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Greenbrier Valley Airport awarded \$2.8M from the U.S. EDA

Greenbrier Valley Airport is pleased to announce that it has secured \$2.8 million in federal funding for significant infrastructure improvements and expansion. The U.S. Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration (EDA) has approved the airport's application under its Economic Adjustment Assistance Program. The total project amount of \$3.5 million includes a \$700,000 local investment.

This landmark project shows EDA's commitment to fulfilling their mission to lead the federal economic development agenda by promoting innovation and competitiveness and preparing American regions for growth and success in the worldwide economy.

The project includes:

- Construction of ten new T hangars, each measuring 1,135 square feet
- Building of a 550-square-foot meeting room and bathroom facilities
- Installation of approximately 1,800 linear feet of water line
- Addition of 3,500 linear feet of sewer line

"We are thrilled to receive this crucial funding from the EDA," said Martha Livesay, Airport Director of Greenbrier Valley Airport. "These improvements will not only enhance our airport's capabilities but also contribute to the economic growth of our region."

The new facilities, particularly the T-Hangars and training center, are expected to attract more aviation enthusiasts and businesses to the area, fostering job creation and economic development.

This project aligns with the airport's long-term growth vision and commitment to serving the Greenbrier Valley community. Construction is slated to begin in spring 2025, with an estimated completion date of Spring 2026. Region 4 Planning and Development Council assisted with the Airport's grant application process and was instrumental in laying the groundwork for a successful award.

TOOT comes to downtown Lewisburg this weekend

By Sarah Richardson

It's that time of year again! The highly-anticipated Taste Of Our Towns (TOOT) fundraiser for Carnegie Hall will take place this Saturday, Oct. 12, from 12 noon to 4 p.m., followed by live musical acts from 4 to 8 p.m. on Church Street. Starting this year, tokens will no longer be required. Vendors will be setting their own prices and payment options. The hours are also set for later in the day compared to previous years.



Food vendors will line up throughout downtown with the following selections:

- Kitchen 304: Assorted Sliders
- Manic Espresso: Fresh Cold Brew with Homemade Vanilla Sweet Cream, Hot Chai-der (Spicy Chai with Sweet Apple Cider), Chocolate Covered Coffee Beans
- The Dawg House: WV Chili Dogs, Pepperoni Rolls, Lobster Bites, Soda & Water
- Child & Youth Advocacy Center: Warm Apple Cider with Caramel on the Rim
- The Greenbrier Sporting Club: Shrimp & Grits, Bottled Water
- The Twist: Soft Pretzels - Regular, Cinnamon Sugar, and Sour Cream and Onion



- Davis Stuart: Culinary Cake Pops, Pumpkin Roll Slices, Pepperoni Rolls
- Blackwell's: Catering Local Meats Chili, Vegetable Chili, Cornbread, Mountain Table Coffee
- Aviagen Turkeys: Grilled Turkey Tenderloin Bites with Dipping Sauces
- Fairway Fork: Pakistani Food Sampler

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County Commission supports new fire truck lease for Rainelle VFD, grant support for God's Way Home and Seed Sowers recovery group

By Chelsea Blair

The Greenbrier County Commission meeting held on Sept. 24 included a presentation by the Convention and Visitor's Bureau (now known as Experience Greenbrier Valley), a letter of support for the Rainelle Volunteer Fire Department, discussion of support for God's Way Home and Seed Sowers, and more.

The County Commissioners welcomed Kara Dense, President and CEO of the Greenbrier County Convention and Visitors Bureau, to discuss the CVB's annual report. The CVB has been the designated marketing organization for Greenbrier County since 2001, with a mission to positively impact the area's economy by marketing the region as a premier tourism destination.

The organization is made up of 20 board members and

11 staff members with six being full-time employees and five being part-time. They have been accredited with the Better Business Bureau since 2006 and

have recently decided to begin operating under a new name, Experience Greenbrier Valley.

Each year, it is required that a presentation be made to the County Commission as well as year-end financials be sent to the state auditor's office, WV Joint Committee on Government and Finance, and the WVACBB Office. Dense stated that in 2023, WV saw a record breaking 75 million visitors bring Greenbrier County's direct spending number to \$399.4 million and \$41.73 million in local and state taxes generated, adding that if it were not for visitors, taxpayers in Greenbrier County would have to pay an addition \$2,834 per household in taxes to keep services the same as they currently are. She also shared that Lewisburg was named the Best Small Town Food Scene in USA Today's Readers Choice for 2024 for the second year and the organization recently won a reward at the Governors Conference for Best Print Media on their Visitors Guide. The commissioners expressed their gratitude to Dense and the Visitors Bureau for all their hard work and dedication to the county.

The next item on the agenda was the consideration of

approval of a letter of support for Rainelle Volunteer Fire Department for a fire truck Lease Purchase Agreement. Matt Osbourne, Fire Chief at the Rainelle VFD, was present to speak on the matter, stating that their newest engine to current date is a 2007 model, and the fleet is starting to show age. They are looking to replace the first engine out for structure fires, a 1987 model. Commissioner President Tammy Shifflett-Tincher added that the Rainelle VFD is their own entity but the finance company, being a municipal leasing company, requires a letter of support from a government entity within the coverage area of the fire department. The letter of support was approved unanimously.

Next, a letter of support was also requested by God's Way Home and Seed Sowers, both recovery support groups of Greenbrier County, for a grant application through the WV First Foundation. Andrew Bales, director of God's Way Home and Jay Phillips, director of Seed Sowers, spoke about their applications. Bales stated that their application for \$210,000 would not only

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Man injured after explosive device accidentally detonates

On Sunday, Oct. 6, at approximately 4:25 a.m., Captain J. J. Martin, of the Greenbrier County Sheriff's Office, responded to a 911 call to meet White Sulphur Springs EMS at the Shell station at the Sam Black Church exit off I-64. Initial information indicated an individual complaining of abdominal pain was being transported by a personal vehicle to the Shell station to meet the EMS unit. Subsequent information revealed the patient may have been impaled by some type of foreign object.

Upon his arrival at the Shell station, Captain Martin observed an individual being prepped for transport in the ambulance and a second person standing beside him. Captain Martin inquired as to how the patient sustained his injury and he stated he was riding a 4-wheeler and was involved in an accident. The patient added that the accident resulted in him being impaled by a stick or some other type of object. Captain Martin observed the injury and noted it was inconsistent with the explanation that was provided. The patient was then transported from the scene and ultimately to an out of the area medical facility.

After speaking with the second individual, who confirmed the 4-wheeler accident, he agreed to show the officers with the Sheriff's office where the crash occurred. The officers would learn that the two

individuals had arrived at a friend's house on James River Kanawha Turnpike the previous evening to ride 4-wheelers and assist the homeowners with gathering firewood.

Upon arrival at the alleged accident site, the officers did not observe any evidence to suggest the 4-wheeler to have been involved in an accident, nor did the area suggest a crash site.

After additional investigation and interview of the second individual, it was learned that the patient was operating some type of explosive device and it accidentally blew up. The officers were able to locate the blast site and evidence consistent with something exploding.

The Greenbrier County Sheriff's Office Crime Scene Team responded to process the scene and officers with the West Virginia State Police Explosive Ordinance Disposal Unit responded to ensure the site was safe and there was no threat to area residents. Multiple additional officers from the Sheriff's Office responded to the scene and traffic was diverted away from James River Kanawha Turnpike until the site was secure and officers were confident no additional threat remained.

The incident remains under investigation.

Captain J. J. Martin, of the Greenbrier County Sheriff's Office, is the lead investigator.

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Senator Capito announces funding for Greenbrier Medical Center improvements



U.S. Senator Shelley Moore Capito visited the Greenbrier Valley Medical Center in Ronceverte on Friday, May 19, 2023.

Earlier this month, U.S. Senator Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV), Ranking Member of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies (Labor-HHS), announced eight Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) awards from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) for education and research programs, facility construction and renovations, and healthcare treatment resources in West Virginia.

These awards, which were secured through CDS requests made by Ranking Member Capito in Fiscal Year 2024 (FY24), will be used to improve medical centers and treatment, bolster cyber security education, and expand the educational opportunities for future healthcare workers in West Virginia.

“After partnering with organizations across our state and listening to their needs, I am excited to see these awards help West Virginia institutions meet critical goals to expand medical services offered by providers in our state in both scope and quantity. I am also particularly excited to see Marshall expanding its National Center of Excellence for Cyber Security in Critical Infrastructure, which I have championed,” Ranking Member Capito said. “These CDS awards will help deliver medical and educational outcomes in West Virginia and I am proud to have secured them. As Ranking Member of the Labor-HHS Appropriations Subcommittee, I will continue to partner with local leaders to identify their most pressing needs and work to build up our medical and educational infrastructure.”

Locally, a \$7,516,000 HHS CDS award to the Charleston Area Medical Center (CAMC) Greenbrier Medical Center, Inc. in Ronceverte was made to construct a state-of-the-art facility to house an employed multispecialty physician practice of CAMC Greenbrier Valley Medical Center.

Currently, the employed physicians supporting the hospital are not located on the campus of the hospital. The current rented locations are neither modern nor accessible and were not constructed to meet the needs

of patients and providers. The new medical staff office building on the CAMC Greenbrier Valley Medical Center campus will support improved access to multi-specialty services for the hospital’s patients. It will also enhance the hospital’s ability to attract new physicians and retain the ones already recruited to the area. The enhanced ease of access will ultimately improve the health of residents in the Greenbrier Valley Region.

