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GHS To Hold “Black History Walk”

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Sunday May 2, 2021 the Greenbrier Historical Society will be offering a series of guided walking tours for groups of up to 8 people. Black History Walks will consist of nine tours offered in 15-minute intervals, with the first beginning at 1 P.M. and the last tour beginning at 3 P.M.. Guides will take visitors on a one mile walk of downtown Lewisburg where they will learn about the vast Black history of the town. The tour will visit historically Black business buildings and churches while teaching visitors about the people who inhabited these places. Learn about entrepreneurs like Anthony Carter who rented various workspaces in the 1840s. Be inspired by Nancy Perkins Calendar who ran the popular Calendar’s Restaurant for nearly forty years, or hear the story of Mildred Bess, a well-known clairvoyant famous for telling fortunes in town. With 17 stops along the way there is a rich history of Black resilience in a town that was complicit in the institution of slavery and later adopted Jim Crow laws and upheld segregation. Tours will last about 45 minutes and include walking up and down the rolling hills of downtown Lewisburg. Light refreshments and the opportunity to tour exhibits at the North House Museum will be provided at the end of each tour. In the event of rain, the walking tour will be held on Saturday May 8, 2021. Black History Walks is sponsored by the Herbert Henderson Office of Minority Affairs, Wooten, Davis, Hussell, and Johnson Attorneys at Law, and Ms. Katherine Vigneron of Alderson, WV.

Pre-sale tickets can be purchased online at Events & Exhibits (greenbrierhistorical.org) or by calling the museum at 304-645-3398. Tickets can also be purchased at the North House Museum the day of the event.

Mayor White Proclaims “Municipal Clerk's Week” In Lewisburg

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City of Lewisburg Mayor Beverly White recognized City Recorder Shannon Beatty with a proclamation designating May 2 through May 8 as Professional Municipal Clerk’s Week in Lewisburg.

The proclamation reads:

“Whereas, The Office of the Professional Municipal Clerk, a time honored and vital part of local government exists throughout the world, and

Whereas, The Office of the Professional Municipal Clerk is the oldest among public servants, and

Whereas, The Office of the Professional Municipal Clerk provides the professional link between the citizens, the local governing bodies and agencies of government at other levels, and

Whereas, Professional Municipal Clerks have pledged to be ever mindful of their neutrality and impartiality, rendering equal service to all.

Whereas, The Professional Municipal Clerk serves as the information center on functions of local government and community.

Whereas, Professional Municipal Clerks continually strive to improve the administration of the affairs of the Office of the Professional Municipal Clerk through participation in education programs, seminars, workshops and the annual meetings of their state, provincial, county and international professional organizations.

Whereas, It is most appropriate that we recognize the accomplishments of the Office of the Professional

Municipal Clerk.

No, Therefore, I, Beverly White, Mayor of Lewisburg, do recognize the week of May 2 through May 8, 2021, as Professional Municipal Clerks Week, and further extend appreciation to our Professional Municipal Clerk, Shannon Beatty and to all Professional Municipal Clerks for the vital services they perform and their exemplary dedication to the communities they represent.”

Ronceverte Water Update

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City of Ronceverte officials have released additional information regarding the water situation:

At approximately 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 29, officials stated: “The City of Ronceverte is still on a Boil Water Advisory. We have been experiencing multiple line breaks almost every day this week. We cannot take samples down to be tested until we can get to the point of no continuous breaks in the lines.

American Water has allowed the use of their water filled tanker. It is in the lot across from Tri County Produce. The water will be distributed 8am - 8pm daily. Please bring your containers to be filled up.

Please have patience as they continue to replace the lines. The lines getting replaced are incredibly old. The

pressure from turning the water on after leaks are repaired are causing the older lines to break.

We are deeply sorry for any inconvenience and will keep updating information as we can.”

At approximately 10:30 a.m. on Friday, April 30, further released the following statements:

“Walmart has graciously donated bottled water to the city for our Boil Water Customers.

We have gotten several messages that some citizens did not have anything to put water in.

At this time we are arranging to get the water. (updates will be provided) when the water arrives in bottles.”

