various sports they may not be familiar with.

The committee is pleased to announce the return of the Health Fair, featuring numerous vendors and providers in the cafeteria. Additionally, mobile clinics from local health centers, including Robert C. Byrd and Maxwellton Health Center, will be present. The Health Fair will run from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m.

The 3rd Annual Autumnfest Car Show will take place on the school grounds following the parade, where anyone interested can participate. The first 15 registrants will be entered into prize drawings. Registration costs \$15. For more information, contact Crystal at 304-667-8173. The event also hopes to showcase some antique tractors from the parade on the grounds afterward.

Live music will kick off at noon with Acoustic Fusion, followed by Ben Hersman and The Sons of the Mountains at 1 p.m. Mud Hole Control will perform at 2 p.m., followed by The Thomas Taylor Band wrapping up the live music at 3 p.m.

No Autumnfest would be complete without the decorated pumpkin contest! Entries are due by 1 p.m. at Shelby's Pond, with judging at 1:30 p.m. Be sure to check out these fantastic creations crafted by children, showcasing their imagination and creativity.

While at Shelby's Pond, take a moment to visit the Garden of Remembrance, a newer addition to the school grounds that features memorial markers for three students from Frankford Elementary School who were tragically lost three years ago.

The Greenbrier County Sheriff's Department will be on site again this year to fingerprint children for a national database that can be used in emergencies. Additionally, there will be an interactive reptile demonstration from Critter Cave Reptiles.

Please note that the annual Frankford Ruritan Club Dinner has been canceled this year, so if your group or organization is seeking a fundraising opportunity, contact Autumnfest as soon as possible.

All vendors should be set up and have their vehicles parked by 10:30 a.m. to alleviate traffic issues with the parade and ensure the safety of parade spectators. Vendor spots are available on a first-come, first-served basis, so bring your own canopies, chairs, etc. Pre-registration is not necessary.

The committee would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to The Hollowell Foundation, The Mary B. Nickell

Family, the WV Department of Arts, Culture and Heritage; Radio Greenbrier, Car Wash Consultants, White Sulphur Springs EMS, and SJ Neathawk Lumber for their generous support and sponsorships that make this event possible. They also remind motorists of the following safety concerns: US Route 219, from the old car wash just north of Frankford to the intersection with Anthony Creek Road, will be affected by the parade. Detours will be set up as usual, so please be cautious of pedestrians near the roadways throughout the day.

Some seating will be provided, but feel free to bring your own chair. With all these events planned, you're sure to have an enjoyable day!

(All events are subject to change without prior notice.)

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ENTERTAINMENT



Works by Robert Singleton (left), Merideth Young, and Christine Rhodes of the WV Watercolor Society.

Artwalk scheduled for Friday October 4

Carnegie Hall invites the community to the inaugural Carnegie Hall Artwalk on Friday, Oct. 4, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. ArtWalk events at Carnegie Hall are free and offer visitors the opportunity to explore a wide variety of original work by local and regional artists, all set in a world-class historical venue.

Visitors are encouraged to immerse themselves in the arts while enjoying live music, complimentary light refreshments, and a cash bar. Each exhibit rotation features creative collaborations and three separate galleries showcasing unique work in multiple mediums, ranging from contemporary portraits in oil to heirloom level craft arts.

"It's an INSIDE VIEW of My Art" by Merideth Young will hang in the Lobby Gallery. Young is a jeweler, painter, and all-around art maker. In 1995, she graduated with a BFA in Metalsmithing and Jewelry Design from Maine College of Art in Portland, Maine. She has had her jewelry and artwork at Tamarack, in Beckley, and is the proud owner of an art gallery in downtown Lewisburg called Young at Art.