The project will allow CAMC Greenbrier Valley Medical Center to expand its Family Medicine, Cardiology, Urology, Pulmonology, ENT, and General Surgery departments. It will also provide room for the addition of Neurology Services and a telemedicine hub as CAMC Greenbrier Valley Medical Center becomes a full services community hospital.

County Commission

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cover the expansion but also continuation of recovery housing as well as a new van to help those in recovery attend work obligations and appointment and cover some payroll expenses and administrative costs.

Phillips stated that Seed Sowers will be submitting two applications, one in the amount of \$225,000 that would target the location that serves pregnant and parenting women and children up to the age of three. The application would also cover the expansion of the transitional recovery housing, some being used for continual support, some minor facility upgrades and re-

pairs, and any remaining funding will be used for operational support for the peer recovery staff. The second application, in the amount of \$325,000 will more recovery workforce and transportation focused as well as being used for renovations of a new facility. The commissioners approved both letters of support unanimously.

Before the meeting was adjourned, a change to the organizational chart for the 911 Communication Center in the Greenbrier County Homeland Security and Emergency Management agency was documented to eliminate two part time communicator positions and add a

full-time communicator position and the commissioners approved the separation of employment for Iris Jean Burdette from the Greenbrier County Assessor’s Office, who was hired February 9, 2017, effective October 7, 2024 and Shelly Vaughan from the Greenbrier County Prosecutor’s Office, hired Jun. 18, 2024, effective Aug. 26, 2024.

Financials discussed at the meeting included an Arts and Recreation transfer of \$15,950 for the New Skyline Production 2024-25 Bluegrass Festival on the River in Ronceverte, as well as the following budget revisions: Increasing the general account by

\$827 for Deputy Sheriff’s uniform fees; building maintenance and repairs by \$2,460 for a WV Court Check received for damages to the building; the increase of home confinement fringe benefits by \$4,277 which is a check from Gov Deals representing proceeds from the auction of surplus proper-

ty; the increase of law enforcement capital outlay equipment by \$9,975.26 which is also a check from Gov Deals; the increase of law enforcement retirement by \$2,176 and an increase of law enforcement overtime of \$12,224 per documentation from the WV School of Osteopathic Medicine overtime re-

imbursement; an increase of law enforcement FICA by \$125; and the increase of law enforcement retirement by \$535 and the increase of law enforcement overtime by \$1,980 per documentation from Cleveland Browns Football Company for overtime reimbursement.

Vote for Best of West Virginia before October 15

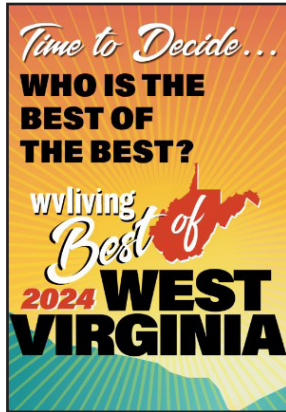
Who is the best of the best? It’s time to vote for your favorites around the state in West Virginia Living’s annual Best of West Virginia Awards competition.

Each year the magazine showcases the best places to eat, drink, and be merry, from the tippy top of the state to our most southern borders. Not only is the Best of West Virginia an important recognition for our small businesses and destinations, but it’s an incredible resource for our readers. Looking for new places to visit, best spots to shop, or an amazing barbeque sandwich? The readers’ favorites in 85 categories will be listed in the Winter issue of WV Living.

The finalists have been selected for the 2024 competition. Vote for your favorites up to once per day through Oct. 15. You can vote once per day per category. Finalists were determined by the top nomination recipients in each category during the nomination round that ran July 17-30, 2024.

This year, for the first time, one lucky voter will win a \$100 prize from us as a thank you for helping us recognize the best places our state has to offer. The more you vote, the more chances you’ll have to win!

Visit <https://wvliving.com/best-of-west-virginia-2024/#/> to vote!



PICK OF THE LITTER



HOT ROD

Hot Rod is a 20-year-old terrier mix and weighs 13 pounds. *Bonded with Karma and Munchkin*



WRATH

Wrath is a four-month-old female domestic shorthair. *She has had one eye removed*

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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- The Chocolate Lady: No Bake Cookies, Chocolate Chip Cookies, Pumpkin Swirl Brownies
- CAMC Greenbrier Valley Medical Center: Fall Harvest Bruschetta
- New River Hospitality & Tourism Program: Fresh Fruit Bruschetta, Tuscan Soup, Blackberry Tea
- Greenbrier Valley Children’s Home: Gourmet Apple Popcorn, Pumpkin Snickerdoodle Cookies, Hot Cocoa
- The French Goat: Wines by the Glass
- Resurrecting Praise Community Choir: Fried Chicken, Fried Fish
- Hawk Knob: Rootin’ Tootin’ Harvest Cider
- Better Homes and Gardens: Popcorn and water
- The Humble Tomato: Cheese Ravioli with House Marinara
- The Greenbrier: Pulled Barbecue

- Pork on Soft Roll, Greenbrier Bread Pudding, Chocolate Suckers
 - Go Duck Media: Hot Spiced Apple Cider
 - Wooton, Davis, Hussell, and Johnson PLLC: Meatball Shorties
 - Country Roads Beer Co.: Short Rib Slider with Country Roads Brew Fondue, Vegetarian Minestrone Soup, Spa City Lager, Mountaineer Bourbon Ale
 - Mill Creek Homestyle Bakery: Pulled Chicken Sliders
 - Sixpence Pizza: Pizza by Slice, Coffee, Cinnamon Rolls
 - Del Sol Cantina: Grilled Crostini with Avocado Mash, Garlic Shrimp, and Chipotle Aioli
 - MAX on Main: Adult Max n Cheese with Fresh Jalapeno, Bacon, and Hot Honey
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Briefly

Hawk Knob Harvest Festival set for October 19

On Saturday, Oct. 19, Hawk Knob Appalachian Hard Cider will host their annual Harvest Festival at the Ciderly in Lewisburg from 12 noon to 9 p.m. There will be live music by Rambling Dan from 2 to 3:30 p.m., Distant Light from 4 to 5:30 p.m., and the Bing Brothers with Jake Krack from 6 to 8 p.m. Food will be available from Whole Hog BBQ with country sides at \$18 per plate. There will also be an apple butter demonstration, apple pressing, and a kids' fishing derby in the Hawk Knob pond.

Live music at Rupert Public Library

Hidden Mountain Treasures Band will perform at the Rupert Public Library on Saturday, Oct. 19, from 4 to 7 p.m. Make plans to come join us for lots of fun and food. The line dancers will be in costume to dance the "Monster Mash."

Williamsburg Shooting Match

Come join us for the Williamsburg Shooting Match that will be held Oct. 19, beginning at 7 p.m. Match will be eight rounds, 12-gauge guns only. Full choke, .660 inch minimum. Screw in chokes must be from a recognized supplier (patented) and extend no more than 3 inches beyond original barrel. Barrel length 34" maximum. First Seven rounds @ \$2.50 per shot, eighth round 50/50 @\$7.50 per shot. Shooters must compete in the first 7 rounds in order to compete in the 8th round. 50/50 splatter match is \$1 per chance between rounds - Cash prizes will be awarded. You do not need to be a shooter to win! Come early! Come Hungry! Delicious hot food and refreshments will be available starting at 5 p.m. Families welcomed; you don't have to shoot to come get a meal! The match will be held at the Community Building, 6571 Shoe-string, Trail, Williamsburg, WV. We hope to see you all there. Sponsored by a joint effort of the Williamsburg Community Action. For more information and directions visit our website: www.williamsburgwv.com or call Bill Jarvis at 304-645-3690.

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).

Fall Festival set for November 3

ClearView Fellowship will host our annual Fall Festival on Nov. 3 from 3 to 6 p.m., in the West Virginia Building at the State Fairgrounds. We are excited to bring this FREE event to our community. Our goal is to provide a fun day for our children and their families. We will offer free haircuts to children through high school, free toboggans, gloves and socks for children, free shoes for children through high school, free food, blow-up games, crafts, face painting - fun for everyone! There will also be various community groups with information on services available. Doors open at 3 p.m.

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 a.m. to 3 p.m.. Call 304-466-4443 for more information or to schedule a tour.

Suits

New Cases from 10/2/24 to 10/9/24

New Civil Cases
Charles Wilmer v. Mary Martin

New Divorces
Karen R Wygal and Michael L Wygal
Kathryn B Walters and Johnathan W Walters
John S Preston and Nancy L Preston
Lucinda F Simms and John K Simms
David W Hall and Mary G Brooks-Hall

Greenbrier County Magistrate Court Convictions

Jason Andrew Huffman, Lewisburg, unlawful removal, injury to or destruction of property, jail 10 days, NCP
James P. Cash, Rupert, ATV on WMA, fine \$50, NCP
Jason Durward Roberts, Lewisburg, possession of a controlled substance, fine \$100, NCP
Shanita S. Tucker, Virginia Beach, VA, speeding 89 mph in a 70 mph zone, fine \$38, GP
Mark Allen Reed, Crawley, brandishing deadly weapons, fine \$50, NCP
Xavier Adkins, Hines, DUI - habitual drug user, jail 30 days - suspended and placed on 12 months unsupervised probation, Day Report Center 90 days, NCP
Erin M. Garrett, Indianapolis, IN, speeding on controlled highway, fine \$18, NCP
Joel Droge, Katy, TX, speeding, fine \$38, GP
David E. Bennett, Rainelle, 1) vehicle entering highway from private road or driveway, fine \$20; 2) no proof of insurance, fine \$200, NCP

For the Record

Deeds

Gaige Ratliff and Briana Ratliff to Victoria L. Casey: 0.06 and 0.14 acres, Lewisburg District, Map 14, Parcel 33. Filed Oct. 2, 2024.