This announcement was followed several moments later with:

“Water will be shutting off for the entire town due to a main line leak near Spring Street.

The entire town is meant to be the people that lost water yesterday. If you had service yesterday and the Boil Water Advisory has not affected you, this message does not include your area.

Squirrel Hill down to Chesapeake, Gypsy Hill area, Brier Hill to Valley Drive and apartment complex buildings are NOT included.”

The West Virginia Daily News will provide updates regarding the water situation in Ronceverte as additional details are made available. Information is also available on the City of Ronceverte’s Facebook page.

19-State Petition Urges Supreme Court to Limit EPA Authority

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CHARLESTON — West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrisey led a 19-state coalition Thursday in urging the U.S. Supreme Court to take swift action to stop an appeals court ruling that would give the Environmental Protection Agency virtually unlimited authority to regulate wide swaths of everyday life with rules that would devastate coal mining, increase energy costs and eliminate countless jobs.

The coalition argues the lower court erred in using a small provision of federal law to grant EPA broad authority – without congressional input – to unilaterally decarbonize virtually any sector of the economy, including factories and power plants, as well as the millions of homes and small businesses that use natural gas for heat.

Attorney General Morrisey prevailed in urging the Supreme Court to block a similar attempt by President Obama, and now he cites that victory and the insurmountable costs of President Biden’s proposals in arguing for the Supreme Court to step in and define the reach of EPA’s authority once and for all.

Without the Supreme Court’s intervention, the coalition argues the unlawful ruling could set a devastating standard and lead to decisions of great economic consequence based upon unlawful EPA regulations, not the rule of law.

“This wildly expansive power to regulate factories, hospitals and even homes has tremendous costs and consequences for all Americans, in particular West Virginia’s coal miners, pipeliners, natural gas producers and utility workers as well as the countless others who rely upon their success,” Attorney General Morrisey said. “If EPA lacks such expansive authority, as we argue, the Supreme Court should make that clear now. Any further delay will impose costs the energy sector can never recoup and force states to sink even more years and resources into an enterprise that is – at best – legally uncertain.

“The appeals court ruling seeks to transform EPA from serving as an environmental regulator into a central energy planning authority – yet it was never designed to have so much power over states and the livelihood of American families,” he added.

The coalition’s petition, filed Thursday, argues a ruling from the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit violates the constitutional separation of powers. It contends the lower court inappropriately interpreted Section 111 of the Clean Air Act as authorizing EPA to sidestep Congress to exercise broad regulatory power that would radically transform the nation’s energy grid and force states to fundamentally shift their energy portfolios away from coal-fired generation.

The petition also contends the appeals court ignored a February 2016 stay instituted by the Supreme Court, which the coalition argues should have hinted that the high court viewed existing law as limiting EPA’s authority – not expanding it.

Attorney General Morrisey’s lawsuit against the Clean Power Plan led to that historic and unprecedented stay at the Supreme Court. He argues the more recent appeals court ruling would grant EPA even greater authority than President Obama’s EPA originally claimed.

The petition further cites a prior case, Michigan v. EPA, as an example of when perception of EPA’s power amid pending litigation forced regulated entities to comply with regulations that the Supreme Court eventually deemed unlawful.

The coalition argues that if market forces could have been shaped so dramatically amid a pending case, delaying review will likely lead to even more significant and irreparable change.

Attorney General Morrisey challenged the Obama-era Power Plan on the day it was published. President Trump’s EPA, in acknowledging the February 2016 stay, repealed the rule in 2019 and the underlying case was dismissed by the appeals court without the Supreme Court having a chance to resolve the matter on the merits.

West Virginia led Thursday’s petition with support from attorneys general in Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Georgia, Indiana, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Wyoming and the governor of Mississippi.

Read a copy of the Attorney General’s petition at <https://bit.ly/3t4kc5h>.

East's Season Ends On The Hill at George Washington

By brandon baker wvdc | WVDN APR 30, 2021



After all the adversity, all the confusion and all of the positives that were sandwiched around it, the Greenbrier East Spartans basketball season came to an end on Wednesday night, April 29 in front of a large crowd on "The Hill" at George Washington.