The Old Stone Room will feature "Anything Goes" by the West Virginia Watercolor Society (WVWS). The WVWS was created in 1984 by a group of artists to promote and ensure the high standards of the art of watercolor painting in the state of WV, to guide and assist the student and aspiring watercolor artist in WV, and to encourage within the public the advancement and understanding of the broad scope of watercolor painting. In the years since, the 54-members continue to hold watercolor workshops, publish a newsletter, and by host both juried and non-juried exhibitions.

The Museum Gallery will feature oil painter Robert Singleton's "Cloudscapes." Singleton, a West Virginian by choice, has been painting from his remote mountain-top home in picturesque Hardy County for more than 40 years. A nationally recognized artist, Singleton moved to West Virginia in 1978 in search of privacy, time, and space. His work is represented internationally in prestigious private and public collections. In 2022, Singleton was named a Master Artist Fellow by the Tamarack

Foundation for the Arts.

The exhibits run through the end of December and are free and open to the public, Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, please visit carnegiehallwv.org, call 304-645-7917, or stop by the Hall at 611 Church Street, Lewisburg.

Family Refuge Center hosts second annual Co-Ed Benefit Tournament

Family Refuge Center is proud to announce the second annual Co-Ed Benefit Softball Tournament. The fundraiser will take place on Saturday, Sept. 28, at Dorie Miller Park and the first pitch will be at 8 a.m. This exciting event is a great way for the community to come together for a day of fun and friendly competition while supporting a vital cause.

All proceeds from the event will benefit the Family Refuge Center, helping to support our mission of providing crisis intervention, advocacy, and support services to survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking in our community. Join us for an exciting fundraiser featuring a variety of raffle items, perfect for everyone! Plus, don't miss the chance to participate in our 50/50 raffle, where half the pot goes to a lucky winner and the other half supports our cause.

"This tournament is a great way to engage the community in a meaningful way," said Karisa Coleman, Development Coordinator. "We're excited to bring everyone together for a day of softball, and we're grateful for the support that helps us continue our important work. "Whether you're a seasoned player or just looking to enjoy the day with friends, this fundraiser is the perfect opportunity to get involved." Your contributions help make a difference, so come out, have fun, and support a great cause!

If you are an individual, organization, or business who would like to make a monetary contribution, please feel free to contact Karisa Coleman at 304-645-6324 or mail checks to PO Box 249, Lewisburg, WV 24901.

Paint Night October 17 to benefit Family Refuge Center

The Family Refuge Center is hosting a Paint Night event, which is part of the broader Paint the Town Purple initiative aimed at raising awareness and fostering community spirit. This creative gathering will be held on Thursday, Oct. 17, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Saint James Episcopal Church in Lewisburg.

For a ticket price of \$35, participants will not only express themselves artistically but also enjoy light hors d'oeuvres and refreshments, making for a fun and engaging evening. Events like these not only bring people together for a cause but also highlight the importance of community involvement in social initiatives.

Jammin' at the Hunkerdown

Two musical events are upcoming at The Hunkerdown in Sinks Grove, located at 110 Fort Springs Road. On Sunday, Sept. 29 and Sunday, Oct. 20, Jammin' at the Hunkerdown will bring live "mountain music jam and Appalachian and Celtic tunes and songs" from 5 to 7 p.m. Both traditional and jam-friendly original material are welcome. Acoustic instruments only.

The menu includes clam chowder, butternut bisque, fresh crusty bread, coconut cake, pasties, coffee, and specialty drinks.

For more information contact Cheryl Mansley, cherylmansley@gmail.com, or call 304-702-0554, or visit ArtBeat of the Mountains on Facebook.

ENTERTAINMENT CALENDAR

Friday, September 27

Friday Night Community Market, Edgar Ave, Ronceverte, 5-7 p.m.
Bryan Bielanski, Hawk Knob Cidery, Lewisburg, 5 p.m.
Movie Night: The Land Before Time, Hanna Farmstead, 7:30 p.m.
Ferris Bueller's Day Off screening, the Lewis Theatre, 7 p.m.
Kit Lindsey LIVE, Country Roads Beer Co., WSS, 6 p.m.