Victoria L. Casey to Gaige Ratliff and Briana Ratliff: 30 foot row, Lewisburg District, Map 14 Parcel 30.2. Filed Oct. 2, 2024.

John P. Moul to Timothy L. Bennett and Dana L. Bennett: lots 25-26, Levelton Land, Meadow Bluff District, Map 1 Parcel 0159. Filed Oct. 2, 2024.

Gary Holliday, Randy Holliday, Tania H. Gravely, and Diana H. Dix to My Ruby Slippers LLC: parcel 1 - 0.32 acres; parcel 2 - 0.28 acres; Meadow Bluff District, Map 55B Parcel 84, 85. Filed Oct. 2, 2024.

Barbara K. Miner to Crystal Y. Hodge and Robert J. Eger: 5.5, 5.4, and 6.4 acres, Falling Spring District. Filed Oct. 2, 2024.

Julia E. Willey to Jessica N. Willey: 0.73 acres, Meadow Bluff District, Map 2 Parcel 0092. Filed Oct. 2, 2024.

William F. Mulins to Jonette L. Boyer: 64.55 acres, White Sulphur District, Map 38 Parcel 0013. Filed Oct. 2, 2024.

Hettie Spino and Samuel Spino to Amanda Fithian: 50.5 X 200 / 21 X 200, Meadow Bluff District, Map 47D, 47D Parcel 45, 46. Filed Oct. 3, 2024.

Christopher B. Foley and Annamarie L. Foley to Kristina M. Shirley: 1.00 acre, Rupert District, Map 2 Parcel 4. Filed Oct. 3, 2024.

Cynthia O. Shanklin to Joseph K. Terry Jr. and Sarah F. Terry: lot 7-8, White Sulphur District, Map 9 Parcel 218. Filed Oct. 3, 2024.

JL Services LLC to Karsen W. Jones: lot 61 Drewry Meadow Addition, 50 X 110, White Sulphur District, Map 9 Parcel 316. Filed Oct. 3, 2024.

Carol A. Crookshanks and Curtis Crookshanks to Adria L. Ward: lots 134-135, Meadow Bluff District, Map 60L Parcel 68. Filed Oct. 3, 2024.

Lottie S. Morgan to Nathan W. Morgan and Edgar M. Morgan: 5.56 acres, Irish Corner District, Map 5 Parcel 92, 93.4. Filed Oct. 3, 2024.

Said Raghep to Fried Green Tomatoes LLC: lot 78, 8th Street, Map 5 Parcel 533. Filed Oct. 3, 2024.

Andrew Must, Robert T. Must and Virginia Must to Rituko Buckley: lot 3 and rights of way, Lewisburg District, Map 22 Parcel 1. Filed Oct. 4, 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.

Greenbrier Public Service District #1

will meet Friday, Oct. 18, at 8 a.m. at the District Office, 9035 Seneca Trail South, Fairlea. On the agenda:

- Approval of Minutes - Sept. 27, 2024
- Financial Report
- Manager Report
- Field Report
- Engineering Report
- Phase B extension project:
 - Payment Resolutions
 - Other Phase B project related business brought before the Board
- Phase C extension project:
 - Payment Resolutions
 - Other Phase C project related business brought before the Board
- Meadowbrook Estates project:
 - Payment Resolutions
 - Other Meadowbrook project-related business brought before the Board
- Other business brought before the Board

Gov. Justice announces nursing expansion initiative results in record number of nursing graduates in WV

Gov. Jim Justice announced that his successful Nursing Workforce Expansion Program, established two years ago to address West Virginia's nursing shortage, has helped the state's colleges and universities produce an all-time high number of nursing graduates.

From 2022 to 2023, there was a nearly 15% increase in the number of registered nursing students graduating with associate degrees - from 590 to 676 graduates in one year alone - which represents a record number of nursing graduates in West Virginia. In comparison, the total number of nursing graduates among all degree levels in 2023 was approximately 15% higher than a decade ago.

"I am incredibly proud of the results we've achieved with the Nursing Workforce Expansion Program," Gov. Justice said. "By investing in our future nurses, we've set new records for nursing graduates in West Virginia. Nurses are the backbone of our healthcare system, and this initiative ensures we're not just filling jobs, but equipping these healthcare heroes with the best training and support possible. This is a historic step forward for our state, and it's only the beginning of what we can accomplish to strengthen our healthcare workforce."

Gov. Justice initially provided \$20 million in 2022 and added \$26 million last year to support expanded and newly created registered nursing and licensed professional nursing programs at community colleges, four-year higher education institutions, career centers, and other schools of nursing.

"We are tremendously grateful to Gov. Justice for providing this historic funding to support the expansion of nursing education programs across West Virginia," Dr. Sarah Armstrong Tucker, West Virginia's Chancellor of

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Garry W. McCallister to Joe W. McCallister and Jeffrey W. McCallister: seven tracts, Blue Sulphur District, Map 18, 24 Parcel 0047, 0031. Filed Oct. 4, 2024.

Ethel M. Oney to Ethel M. Oney: extinguishment of easement deed, Meadow Bluff District, Lots 20-23 block 8. Filed Oct. 7, 2024.

Terra Abstract Trustee (West Virginia Inc. trustee) to Cambridge Financial Services LLC: 7,602 square feet more or less, Alderson District, Map 6 Parcel 0353. Filed Oct. 7, 2024.

Valarie C. Schlosser to Jeremy P. Conner and Amy L. Conner: 0.28 acres, Lewisburg District, Map 18N Parcel 20. Filed Oct. 7, 2024.

Barbara Anderson to Cooper M. Anderson, Eric J. Anderson, and John Black: 2.29 acres and right of way, Falling Spring District, Map 47 Parcel 0027. Filed Oct. 7, 2024.
Tommy L. Rose and Betty J. Rose to Christopher Jackson: 1.621 acres, Irish Corner District, Map 11 Parcel 51. Filed Oct. 8, 2024.

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- Greenbrier Valley Aquatic Center: Chai Hot Chocolate, Caramel Apple Pinwheels, Beef Stroganoff Soup
- Smooth Ambler: Cocktails, Bottled Old Scout Bourbon

- Twisted Chef: Carnitas and Shrimp Tacos, Street Corn Cups

- Yari'd's: Shish Kebabs
- Briergarten: Smashburgers
- Wild Bean: TBA

- Across the Board Game Café: Bowser's Buffalo Dip, Chameleon Chicken Bacon Ranch Dip, Codenames Pardini, Pumpkin Cold Brew

- Swift Level Fine Meats: TBA
- The Schoolhouse Hotel: Spicy Mango Margarita, Duck Fat Popcorn, Ice Cream Deez Eat Jerk Chicken, Dirty Rice, Collard Greens

- Almost Heaven Smokehouse: Wild Game Brats, Brisket Burger Slider, Frog Legs

Live Music Schedule:

Check out "Carnegie Hall's Taste of Our Towns - TOOT" on Facebook for the newest updates:

Corner of Washington Street & Lafayette Street:
• 12 noon to 4 p.m., Dennis Ott & Patrick Calvert

Corner of Washington Street & Church Street:
• 12 noon to 2 p.m., Susanna Robinson & the Honey-Dew Drops

- 2 to 4 p.m., TBA

Greenspace:
Greenbrier Valley Theatre's Cast of The Legend of Sleepy Hollow

- Keith Thomas
- The Spartanettes
- Greenbrier River Optimistic Ukulele Players
- John Wyatt

Church Street Stage:

- 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., Grace Campbell
- 6-8 p.m., The Davisson Brothers Band

Marriages

Olivia Alexis Simms and Corey Ezekiel Trainer
James Richard McCormick and Cerena Jo Long

William Ed Stone and Lori June Cunningham
Dakota Wayne Adkins and Ashley Marie Defibaugh

Destiny Lee Brown and Jamie Lee Nickell, Jr.

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OBITUARIES

Carolyn Mae Erskine



Carolyn Mae Erskine, 78, of Ronceverte passed away Oct. 7, 2024, at the Brian Center, Low Moor, VA, following a short illness. Born Apr. 18, 1946, in Second Creek, WV, she was the daughter of the late Walter and Ruth Vance Elmore. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her soul mate, Jesse Erskine, brothers, Leroy Vance, James, Earl, Lewis, Oral, Dallas and Vernon Elmore, sisters, Betty Morrison, Bonnie Ridgeway, Mary Sue Poage, and Ruby McNeely.

Survivors include her daughter, Tammy Erskine and fiancé David Ridgeway, son, Jeff Erskine and wife Karen, grandchildren, Jessica Masina of White Sulphur Springs, Brian Kelly and wife Kristen of Clarksburg, Madison Erskine and wife Alyssa of Lewisburg, and Lindsey Kessinger and husband Kendall of Covington, VA, great-grandchildren, Nevaeh, Rajon, Malik, Haley, Kollins and Beckham, sisters, Nancy Morgan of Ronceverte, Rose Bamsch and husband Michael of Lake Havasu City, AZ, brother, Thomas Elmore and wife Ellen of Second Creek, her best friend and cousins, James and Phyllis Hoke and cousin Jamie Hoke, several nieces and nephews.

Funeral service will be at 11 a.m., Friday, Oct. 11, at the Morgan Funeral Home Chapel, Lewisburg, WV. Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 10. Burial will follow the service in the Bethel Pentecostal Holiness Church, Organ Cave, WV. Online guestbook can be signed at www.morganfh.net.

Arrangements by Morgan Funeral Home, Lewisburg, WV.