East hung around for a long time, but a slow fourth quarter for the Spartans and a strong one for the Patriots propelled GW to a 73-58 win and a berth in the state tournament.

Alex Yoakum got the scoring started with two quick 3-pointers. East's Adam Seams answered with a three of his own, but Yoakum hit his third trey and gave the Patriots a 9-3 lead.

William Gabbert, playing against his former team, hit two consecutive threes to tie the contest at 9-all. Later in the period, with the score knotted at 13-13, Ben Nicol hit a trifecta at the buzzer that bounced around the rim and fell in, almost signaling what kind of night the Spartans were up against.

Tucker Via knocked in a corner 3-pointer midway through the second that ended a GW 7-0 run, but Jason Munday and Yoakum kept the pressure on the Spartans with more buckets. The Patriots led by as many as nine, but two Goose Gabbert free throws trimmed the Spartans deficit to 36-29 at halftime.

William Gabbert, Bailee Coles and Via all had 3-pointers to open up the second half with Coles' giving East a 1-point lead at 43-42 with 1:39 left in the third.

Mason Pinkett and Taron Fitzpatrick each scored for the Patriots to end the third and GW led 51-47 after three quarters.

George Washington wrapped up the contest with efficient play in the fourth quarter.

They outscored East 22-11, hit 13-of-16 free throws and stymied the Spartans offense in the process.

East shot just 35% from the field.

William Gabbert scored 22 points and led East in that department. Coles scored 14 and Via had 10.

Yoakum led the Patriots with 30 points.

Fans are sad to see the Spartans season come to an abrupt end as social media accounts have indicated. East finished the year with a 10-4 record and had one of the more exciting teams to watch in the last decade or so as coach Bimbo Coles truly built something special. How next year's team will look is a mystery right now.

Stats courtesy of 103.1, the Bear. Also a special thanks to Trent Gabbert for providing stats and information all season.

Construction Begins On WVSOM's Campus

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The West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine (WVSOM) is geared for growth with the expansion of one of its buildings and the construction of a new building that will be dedicated to student testing.

The Center for Technology and Rural Medicine, which houses the main lecture classrooms for students, will have 6,800 square feet renovated for office suites. The renovation is expected to be complete by the end of August.

The Testing Center, a new 26,756 square-foot building that will be located behind the Center for Technology and Rural Medicine, broke ground in early April.

Craig Boisvert, D.O., FACP, WVSOM's vice president for academic affairs and dean, said the new facility is important in offering a dedicated testing area rather than the open-style lecture classrooms where students typically take exams.

"The space will provide a quiet environment for students when testing. It will simulate the experience encountered when taking their licensing exams," he said. "When not in use for testing, the cubicles will be available for studying."

The building will consist of one large testing room and offices. The testing room will accommodate one class at a time and will have internet and power outlet connections in each space. A portion of the building will be connected to the school's Clinical Evaluation Center. Testing Center construction is expected to be complete in July 2022.

The expansion and new construction will cost \$9,964,518, according to Larry Ware, MBA, CPA, WVSOM's vice president for finance and facilities. The project is completely self-funded by WVSOM through institutional funds, he said.

"We are able to self-fund the construction of the project because of years of good business practices and our conservative approach to budgeting," Ware said.

Expanding the Center for Technology and Rural Medicine was first proposed in WVSOM's Facilities Master Plan, created in 2011, but discussions and planning for a center for testing began in November 2017.

Infrastructure remains one of the five areas of focus in WVSOM's most recent five-year institutional strategic plan. This area addresses developing and implementing a new facilities master plan that assesses and advances the school's facility needs.

"It's incredible to think about our school's growth during the last 49 years. This medical school began with one building, and now our campus is filled with facilities that allow for innovative medical education for our students," said James W. Nemitz, Ph.D., WVSOM's president. "These new construction projects represent growth and our commitment to providing students with opportunities that will make them better physicians."

ZMM Architects & Engineers, with headquarters in Charleston, W.Va., and DCI Shires, a construction company based in Bluefield, W.Va., are completing the projects.