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Happy New Year!

2020 News in Review

January

Lewisburg's Shanghai Parade is held on Jan. 1; at the Parade resident Cliff Baker is named as the 2019 Volunteer of the Year by the City of Lewisburg; County Commission votes to require the contractor to correct issues that have caused damage from water run off to nearby home owners from the Sports Plex property off Brush Road; Ronceverte Police Chief J.R. "Rusty" Byer, Jr., resigns to take the position of Public Works Department Director; 15-year-old is wounded in a drive-by shooting that occurred near Maxwellton on Brush Road; West Virginia Winter Music Festival is held Friday, Jan. 24 and Saturday, Jan. 25, in downtown Lewisburg; County Commissioner Lowell Rose and Commissioner Tammy Shifflett-Tincher retain all the committee assignments between them, leaving none for Commissioner Mike McClung; Gloria and Bill Martin, coordinators of the Lewisburg/Fairlea Food Locker, present Siobhan Winters of Love Child in Lewisburg with appreciation and thanks for her efforts to collect funds for the Food Locker's holiday meat distribution; in White Sulphur Springs concrete is poured for the pool floor and dry-wall is going up at the Wellness Center; Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration is held in downtown Lewisburg; lawsuit is filed against County Commissioner Mike McClung in Greenbrier County Circuit Court regarding an alleged incident involving stolen airport property; Council approves \$7,995 accounting services contract to Imre Pentek and approves of bid of \$91,155 for a Fairlea waterline replacement project to Chojnacki Construction; on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, it is announced that the Navy will name their newest aircraft carrier after Doris "Dorie" Miller, a hero of WWII; Matt Peltier is named the 2019 Firefighter of the Year in Lewisburg and Joseph Byers is awarded 2019 Fire Officer of the Year, Fire Chief Bruce Ramsey was named the 2019 Firefighter of the Year in Fairlea and Lifesaving Commendations are awarded to both Lewisburg and Fairlea members; Greenbrier County Commission votes to allow medical cannabis organizations to operate within Greenbrier County; Jerry Hopkins becomes Ronceverte Chief of Police replacing retiring Chief J.R. "Rusty" Byer; candidates file for the upcoming May 12 primary election; Greenbrier County Sheriff's Office welcomes the addition of a new K-9 named Thelma;

February

Punxsutawney Phil predicts an early spring on Groundhog Day; ordinance is passed increasing water service existing rates, charges and fees for all customers of the City of Ronceverte's Municipal Water System; protesters gather at the Lewisburg Greenspace following the Senate's vote to acquit President Donald Trump on charges of abuse of power and obstruction of Congress; City Hall seeks information on a quilt made in honor of the town's bicentennial celebration in 1982; Lewisburg Mayor Beverly White proclaims February 2020 as National African American History Month; White Sulphur Springs City Council passes first reading of a Medical Cannabis Ordinance for the city; Greenbrier County Commission passes resolutions supporting Business and Inventory Tax and backing the Second Amendment; Lewisburg City Hall receives a phone call of a possible bomb threat and is immediately evacuated, Greenbrier County Courthouse is evacuated also; Michael Joseph Neely, Jr. of Cleveland, OH, is arrested and charged with felony threats of terrorist acts and false reports concerning bombs or other explosive devices; when schools are closed for three days due to influenza, The Local Café & Grocer and Road Hog's Barbeque announce that children are invited to eat for free from the restaurants' kids menus for the duration of the school closure; MDS (Mennonite Disaster Service) long-term volunteers continue their work building houses for victims of the 2016 flood, using the Rhema Christian Center as their base of operation; a presentation of the results of a market study to assess the vibrancy of Greenbrier County as a travel destination is held at the state fairgrounds - the event is the culmination of a year's collaborative efforts of the Greenbrier Valley Tourism Partnership; legendary mathematician, recipient of many honors including the Presidential Medal of Freedom, and White Sulphur Springs native, Katherine Coleman Johnson passes away at 101; Gov. Jim Justice announces he plans to put as much as \$2 million to work to help spark construction of the Greenbrier Valley Aquatic Center (GVAC); marker in Alderson is unveiled recognizing the legend of Ada Beatrice Queen Victoria Louise Virginia "Brick-top" Smith, an entertainer of the Jazz Era, born Aug. 14, 1894, in Alderson; Dr. Tom Isaac, DVM, is recognized as a West Virginia

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Candlelight service at the 2020 Angel Tree

Angel Tree candlelight service remembers loved ones lost

By Bobby Bordelon

A candlelight service honoring those the Greenbrier Valley has lost over the past year was held on Dec. 26 around the Greenbrier Valley Angel Tree.