Wanda Elaine Workman Knotts



Wanda Elaine Workman Knotts, 72, of Frankford, WV, went home to be with Jesus, Wednesday, Oct. 9, 2024, at CAMC Greenbrier Valley Medical Center following a hard-fought battle with cancer. Born Nov. 5, 1951, in Frankford, she was the daughter of the late Joseph Anzel and Lula Bertha Loudermilk Workman. Wanda had retired from Kroger after 32 years as the Office Manager. She was a member of Enon Baptist Church.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by brothers, James, Ray, Gary, Bobby, and Donald Workman, her sis-

ter and best friend, Betsy Ross Workman Dolan, nephew, Michael Dale Dolan and niece, Kathy Gail Dolan McMillion.

Survivors include her loving devoted husband, John Lynn Knotts, Jr., sons, J.L. Knotts and Ryan Knotts (Nicole), grandsons, Garrett (Lacey), Jaxtyn, Hunter, great grandson, Anzel, special niece, Cheryl Coulter (Richard), friend, Kristie Coffman, several other nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews and many friends.

Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 13, at the Morgan Funeral Home Chapel, Lewisburg, with Pastor Jacob Riley and Richie Holliday officiating. Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 12, at the funeral home. Burial will follow the service in the Enon Baptist Church Cemetery with Pastor Robert Hefner officiating. In lieu of flowers, the family asks donations of sympathy be made to the James R. Holliday II Memorial Scholarship Fund, 252 Montvue Drive, Lewisburg, WV 24901.

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

Elmira Colleen Rogers



Elmira Colleen Rogers, 92, of Hico, passed away on Monday, Oct. 7, 2024, at Rainelle Healthcare Center. Colleen was born in Clifty, WV, on Oct. 19, 1931; she was the youngest and last surviving of her five brothers and sisters. She became a member of Kesler Memorial Presbyterian Church in her childhood making her one of the oldest members of the church. She was a 1949 graduate of Nuttall High school and a proud member of the National Honor Society. Shortly after marrying Robert Rogers on June 25, 1950, they moved to the farm on the end of the Dotson Ridge where they raised four children, numerous farm animals and "Four Acres of Truck Patch." She worked tirelessly growing, canning and selling vegetables and enjoying her many flowers. She was an expert quilter and loved making her many beautiful patchwork quilts. She enjoyed attending church and reading her Bible. She taught her children about Jesus and faithfully attended the little schoolhouse church up the road many times walking to and from no matter what the weather with four small children in tow.

She is preceded in death by her husband Robert; Mother, Ida Crookshanks; sisters, Lovie, Letha and Marie; brothers, Harvey and Edward.

She is survived by her four children, Raymond (Pam) Rogers of Summersville, Dianna Alexander of Mt. Lookout, Nile Rogers of Hico and Norma (Tony) Ellis of Hico; seven grandchildren, Daniel (Cassie) Ellis, Jeremy (Susan) Rogers, Stacy (Brandon) Church, Jillian (Justin)

Douglas, Aaron (Kendra) Alexander, Alicia Rogers (Chris Smith) and Lori Black, She was Grammy to fourteen great-grandchildren, Connor, Cruz and Carter Ellis, Brody and Bryson Church, Grace and Ava Douglas, Ainsley and Avery Alexander, Hart, Sonny and Artie Rogers-Smith, Jeremy (Lydia) and Chase Black. She is also survived by sister-in-law, Mary Lou Crookshanks, many loving nieces and nephews and special caregiver, Liz Koontz.

Services will be at 1 p.m., Friday, Oct. 11, at Kesler Memorial Presbyterian Church, Sunday Road, Hico, with Pastor Peter Shaffer officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Friends may gather with the family from 12 noon until the time of service at the church.

Wallace & Wallace of Ansted are in charge of arrangements.

Brenda Susan Williams



Brenda Susan Williams, 75, of Lewisburg passed away Thursday, Oct. 3, 2024, at Lewisburg Health Care Center in Ronceverte. Born Jan. 29, 1949, at Rainelle, she was a daughter of the late, Mack Williams, Jr. and Hazel Elizabeth Williams.

Brenda was a former member of Crichton Methodist Church and after moving to Rainelle, she became a member of Rainelle United Methodist Church and sang in the choir. In addition to singing, she loved to crochet.

She worked for many years as a barber in Rainelle for KC's Barber Shop and other shops in West Virginia.

In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by an infant sister, Kathy Williams and a brother, David Williams, special Uncle Ralph Williams.

She is survived by her sister, Shirley Viers and husband David of Rainelle, and cousins, Marilyn Hughes and husband Dale and Evelyn Thomas and husband Wade, and Cora Sue Reed.

As per her wishes, Brenda will be cremated, and a graveside service is being planned for a future date to be determined.

Flowers will be accepted, and donations of sympathy may be made to HospiceCare, 1265 Maplewood Avenue, Lewisburg WV 24901.

Patrick Hennessee

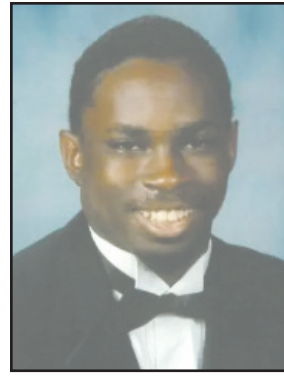
Patrick "Pat" Hennessee, 65, passed away on Saturday, Oct. 5, 2024, in Enon, Ohio. He was born on Jan. 29, 1959, to Eugene and Dreama (Skaggs) Hennessee, in Parkersburg, WV. He attended Greenon High School, Enon, Ohio and Union High School, Union, WV. Pat was a brick mason and farmer, in Wolf Creek, WV. He is preceded in death by his father, Eugene, and brother Robert Hennessee. He leaves behind his mother, Dreama, siblings, Edward Hennessee, Emily Heizer, John Hennessee, and sev-

eral nieces and friends. Adkins Funeral Home in Enon, Ohio and Lobban Funeral Home in Alderson, WV, will be assisting Pat's family with his final wishes.

A graveside service and burial will be held on Friday, Oct. 11, at 3 p.m. in Alderson Cemetery, with Rev. Sam Groves officiating.

Online condolences and memories may be shared with the Hennessee family at www.lobbanfh.com.

Quincy William Storey



Quincy William Storey, 37, of Huntington, WV, passed away on Sept. 27, 2024, at Cabell Huntington Hospital after an extended illness.

Quincy, affectionately known as Billy, was born to Damita Yvette Pepper and Walter Daniel Storey on Mar. 16, 1987, in Charleston, WV. He was the little brother to Donita Pepper of Georgia and will be sorely missed by his siblings, aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews and a bunch of friends.

He graduated from Midland Trail High School in 2005 where he excelled in sports and was a life-long member of Mt. Chapel Baptist Church.

His infectious smile never greeted a stranger. As his sister I always asked him why he spoke to EVERYONE, his response, "Why Not" and smiled. Quincy was a natural poet that could create poems without effort. His encouraging words always came from the heart. He was not a perfect man, but then again, no man is, but he was a man full of love and optimism no matter what obstacles were placed in his path.

While Quincy left us far too soon, his absence will be felt for years to come. As Quincy's big sister I was also his biggest supporter, advocate and at times a pain, but more than anything I will love and miss him terribly.

Throughout his entire journey he spread joy, made everyone laugh and showed remarkable strength. His humor and bravery will be missed. Thank you for being my little brother. May you rest safely and peacefully with Ma and Dad.

The family extends special thanks to the doctors, nurses and staff at Cabell Huntington Hospital for their hard work, unwavering dedication and support.

Home going services will be at Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home of Ansted, WV, Saturday, Oct. 12. Friends may call or visit with the family from 11:30 a.m., until time of service at 12:30 p.m. with Reverend Eric Haskins officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Chapel Baptist Church Cemetery.

Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home of Ansted is in charge of arrangements. Family requests everyone to wear masks.

William Casey Brainard



William Casey Brainard, 63, of Quinwood, WV and Alva, Florida passed away on Sept. 27, 2024, with his loving wife by his side after a long battle with cancer.

Casey was a loving and devoted husband, hard worker, amazing grandfather, and loved by all. He was proud of his service as a United States Marine. He was the type of man to look up to and one who would do anything he could for anyone.

He is preceded in death by his mother, Billye Sue Biddle; father, Robert George Brainard; (step) mom, Mary; brother, Kelley Brainard; daughter, Denise Bayless; and nephew, Duston Summey.

Casey is survived and missed greatly by his loving wife, Ruthie Brainard; sisters, Candy Sumey, and Robin Thompson; sons, Allen (Melinda) Bayless, and Paul (Kendall) Craycraft; and grandchildren, Christina (Drew Wolfe) Skunza, Jeffrey (Jenn) Wood, Cassie (David) Daubitz, Jacob Wood, Emilie (Aubrie) Brown, Justin Wood, Elizabeth (Micha) Baisden, Melina Bayless, Paul Craycraft III, Brailynn Craycraft, Carter Craycraft, and Talitha Craycraft; 11 great grandchildren; two brothers-in-law; three sisters-in-law; and many nieces and nephews, and several other family members and friends.

Casey will be remembered as the amazing man he was and will live on through us all.

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

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

Billie Joe Stover



Billie Joe Stover, 80, of Quinwood, passed away on Tuesday, Oct. 1, 2024, at his home. He was born on Oct. 7, 1943, in Quinwood, the son of the late Ira Littleton Stover and Clitie Agnes Redden Stover.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by a brother, Tracey E. Stover, sister, Patsy Adams and a niece, Leslie Adams.

Billie served in the US Air Force. He graduated from Crichton High School. He worked for the phone company and as a caregiver. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, ginseng-

ing and watching sports. He loved the Lord and the great outdoors.