Saturday, September 28

The Queens Ball by Encore Community Arts, 722 Main St E, WSS, 7-9 p.m., Tickets Required
Miller's Haunted Farm opening day, Lewisburg, 6:30 p.m.
250th Camp Union by Greenbrier Historical Society, Lewisburg, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday
Wings of Wonder: WV Birds of Prey Program, Cass Scenic Railroad, 2:30 p.m.
Pocahontas County Farmers Market, Discovery Junction, Marlinton, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
History Reenactments by Greenbrier Historical Society, the Barracks, Lewisburg, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
The Writers Station Open Mic, Alderson Train Depot, 6-8 p.m.
Family Day, Sunset Berry Farm, Alderson, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Frankford Autumnfest 5k Race, Frankford Elementary, 7-9 a.m.
"Sweater Weather Get Together" Fall Celebration, WSS, 12-6 p.m.
Distant Light LIVE, Country Roads Beer Co., WSS, 7 p.m.
Parking Lot Flea Market at the State Fair of WV, Every Tuesday & Saturday, 7am-1pm
The Courthouse Farmers Market, Robert C. Byrd parking lot, 8am-12pm

Sunday, September 29

Flea Market, Pence Springs, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Marketfest at Sunset Farm, Alderson, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Lecture by Alan Gutches, Carnegie Hall, 2 p.m., reception to follow at North House Museum
Jammin' at the Hunkerdown: A Mountain Music Jam, Sinks Grove, 5 p.m.

Monday, September 30

Book Exchange, Sliced N Diced, Lewisburg, 6-8 p.m.
Paint & Sip: Harvest Pumpkin, The Pines, Crawley, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, October 1

Farmers Market, Alderson, 3 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Farmer's Market, Mountain Table, 4-7 p.m.

Tuesday, October 1

Parking Lot Flea Market at the State Fair of WV, Every Tuesday & Saturday, 7am-1pm
Alderson Community Food Hub, 3 p.m.-6 p.m.

Wednesday, October 2

Mystery Trivia Night, Country Roads Beer Co., WSS, 6 p.m.
Greenbank Farmers Market, Green Bank Fire Department, 2:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Paint & Sip: Autumn Gnome, GVBC, Maxwelton, 6 p.m.

Thursday, October 3

Paint & Sip: Highland Cow, The Cadle Farm, Grassy Meadows, 6:30 p.m.
Karaoke hosted by DJ CC, Country Roads Beer Co., WSS, 6 p.m.
White Sulphur Springs Farmer's Market, Main Street, 3 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Friday, October 4

Friday Night Community Market, Ronceverte, 5 p.m.
Carnegie Hall Artwalk-Gallery Openings/Receptions, Lewisburg, 5:30 p.m.
Western Greenbrier Farmer's Market, 3:30 p.m.-6 p.m.

Saturday, October 5

Movie Night: Lemony Snicket's Series of Unfortunate Events, Hanna Farmstead, 7:30 p.m.
Pop-Up Flea Market, Williamsburg, 9 a.m. Free Set up
Rosemary's Pumpkin and Pines Opening Day, Asbury, 10 a.m.
Basic Tinctures and Salves, Primitive Goods, Ronceverte, 4:30 p.m.
Carnegie Hall-o-ween Event: Ceramic Skull Planter/Candle Lantern Class, Lewisburg, 12-3 p.m.
4ever Classic Live, GVBC, Maxwelton, 6-9 p.m.
Salt and Sound, Pomona Salt Cave & Spa, WSS, 5:15 p.m.
Farmer's Market, Discovery Junction, Marlinton, 9 a.m.- 1 p.m.
Huntersville Tradition Days, Marlinton, 4 p.m.
The Courthouse Farmers Market, Robert C. Byrd parking lot, 8am-12pm

Sunday, October 6

Flea Market, Pence Springs, 8 a.m.
Marketfest at Sunset Farm, Alderson, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Mountain Stage with Kathy Mattea, Lewisburg, 7-10 p.m.