Survivors include his wife, Iona Hughart Stover; son, Charles "Chuck" Stover of Quinwood; daughter, Brandie Christy (Brandon) of Crawley; son, Kenny Brewster (Teresa) of Sinking Creek, brother-in-law, Phillip "Pete" Adams of Corliss, sister-in-law's, Gay Stover of Aiken, SC and Patsy Hughart of Rainelle; many nieces and nephews; several great nieces and nephews and friends.

Celebration of Life service for the family will be held at a later date. The family wants to thank everyone for the many prayers.

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

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

William Lawrence Gilbert



William Lawrence Gilbert departed this world on Oct. 3, 2024. He was born June 21, 1946, in Mabscott, WV. He is preceded in death by his parents, Hollie and Russia Gilbert.

He served in the US Army during the Vietnam era. He was a member of the IBEW local #466 for over 50 years. He loved the outdoors. He loved fishing, hunting and spending time sitting in his gazebo. His presence will be missed by many; our daddy didn't know a stranger.

Left to carry on his name is his daughter, Juliette Gilbert; son William Gilbert and wife January; grandchildren Khalea, Gabrielle, Brooklyn and Bella. He is also survived by five sisters and special friends who became family, Aaron and Melissa Nelson.

You will live forever in our hearts because in our hearts you're still alive. We love you more.

There will be no services, as per dad's wishes.

Lawana Kay Thomas



Lawana Kay Thomas, 72, of Hominy Falls died in her sleep on Thursday, Sept. 26, 2024, at Summersville Memorial Hospital, after recent complications of a chronic illness. She was preceded in death by her husband, Sam; her father Coleman "Snookie"; her mother,

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Greenbrier Democratic Women support WSS EMS



Carol Evans, Alan Sizemore, Kayla M. McCoy and Nikki Ramsey

On Oct. 2, the Greenbrier County Democratic Women's Club presented a check for \$500 to the White Sulphur Springs EMS to assist survivors of Hurricane Helene in Asheville, NC. "We are pleased to support this local agency that is working so hard to help with the recovery effort in Western North Carolina," stated Carol F. Evans, President.

According to Cathey Sawyer, club Vice President, community engagement is a critical part of the club's mission. Accepting the donation on behalf of WSS EMS were Alan Sizemore, Kayla M. McCoy, and Nicole Ramsey. Kayla is a candidate for the House of Delegates in the 47th district.

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Lawana Kay Thomas
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Betty; and brothers Nathan Michael, Sid, and Steve.

She is survived by her four sons and their families: Shannon, his wife Natalie, and their children Tanner, Adrienne, Wyatt, and Hazel; Matthew, his wife Amber, and their children Michael, Lilly, and Layla; Adam, his wife Beth, and their daughter Alyssa; and Seth and his wife Kim. She is also survived by her brother Stan and his wife Diane; special first cousin Betty "Meechie" Bennett, and more aunts, uncles, cousins, sisters-in-law, nieces, and nephews than we have room to list.

She lived for her family, loved them fiercely, and was an absolute rock through all that life threw at her. In addition to being a constant provider, friend, confidant, and counselor, she found time to work herself through college while helping Sam raise four young sons and became a certified public accountant in Nicholas County. After she closed that business, she pursued retail management out of state until her retirement. She spent the last 12 years of her life in Hominy Falls among her family. In addition to her family, she enjoyed gardening, cooking, reading, taking drives through the backroads, going to antique stores, and being in or near the water whether it be a creek, river, lake, or ocean.

She will be missed greatly by all who had the pleasure of knowing her, and immeasurably by those who had the honor of loving and being loved by her. A memorial service will be held in the near future and details will be shared when finalized. She will be cremated, with her ashes spread in private with her sons and their families.

Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting www.wallace-andwallacefh.com

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

Mark Alan Gray



Mark Alan Gray, 55, of Rupert passed away on Thursday evening, Sept. 26, 2024. He was born on Oct. 2, 1968, in Ronceverte; he was the son of the late William Robert "Bill" Gray and Brenda Lois Willis Gray.

Mark was a true outdoorsman. He loved the woods, hunting, fishing, trapping and boating. He was an excellent role model and teacher. He coached football, wrestling, softball and baseball. He loved spending time with his family, friends and with the students. He enjoyed being a grandpa. Mark was a very optimistic person. He was someone who was always encouraging others and he had a calming influence to whatever was going on around him. He will be missed greatly.

Those left to cherish his memory are his loving and devoted wife, Raonda Crane Gray; daughters, Jennifer Burns (Derrick) of Stuarts Draft, VA, Katlyn Spade (Andrew) of Rainelle, Jaiden Gray at home; sons, Brian Gray (Jamie) of Beckley, Tristan Edenfield of Rainelle, Trevor Edenfield of Rupert and Moses Gray at home; sister, Lori White (Robert) of Rainelle; brothers, Steven Gray and Shawn Gray both of Rainelle; four grandchildren, Logan Spade, Devin Burns, Willa Burns and Venora Spade and his dog, Kota; extended family, community friends, school staff and all the kids.

Family and friends will conduct a public memorial service on Saturday, Oct. 12, beginning at 4 p.m., in the main gymnasium of Greenbrier West High School, Charmco.

Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting www.wallace-andwallacefh.com

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

OPINION

WV Democrats condemn unconstitutional and un-American resolution introduced by Del. Bill Ridenour

The West Virginia Democratic Party is outraged by the introduction of an unconstitutional and un-American resolution by Delegate Bill Ridenour and co-sponsored by Delegates Margitta Mazzocchi, Henry Dillon, Todd Longanacre, and Elias Coop-Gonzalez. The resolution, which seeks to prevent anyone but Donald Trump from being recognized as the winner of the 2024 presidential election, is a direct assault on our democracy and a blatant violation of their oaths of office.

This resolution essentially grants former President Trump immunity for any potentially illegal actions in pushing the false narrative of a stolen 2020 election. Despite more than 60 courts - including those with Trump-appointed judges - rejecting these claims due to a lack of credible evidence, Delegate Ridenour and his co-sponsors are trying to shield Trump from accountability and ensure only one possible outcome in 2024: a Trump victory, regardless of the will of the voters. Such a proposal is not only unconstitutional but also undemocratic and fundamentally un-American.

Maria Russo, Democratic Candidate for House of Delegates, strongly criticized Delegate Ridenour's sponsorship of this resolution, stating: "By introducing this resolution, Delegate Ridenour is knowingly violating his oath of office. He is promoting a dangerous, unconstitutional, and polarizing agenda designed to undermine our democracy and disenfranchise West Virginians. This is not the leadership our state deserves."

Cody Thompson, Democratic Candidate for House of Delegates, also condemned the co-sponsors of this resolution, specifically targeting Delegate Coop-Gonzalez: "Delegate Coop-Gonzalez's decision to co-sponsor such an extreme and partisan resolution is deeply troubling. Instead of focusing on the real needs of West Virginians, he is supporting efforts to erode trust in our electoral process and promote a dangerous political agenda. This kind of extremism has no place in our state government."

The West Virginia Democratic Party stands firmly against this undemocratic resolution and any attempts to subvert the electoral process by preordaining an election outcome. We call on all West Virginians to reject these un-American efforts and hold their elected officials accountable for undermining the foundation of our democracy.

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Higher Education said. "Through these thoughtful investments by the Governor and Legislature, our higher education community is more strongly positioned to shore up West Virginia's devoted nursing workforce, and we are already seeing the results."

In the first two years of the expansion program, funded projects - which are awarded and administered by West Virginia's Higher Education Policy Commission and Community and Technical College System - aimed to increase enrollment in pre-licensure nursing programs through innovative approaches focused on timely degree completion and licensure for graduates.

If funded for a third year, the program will focus on further expanding cohorts of nursing students, supporting scholarships, and creating additional grant opportunities.

Church Bulletin

Sewell Valley Baptist Church

Please join us Saturday evening, Oct. 19 at 7 p.m. at Sewell Valley Baptist Church to enjoy the gospel music of the Gold City Quartet. All are welcome to attend.

Celebrating Recovery

Please join us for our Celebrating Recovery program at Mt. Hermon United Methodist Church in Renick. If you are dealing with any type of addiction issues, we invite you to join us each Tuesday afternoon at 5:30 p.m. Childcare is available and a meal is served prior to each meeting. For more information call 304-618-9298. We are located at 27404 Seneca Trail North, Renick, WV.

Lewisburg Baptist Church

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Dear Recycle Lady,

My kids do lots of projects with colorful construction paper. Can it be recycled?

Artsy Reader

Dear Artsy Reader,

Unfortunately, your construction paper can't be recycled locally, and very few locations have the special equipment necessary to do so. Construction paper, also known as sugar paper, is used primarily for children's drawings and craft projects. It is a heavy paper made from wood pulp and was originally used to make bags for sugar, thus the name sugar paper. In the late 17th century, these sugar bags were used as packaging for macaroons made by English confectionery bakers. In the 19th century, with the advent of industrialized paper manufacturing, construction paper was advertised as a canvas to be used for holding several children's drawings. The brilliant primary colors used in producing this construction paper came from Germany. With the onset of World War I, Germany stopped exporting the dyes so synthetic dyes were then used which had a wider range of colors but tended to fade over time.

Dear Recycle Lady,

Last week you wrote about compostable dog waste bags. However, what is the value of a compostable bag when dog waste can't be composted?

Dog Lover

Dear Dog Lover,

You are correct when you say dog waste can't be composted. Dog waste can contain parasites and harmful bacteria such as E. coli and Salmonella which require much higher temperatures to kill than is reached in home composting. Thus, composting dog wastes is not recommended. According to Environmental Protection Agency, just two or three days

of waste from 100 dogs can contribute enough bacteria, nitrogen and phosphorous to close 20 miles of bay-watershed to swimming and shell fishing. Currently, the only solution is sending the bagged waste to the landfill, but problems exist even there because dog waste produces methane. Researchers are now studying options for better, more environmentally friendly ways for processing the 10.3 million tons of dog waste produced each year.

Dear Recycle Lady,

Why can't bags of recyclables be left at the Recycling Center in Ronceverte? We just moved here and where we lived before took recyclables all in one bag.

Why Sort Recyclables

Dear Why Sort Recyclables,

You must have lived in a very large city that had the expensive equipment necessary for sorting mixed recyclables, equipment the Recycling Center doesn't have. Not only do we not have that equipment, we are short staffed, so our employees don't have time to sort bags of recyclables. Five large trash bags of recyclables were left at the Recycling Center last week, and those bags of valuable recyclables are now in the landfill. As much as we wanted to sort the recyclables in all those bags, there just was not time to do so.

Good News: On Jan. 1, 2025, the state of Minnesota will implement a sweeping ban on products that contain PFAS, or per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances, also known as "forever chemicals." (fto.com)

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

A Look Back



Photo from Handbook of West Virginia.

By William "Skip" Deegans

Shown in this 1904 photo is the remarkably ornate West Virginia State Building that was built for the Louisiana Purchase Exposition (aka World's Fair) in St. Louis, Missouri.

The exhibition commemorated the Louisiana Purchase that nearly doubled the size of the United States. The 76' x 76' building was designed by Wheeling architects, Geissey & Ferris, and cost \$20,000. Among the purposes of West Virginia's exhibit was to promote its oil, coal, and timber industries.

When the exhibition opened in 1904, the press described it as "more colossal and more stupendous" than the Chicago World's Fair. There were 30 state buildings and 24 foreign buildings on 1,240 acres. Under armed guard, the Liberty Bell was transported by train to be exhibited in the Pennsylvania building. On opening day, April 20, 150,000 people

attended. At the conclusion of the exhibition, all the buildings were destroyed. Some elements of the West Virginia building were salvaged and can be seen in a private home in Oakland, Missouri. Also, some of the lumber from the buildings were used by Italian immigrants to build houses in St. Louis.

In a handbook distributed at the West Virginia State Building, Virgil Lewis, former school superintendent wrote, "Let West Virginia exhibit her people to the world and let them see what the world can teach - for the world is at St. Louis. In this gathering from all lands of every kindred and tongue in which all are so wondrously alike and yet so marvelously unlike, West Virginia does not suffer by comparison."

Sources: Handbook of West Virginia, The Daily Telegram, Sistersville Oil Review, Hinton Daily News, The Fairmont West Virginia.

ENTERTAINMENT

Family Refuge Center hosts spooky community Movie Night October 26

The Family Refuge Center is thrilled to invite the community to a special free Movie Night on Saturday, Oct. 26, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Ronceverte Lions Gym. This event is part of our ongoing efforts to unite families in a safe and fun environment.

The evening will feature a screening of the family-friendly classic, The Addams Family. Guests are encouraged to bring their blankets and chairs to enjoy the movie comfortably.

Popcorn and refreshments will be provided, and all ages are welcome to join in the Halloween fun. This is a free event, but donations to the Family Refuge Center are welcome and will support our mission to provide safe, supportive services to individuals and families in need.

"We are excited to offer a night of entertainment for the entire community," said Kensley Fitzwater, Youth Services Coordinator "It's a great opportunity for families to spend time together and enjoy a classic movie

while supporting a meaningful cause."

Join us for a night of spooky fun, laughter, and community spirit!

For more information, please contact the Family Refuge Center at 304-645-6324.



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ENTERTAINMENT CALENDAR

October 11-20

Friday, October 11

Friday Night Community Market, Edgar Ave, Ronceverte, 5-7 p.m.
 42nd Annual Art and Craft Show, WV State Fairgrounds, 9-6 p.m.
 Make it Right for Kids Night, WV State Fairgrounds, 5:30 p.m.
 Bourbon, Bites, and the Beard, Smooth Ambler, Maxwelton, 4:30 p.m.
 Beyond the Grave Rave, The Sportsman Tavern, Ronceverte, 8 p.m.
 Screening of the original Halloween movie, Lewis Theatre, Lewisburg, 7 p.m.
 Movie Night: Night at the Museum, The Hanna Farmstead, Sinks Grove, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 12

Pocahontas County Farmers Market, Discovery Junction, Marlinton, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
 The Courthouse Farmers Market, Robert C. Byrd parking lot, 8a.m.-12p.m.
 Parking Lot Flea Market at the State Fair of WV, Every Tuesday & Saturday, 7a.m.-1p.m.
 Chicken & Pickin', Old Gap Mills County Store, 10 a.m.
 Noah Car Show Memorial Event & Fundraiser, Lowes Parking Lot, Lewisburg, 2 p.m.
 Fall Festival, The Dough Ball, Gap Mills, 9 a.m.
 42nd Annual Art and Craft Show, WV

State Fairgrounds, 9-6 p.m.
 Taste of our Town (TOOT), downtown Lewisburg, 12-4 p.m.
 Davison Brothers Band, Taste of our Town After Party, Lewisburg, 4 p.m.
 Villa Joy Talent Show and Dance, Alderson, 5-8 p.m. and dance from 8:30-10 p.m.
 Scott Ryan & The Devilish Folk Live, Country Roads Beer Co., WSS, 6 p.m.
 Bacon Days, Greenbrier Goat Trail Shelter, Greenbrier River Trail, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

Sunday, October 13

Flea Market, Pence Springs, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
 Marketfest at Sunset Farm, Alderson, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Monday, October 14

Farmers Market, Alderson, 3 p.m. - 6 p.m.
 Farmer's Market, Mountain Table, 4-7 p.m.
 Paint & Sip: Spooky Van Gogh, Stuart's Smokehouse, Alderson, 6 p.m.
 12th Annual Pumpkin Contest, Jim's Drive-In, Lewisburg, 10 a.m.

Tuesday, October 15

Parking Lot Flea Market at the State Fair of WV, Every Tuesday & Saturday, 7a.m.-1p.m.
 Farmers Market, Alderson, 3 p.m. - 6 p.m.

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

Wednesday, October 16

Greenbank Farmers Market, Green Bank Fire Department, 2:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
 Paint & Sip: Harvest Moon, Sportsman Tavern, Ronceverte, 6 p.m.
 Mystery Trivia Night, Country Roads Beer Co., WSS, 6 p.m.
 Small Business Resource Roundup, Country Roads Beer Co., WSS, 4 p.m.

Thursday, October 17

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

Friday, October 18

Friday Night Community Market, Edgar Ave, Ronceverte, 5-7 p.m.
 Hunter's Night Out, 608 Monroe Ave., Ronceverte, 10 a.m.
 Seasonal Collaging with Susanna Robinson, The Hub, Lewisburg 4-7 p.m. and Saturday 1-4 p.m., ages 11 & up
 Opening Day: 7th Annual Haunted Trail, Sweet Springs Resort Park, 7-10 p.m.

Saturday, October 19

Pocahontas County Farmers Market, Discovery Junction, Marlinton, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
 The Courthouse Farmers Market, Robert C. Byrd parking lot, 8a.m.-12p.m.

Parking Lot Flea Market at the State Fair of WV, Every Tuesday & Saturday, 7 a.m.-1p.m.
 WVSOM & GVAC 5k Color Run/Walk, GVAC, Lewisburg, 9 a.m. Bring your favorite canine
 Harvest Festival, Hawk Knob Cidery, Lewisburg, 12-9 p.m.
 Critter Crusade, Rose and Dagger Tattoo, Lewisburg, 12 p.m.
 7th Annual Haunted Trail, Sweet Springs Resort Park, 7 p.m.
 Carnegie Hall Hall-o-ween Event: Ghost Stories and Spooky Things, Lewisburg, 7 p.m.
 Howlin Halloween, The K-9 Academy, Rupert, 11 a.m.- 3 p.m.
 Bacon Days, Greenbrier Goat Trail Shelter, Greenbrier River Trail, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

Sunday, October 20

Flea Market, Pence Springs, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
 Marketfest at Sunset Farm, Alderson, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
 Salt and Sound, Pomona Salt Cave & Spa, WSS, 6:15 p.m.
To submit information to Mountain Messenger's Entertainment Calendar, email news@mountainmessenger.com. Information should be submitted two weeks in advance.



SCRAMBLERS

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

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HARPS — — — — —

Mince
GATER — — — — —

Hinder
MISTEY — — — — —

Growl
LUMBER — — — — —

"They're _____ — I can't wait to see the expression on my husband's face!"

TODAY'S WORD _____

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Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Dishcloth is larger. 2. Picture on wall is larger. 3. Stack of dishes is shorter. 4. Cabinet handle is missing. 5. Report card is smaller. 6. Upper cabinet is missing.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

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Super Crossword

"TENETS, ANYONE?"