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

ENTERTAINMENT

Carnegie Hall's Fall 2024 Classes & Workshops now available

Starting in September and continuing through December, Carnegie Hall will be offering their annual Fall series of classes and workshops for students of all ages. Designed to inspire individuals and grow community participation in the arts, these fun and unique opportunities are taught primarily in small group settings and offer a diverse and creative selection of classes for the whole family.

This season's line up will feature the return of Carnegie Hall-O-Ween, a series of autumn themed classes, workshops and presentations curated to bring students the joys of both haunts and harvest. Starting on Sept. 28, special events include Ghost Stories and Other Spooky Things, a seasonal storytelling experience with Folk Artist Adam Booth, the second annual All Things Pumpkin Culinary Contest, ceramic pumpkin and skull classes, mask making, a fun paint date project, spooky card making, cemetery tours and cooking classes.

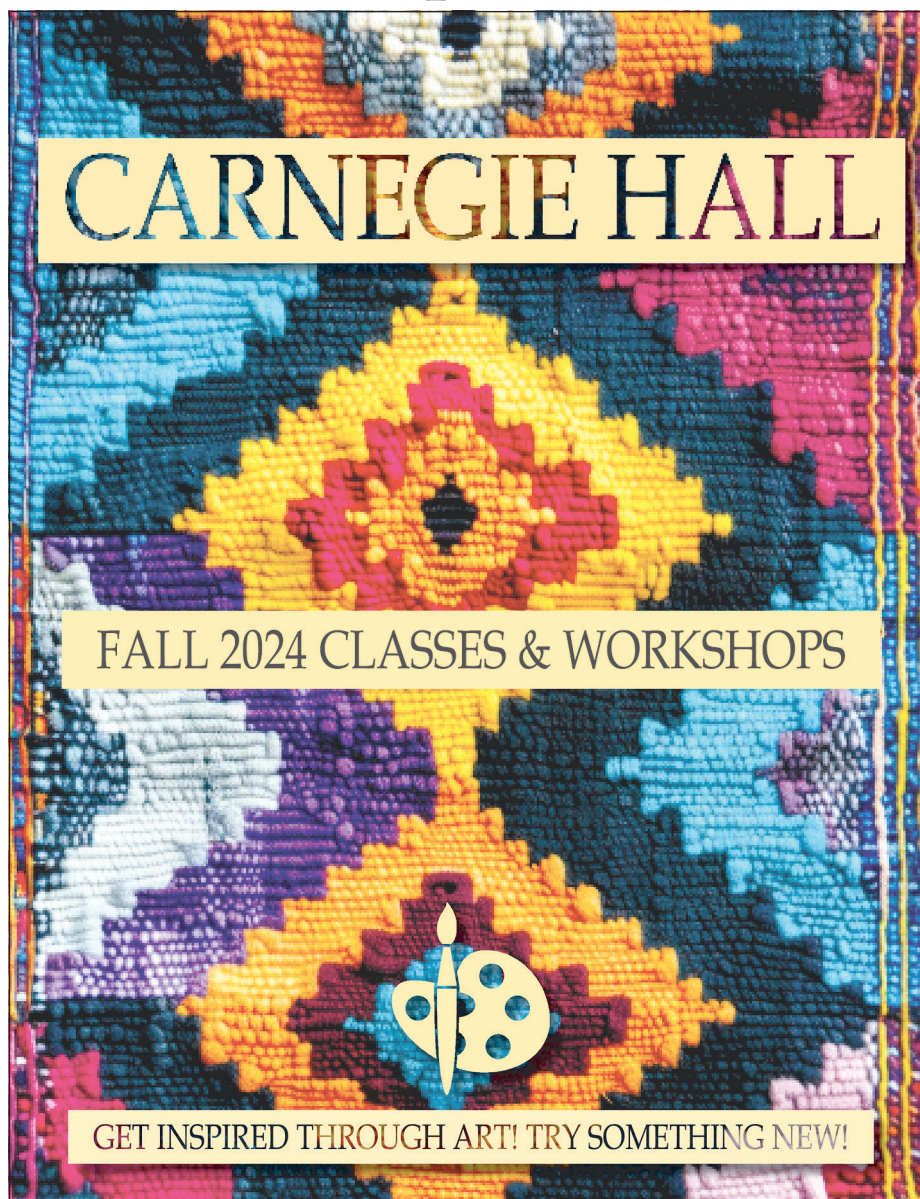
The Pottery Studio will offer a return of the three-day Raku program, which offers experienced students the opportunity to participate in a dynamic live firing process that heats clay bodies to 1800 degrees before submerging them in closed containers of combustible materials. Every piece is unique, and the excitement of unveiling the finished work is an amazing experience. Additional classes in the pottery studio include two different