ACROSS		51 Holy Mlle.	106 Subway entry gate	110 Pippi Long-stocking creator Lindgren	48 Tach readings, informally	81 Tesla vehicle, e.g.
1 Fitting name for a herding dog	53 Togetherness	56 Riddle, part 3	108 Like most sandals	111 Travel destination, generically	49 U.S. disaster aid org.	82 Elec. or gas
5 Tense, with "up"	61 Luau cocktail	62 Lipton drinks	112 Tiny charged thing	12 Very old: Abbr.	50 Threaten like a tiger	83 Golfer Ballesteros
10 "This Is 40" director Judd	62 High peak	63 High peak	113 Riddle's answer	13 "TiK —" (Kesha hit)	51 Result of a hit to the eye	87 Part of DOS: Abbr.
16 That guy	66 Patriotic org. since 1889	67 Symbols	118 Tabloid paper	14 Raw rock	52 Wee kids	89 Summer, in Savoy
19 "... I could — horse!"	68 Scholastic meas.	69 Scholastic meas.	119 Singer Morissette	15 Very friendly	53 Skin cream brand	90 Swing wildly, as arms
20 Actress Christensen	71 Seeded loaf	72 Vault	120 French capital, in a Cole Porter title	16 Greeting on a Sunday holiday	54 NASDAQ kin	91 Rising ground
21 Mexican state	74 "Invisible" singer Simpson	76 Press into folds	121 Word that's pluralizable	17 Slanting type	55 Estevez of the Brat Pack	93 In flames
22 — -Z (totally)	78 Riddle, part 4	78 Riddle, part 4	122 "Zine staffers	18 Demure	57 Place a bet	94 Put more film in
23 Start of a riddle	84 Eritrean capital	85 Spanish bear	123 Ferret out	24 Composer Bartók	58 River in Iraq	95 Of the universe
26 Cushion	86 Videotapes, e.g.	88 Hi-fi setup	124 African antelope	25 — bill of goods (dupe)	63 — Romeo (sporty auto)	96 Former NBA star Metta Sandiford —
27 Composer Antonio featured in "Amadeus"	88 Hi-fi setup	90 King of Egypt in the 1950s	125 Onetime JFK jets	30 Cause pain to	64 Those born in August, often	97 Male tennis players
28 Severe	92 Trellis-climbing plant	92 Trellis-climbing plant	DOWN	32 Plies a broom	65 Resort city near Los Angeles	98 Was too syrupy
29 Sap source	93 End of the riddle	93 End of the riddle	1 Plies needle and thread	34 Missionary "Mother"	67 "— a Lady" (1971 hit)	99 "— 3 Lives"
31 Actors Ken and Lena	94 City in central Sicily	94 City in central Sicily	2 "Very funny"	35 Prefix with dermis	69 They oink in Lyon	100 Auto-racing posts
33 Sparkly decoration	95 Brand of cough drops	95 Brand of cough drops	3 List-ending abbr.	36 Be cyclical	70 Lady friend, in Lyon	105 Ticked pink
37 "By the way" comments	96 Like Diet Coke	96 Like Diet Coke	4 Terraces	38 Pas' partners	73 Combat unit	107 Appraisal, for short
38 Riddle, part 2	98 Throw forcefully	98 Throw forcefully	5 The "K" of K-Cup	39 Ample, to Li'l Abner	75 Easy winner	109 "I" problems
43 Ending for pent- or prop-	99 Successor of Claudius I	99 Successor of Claudius I	6 White weasel	40 Utah's lily	76 Wearing, as clothes	110 Indecent stuff
44 City in central Sicily	102 Tijuana wives	102 Tijuana wives	7 Sharp bark	41 Law school newbie	77 Stew holder	111 — serif font
45 Brand of cough drops	103 Poet Sachs	103 Poet Sachs	8 Barely earns, with "out"	42 Rice-A- —	79 Hershiser of baseball	114 Seville cheer
46 Like Diet Coke	104 Throw forcefully	104 Throw forcefully	9 Tranquilizer shooter	43 "— hell" (Sherman assertion)	80 "— hell" (Sherman assertion)	115 Very big tub

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DISTRICT ANTHONY CREEK MAP 34 PARCEL 0007 0000 0000
You will take notice that WVTA LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, Cert. No. 2022-C-000020, located in ANTHONY CREEK District, AC .23 (D) LOT 3 (B) ANTHONY CREEK RD 75X155X70X13, which was returned delinquent and nonentered in the name of WITHROW ANNA L, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of GREENBRIER County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on May 10, 2023. WVTA LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after January 1, 2025, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before December 31, 2024 will be as follows:
Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the certification, with interest, for tax year ticket number 2021 - 1955. \$ 94.73
Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due on the date of certification for ticket number. \$ 0.00
Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest to for tax year 2022 - 1953. \$ 24.88
Additional taxes with interest. \$ 0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest. \$ 109.93
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest. \$ 654.62
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest. \$ 737.24
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order or certified or personal check. \$ 1,621.40
You may redeem at any time before December 31, 2024 by paying the above total less any unearned interest.
Given under my hand October 4, 2024
G. Russell Rollyson, Jr.
Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and Nonentered Lands of GREENBRIER County, State of West Virginia
Please return this letter and payment to the WV State Auditor's Office, County Collections
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Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the certification, with interest, for tax year ticket number 2021 - 6300. \$ 109.43
Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due on the date of certification for ticket number. \$ 0.00
Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest to for tax year 2022 - 6340. \$ 39.80
Additional taxes with interest. \$ 0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest. \$ 216.55
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest. \$ 710.30
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest. \$ 501.84
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order or certified or personal check. \$ 1,577.92
You may redeem at any time before December 31, 2024 by paying the above total less any unearned interest.
Given under my hand October 4, 2024
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Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the certification, with interest, for tax year ticket number 2021 - 6233. \$ 94.72
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Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest to for tax year 2022 - 6249. \$ 24.88
Additional taxes with interest. \$ 0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest. \$ 109.93
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest. \$ 654.62
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest. \$ 553.89
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order or certified or personal check. \$ 1,438.05
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ENTERTAINMENT

Pocahontas County Opera House announces return of ALASH for 25th season celebration

The Pocahontas County Opera House is thrilled to announce the highly anticipated return of ALASH, the acclaimed masters of Tuvan throat singing, as part of its ongoing 25th-season celebration. The ensemble, a perennial favorite among Opera House audiences, is set to take the stage on Oct. 12 at 7 p.m.
Known for their extraordinary mastery of Tuvan throat singing, or xöömei, ALASH seamlessly blends traditional Tuvan music with contemporary influences, creating a captivating sound that is both ancient and modern. Praised by The Washington Post as "utterly stunning," ALASH has garnered international acclaim for their intricate harmonies and innovative fusion of Western instruments while preserving the deep-rooted traditions of throat singing.
The ensemble features Bady-Dorzhu Ondar (vocals, igil, guitar, bayan), Ayanool Sam (vocals, doshpuluur, igil, xomus), and Ayan Shirizhik (vocals, kengirge, shyngyrash, shoor, xomus). Their groundbreaking approach to Tuvan music has captivated global audiences, making their return a highlight of the Opera House's season.
To accommodate its diverse audience, the Opera House ensures a family-friendly and accessible environment. Special accommodations are available upon request.

Harvest Chills in the Hills means spooky fun in Lewisburg this season

From Sept. 20 through Oct. 31, downtown Lewisburg will be celebrating Harvest Chills in the Hills with beautiful decorations, a food festival, a street dance, serious and silly photo ops, creative classes, special events for kids and pets, cemetery and ghost tours, a culinary contest, and a variety of shows. Mums, pumpkins, haybales, corn shocks, gourds, and ribbons festoon the city's east-west corridor. Your hosts have pulled out all of the stops for six weeks of Harvest Chills in the Hills.
Carnegie Hall's Hallo-O-Ween events will run from Sept. 28 through Nov. 14, and includes the following classes and other events: Ceramic Pumpkins on Sept. 28, Autumn Cards and Tabletop Displays on Oct. 3, Skull Planters and Candle Lanterns on Oct. 5, the Second Annual All Things Pumpkin Culinary Contest - now at TOOT on Oct. 12 followed by the Davisson Brothers Band, The Harvest Home: Fire Cider on Oct. 19, Leather Halloween Masks on Oct. 19, Candlelit Cemetery Tours on Oct. 25, Harvest Season Paint Date on Oct. 26, Painted Barn Stars on Nov. 12 and Nov. 14, Bread and Soup Series on Nov. 9 and/or Nov. 16.
On Oct. 4, the Lewisburg Downtown Business Association and City of Lewisburg offer for the second year a Pet Costume Contest on Friday, Oct. 4, at 6 p.m. The sidewalk parade begins and ends at the piano beside City Hall, where cash prizes will be awarded for first place (\$50) and second place (\$25). All domestic pets are welcome. Allan Sizemore will play in the Green Space afterwards from 4 to 7 p.m.
Greenbrier Valley Theatre will hold performances of Sleepy Hollow from Oct. 17 through 19, as well as Oct. 25-26, Oct. 31, and Nov. 1-2.
Carnegie Hall will host Ghost Stories and Spookier Things on Oct. 18.
The merchants of downtown Lewisburg will host a Business Trick or Treat on Friday, Oct. 18 at 4 p.m. Afterwards, set up your lawn chairs up on Washington Street for a showing of the movie Hocus Focus, to be projected in Green Space at 7 p.m. Cozy blankets optional.
The LDBA and Greenbrier Historical Society will join forces to offer a downtown Lewisburg Ghost Tour on Oct. 24 through Oct. 27 at 7 p.m. Tour begins at the North House Museum. Bring your amulets, herbs and seasonings, haint bleu, crystals, and iron objects to hold the spirits at bay.

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Fulton BSH LBWW, LLC/Secure Store - 135 Maple Carriage Drive, Lewisburg, WV 24901, has a possessory lien on all of the goods stored in units 225. The auction will end on October 17, 2024 at 12 noon. All these items of personal property are being auctioned online through lockerfox.com This auction will run until October 17, 2024. Pictures of the unit can be inspected online. Cash payments only. For more details visit www.lockerfox.com/storage-auctions/us/
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NATIONAL 4-H WEEK



OCTOBER 7-12



4-Hers present their certificates at 4-H camp.

National 4-H Week 2024 emphasizes 'Beyond Ready' theme to empower youth

National 4-H Week, observed from Oct. 6 to Oct. 12, 2024, focuses on the theme "Beyond Ready," highlighting the importance of preparing youth for future challenges and opportunities through hands-on learning and community engagement.

4-H, a long-standing youth development organization, equips young people with essential skills in areas such as agriculture, science, leadership, and citizenship. The "Beyond Ready" theme underscores the commitment to not only prepare members for the present but also empower them to thrive in an ever-changing world.

"4-H is about building confidence and resilience in our youth, ensuring they are ready for whatever comes next," said Jennifer Smith, CEO of the National 4-H Council. "This week, we celebrate the innovative spirit of 4-H members and their readiness to tackle the challenges of tomorrow."

Throughout National 4-H Week, local clubs and organizations will host events showcasing the diverse opportunities available through 4-H. Activities include community service projects, educational workshops, and exhibitions of members' projects, from technology innovations to agricultural endeavors.

The week also serves as a recruitment initiative, inviting new members to join the 4-H community. "We want to inspire young people to explore their passions and develop the skills they need for future success," said Emily Johnson, a 4-H club leader in Nebraska.

Research indicates that youth involved in 4-H programs are more likely to excel academically and develop strong leadership and communication skills. Studies show that 4-H members often outperform their peers in civic engagement and career readiness.

As National 4-H Week unfolds, communities will recognize the contributions of dedicated 4-H volunteers and mentors who play a critical role in shaping the experiences of young people. "Our volunteers are essential in helping youth realize their potential," said Smith.

The "Beyond Ready" theme aims to inspire youth to not only be prepared but to be proactive and engaged leaders in their communities. National 4-H Week serves as a reminder of the organization's mission to empower young people and strengthen communities through experiential learning and skill development.



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NATIONAL 4-H WEEK



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Making s'mores is always a popular activity for the 4-H campers.

Greenbrier County 4-H celebrates National 4-H Week

By Chelsea Blair

The Greenbrier 4-H Foundation, established in 2007, has provided financial support for 4-H programs in Greenbrier County, fostering both educational and fun experiences for local youth. One of the highlights of the year is National 4-H Week, celebrated annually in October to encourage young people to engage in community service and explore valuable learning opportunities through various activities and clubs.

This year, National 4-H Week kicked off on Sunday, Oct. 6, and runs until Saturday, Oct. 12. The Greenbrier County 4-H program organized a series of exciting activities for members and their families to enjoy throughout the week.

Festivities Included:

- Silly Pet Sunday: A pet costume contest held at the WVU Extension Office in Fairlea, where participants showcased their creatively dressed pets.
- Monday Madness: A day for members to sport their 4-H apparel.
- Tell Us Tuesday: Participants shared photos

of their volunteer work, highlighting community service.

- Wildlife Wednesday: A celebration of West Virginia's natural beauty, with members sharing their favorite wildlife photos.

- Thankful Thursday: Members shared a photo of their favorite 4-H Volunteer to show appreciation.

- Future Friday: Members were asked to share a photo representing what they plan to do in the future.

- Show Us Saturday: Participants were encouraged to share a photo with their 4-H projects.

In addition to these themed days, the week included a 4-H Rodeo at North Star Farm, an indoor pool party at the Greenbrier Valley Aquatic Center, and a free Movie Night at The Lewis Theatre. Members also decorated barns and shop windows to promote the week and reserved radio spots at Radio Greenbrier.

Join 4-H! Children age 9 to 21 can join the Greenbrier County 4-H program to develop leadership skills and engage in fun activities. Parental or guardian permission is required. For younger children age 5 to 8, the Cloverbuds program offers a playful introduction to 4-H, focusing on enjoyable activities.

National 4-H Week not only celebrates the organization's impact but also invites new members to become part of a community dedicated to learning, service, and fun!

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Campers enjoy ziplining at 4-H Camp.

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BUSINESS

WVSOM chief operations officer and an alumna names ‘West Virginia Wonder Women’

Two women employed at the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine (WVSOM) have been recognized for their work throughout the state.

Drema Hill, Ph.D., MSP, WVSOM’s chief operations officer, and Katherine Hill Calloway, D.O., MPH, regional assistant dean for the South Central Region of WVSOM’s Statewide Campus, were named to this year’s “West Virginia Wonder Women” by WV Living magazine.

They are two of 50 women featured in the publication’s fall 2024 issue for being identified as leaders who raise the bar in their communities and force change for the greater good in their industries.

“I am pleased to join my female colleagues across the state who were selected to be honored as West Virginia Wonder Women,” Hill said. “We all have different areas of expertise, but together, we make West Virginia stronger.”

Hill received a bachelor’s degree from West Virginia State University, a Master of Public Service Management degree from Cumberland University and a Ph.D. degree in human services with a specialization in health care administration from Capella University.

The Boone County, WV, native joined WVSOM in 2016 and became one of the school’s vice presidents in 2019. She has more than three decades of experience in public health leadership, including positions with the West Virginia Bureau for Public Health, the Tennessee Department of Health, Vanderbilt University’s Nashville Health Management Foundation and Comprehensive Care Center, and the Mid-Ohio Valley Regional Health

Office. She currently serves as WVSOM’s vice president for community engagement and chief operations officer.

Hill develops and implements processes that help WVSOM achieve its strategic objectives. She also oversees the school’s Center for Rural and Community Health, Audio Visual and Production Department, Information Technology Department, Marketing and Communications Department and WVSOM’s rural health policy director. Her previous work in public health facilitates her ability to collaborate with external partners on statewide initiatives to improve the health of West Virginians.

“I have had a long career in public health and I still most enjoy working with community partners to foster and implement innovative ideas that improve health outcomes in disenfranchised populations. West Virginia is my home. I love the mountains and I love the people,” Hill said.

Before earning a D.O. degree from WVSOM in 2008, Calloway graduated from Wake Forest University with a double major in sports medicine and medical anthropology, and completed a Master of Public Health degree from Boston University.

She said she is honored to be recognized among so many women making positive change in West Virginia.

“It reminds me of how much strength we have in West Virginia. The things these women are doing are incredible and impactful in a way that will bring a legacy and will make a difference for generations to come,” she said. “To be considered part of that group of women is a huge honor and privilege.”

Calloway began work-



WVSOM’s Chief Operations Officer Drema Hill, Ph.D., MSP.

ing as a regional assistant dean in WVSOM’s Statewide Campus in 2022. The school’s Statewide Campus consists of seven regions across the state. In her role, she oversees third- and fourth-year medical student curriculum development and student clinical rotations. In addition to her duties at WVSOM, the Kanawha County native is the director of clinical development and provides inpatient care with HospiceCare West Virginia, the state’s largest nonprofit hospice service.

She has spent much of her adult life working overseas, with efforts such as assisting with post-conflict health care development in war-torn Kosovo, where she first managed a reproductive health program with the International Rescue Committee and later implemented health policy for 17 primary care health clinics as a health officer with the United Nations. She worked with the Clinton Foundation to reduce disparities in AIDS prevention and treatment in Mozambique, and with Emory University’s HIV clinic in Rwanda.

Years later she returned to West Virginia as a physician with Charles-

ton Internal Medicine and then began serving in public health by shifting her practice to Cabin Creek Health Systems, where she developed and supported a nonpharmacologic pain management program as part of their medication-assisted treatment program for people in substance use recovery. She then moved to HospiceCare and WVSOM.

“The things I did globally were relevant to what we do here in our rural communities because there are so many similarities to chronic disease management or to working in areas that are resource poor. Coming back to West Virginia has been incredibly fulfilling to not only apply some of what we were doing with health care globally to our communities but also because



Katherine Hill Calloway, D.O., MPH, regional assistant dean for the South Central Region of WVSOM’s Statewide Campus.

this is part of my heritage,” she said.

WVSOM President James W. Nemitz, Ph.D., said he is proud of “wonder women” like Hill and Calloway whose careers as public health providers span decades and make West Virginia healthier.

“The women representing WVSOM have proven to be remarkable game changers in the health care industry and public health sector,” he said. “Dr. Calloway is a physician who

has served communities locally and internationally, and Dr. Hill is an influential change-maker when it comes to public health and public policy in the state. Each year I am grateful that WV Living recognizes women for their successes and the impact they make.”

WV Living will honor the recipients at a West Virginia Wonder Women event on Oct. 30 in Charleston, WV.

SPORTS

Greenbrier East High School Golfer of the Week

Name: Wyatt Childers
Grade: Sophomore

G.P.A.: 4.0

Parents: Dustin and Jeanne Childers

Hometown: White Sulphur Springs

Favorite Golfer : Rory McElroy

Favorite Quote: “Everything you ever wanted is sitting on the other side of fear!”

Began Golfing: “When I was in the 6th grade.”

Why he plays Golf: “I play golf because it is fun

and relaxing and I like to have fun and relax!”

Coach’s Comments: “Wyatte has improved tremendously from his freshman year. He has matured physically and mentally.

He has been more consistent on his scoring and overall Golf shot decisions. He has competed on the Varsity at a few of our away matches. He’ll be ready to step in next season as one of our Top 4. Wyatt is a Great person on and off the course.

He makes us proud as a golfer and a representative of Greenbrier East High School. It’s easy to be a fan of Wyatt Childers!”

Miluk Golf Humor: “I told my Dad that I’ve been playing golf terribly lately. He told me to “Take two weeks off... and then retire!!” (No respect. Ha!)



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