hand building series with Instructor Kelsie Tyson and a new intermediate series of wheel throwing clay classes with Sean O'Connell.

The Fall series of classes and workshops will also feature exciting first-time opportunities for returning students. New classes include Sourdough Bread Making, Fused Glass Jewelry, Painted Barn Stars, Creative Writing, Improv, Night Sky Photography and Beginner Banjo and Fiddle. The American Federation of Musicians Local 674 will also host free music education classes for the community - Sound Reinforcement 102: Digital, Singing Vocal Harmony by Ear, and Charting Your Song.

Carnegie Hall employs over 40 teaching artists from the community, and this seasons instructors (not already mentioned) include Teri Hartford, Harmony Flora, Luke Davis, Sandra Schmocker, Jane DeGroot, Lynda Weischowsky, Dennis Ott, Stephen Kowalkowski, Aletta Cherry, Kathy Talley, Jan Darrah, Connie Gottshall, Jesse Thornton, Barbara Volk, Chaela and Chris Neil, Tommy Rafes, Amie Durrman, and members of the Fiber Arts Network.

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



Carnegie Hall's 2024 Fall Class & Workshops Brochure Cover

SCHOOL

New River CTC offers Hospitality, Tourism program

New River Community and Technical College is thrilled to announce the expansion of their Hospitality and Tourism program with the introduction of two new degrees: Food Service/Event Management and Outdoor Recreation Management. These programs are designed to equip students with the skills and knowledge needed to thrive in West Virginia's growing tourism industry. Each program offers three distinct academic paths: the Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.), Certificate of Applied Science (C.A.S.), and Advanced Skill Set Certificate (A.S.S.C.).

The Food Service/Event Management degree program uniquely combines Culinary Arts with Business Management, preparing students for leadership roles in the dynamic food service and event planning sectors. The Associate in Applied Science degree (A.A.S.) is tailored for those looking to work in managerial or entrepreneurial positions in resorts, restaurants, hotels, inns, or bed and breakfast establishments. Classes are set to be-

gin this fall during Rolling Start on Sept. 23.

The Outdoor Recreation Management program is designed to prepare students for exciting careers in the outdoor tourism and hospitality sector. With a focus on field-based learning and leadership development, this program equips students with the skills and certifications needed to succeed in the growing field of outdoor recreation. Classes are set to begin during Spring Rolling Start on Mar. 3, 2025.

New River Community and Technical College has been awarded \$500,000 by the West Virginia Department of Tourism to develop these technical programs, underscoring the importance of tourism to the state's economy.

Both degrees offer certificate options and are eligible for dual enrollment with Career and Technical Centers, providing flexibility and accessibility to a wider range of students.

For more information, contact Daniel Groves at dgroves@newriver.edu or 304-883-2433 or visit newriver.edu.

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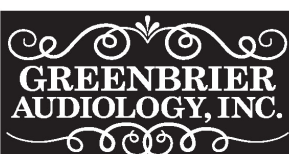
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