"It's awesome that people care enough to come out and honor a loved one," said Roger Honaker, an organizer for the Angel Tree. "I worked in nursing homes for years and it's unbelievable how many loved ones get there and never get a visitor. It's the same when someone dies. ... This is a good way to remember ... and honor them and keep the flame going."

Although the Angel Tree and candlelight ceremony

are typically found at the Greenbrier Valley Mall, the reduced traffic during the COVID-19 pandemic led organizers to place the tree at the Greenbrier Valley Airport this year.

Two local pastors spoke during the ceremony, offering memories of loved ones lost, visions of the future, and condolences for those hurting.

"It's an honor to be here with you, to see the many of you who have been coming down every year," said Kenny Baker. "Those here for the first time tonight, we welcome you. There are many circumstances you could

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Long-term care home employees and residents receive COVID-19 vaccine

By Sarah Richardson

On Monday, during his regularly scheduled press conference, Gov. Jim Justice declared that West Virginia is continuing to lead the nation in the rate of COVID-19 vaccine distribution and administration. "We are making significant progress in our plan to offer vaccination to all long-term care facility residents and staff, and we should be complete with all 214 facilities in the state today," he said. "It's amazing and it's far ahead of any other state in the nation. That's 100 percent of our long-term care facilities that we will have offered vaccines to in our state and before some other states have even gotten started."

Local Health Officer Dr. Bridgett Morrison provided an update on Wednesday saying, "Our state has been

very aggressive about getting the vaccine. I can confirm that all of our long-term care facilities have had the opportunity to be vaccinated."

She explained that most hospitals and long-term care facilities receive and administer their own shipments through their staff, and the health department is not solely responsible for the administration. "Some do come to the health department based on the tier being vaccinated," she said, such as local EMS and emergency responders.

Before the vaccine received final approvals for distribution on Dec. 14, a vaccine implementation plan was released. This plan was designed with phases of risk categories in mind. Members of the high-risk population and essential frontline workers were placed into Phase 1 to ensure those at the most risk of contracting COVID were protected.

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West Virginia Music Festival cancelled amid COVID-19 case spike

By Bobby Bordelon

To Lewisburg's great sadness, the 2021 West Virginia Winter Music Festival has been cancelled.

"We just don't feel comfortable in moving forward with it this year," said Jim Snyder, director of the West Virginia Winter Music Festival. "There's too much risk of people possibly contracting or spreading the virus."

Founded in 2013, the Winter Music Festival raises money to provide assistance to music industry professionals in the West Virginia area when times of need or emergencies come to a head. The first event was held in order to benefit a musician who lost everything in a house fire - after the largely successful fundraiser was held, the Winter Music Festival was born.

In early 2020, the festival brought 50 bands to locations across Lewisburg over the course of two days, with memorable performances filling the downtown air. Despite the disappointment coming with the cancellation of the 2021 festival, the organizers felt it was the responsible thing to do giving the massively spiking Greenbrier County COVID-19 caseload.

"We would feel very badly if someone were to get sick and possibly spread the virus to attendees or family members that might not be able to fend off the virus," Snyder explained. "Too little is known about long term effects. There are also liability issues."

Snyder noted many of the musicians who would have performed "understand and know that, at this time, [cancelling is] the responsible thing to do. They also understand it was not an easy decision but the best for the community."

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Corporal Roger Baker (left) is presented with a shadow box from Sheriff Bruce Sloan

Baker recognized for service to Sheriff's Department

Corporal Roger Baker was recently recognized on his retirement from the Greenbrier County Sheriff's Department. Sheriff Bruce Sloan presented Corporal Baker with a shadow box commemorating his 20 years of service. Unfortunately, the COVID-19 pandemic prevented the department from hosting the traditional luncheon in his honor.

Sheriff Sloan stated, "We appreciate the many years of service that Roger has given to the Greenbrier County Sheriff's Office and the citizens of Greenbrier County. He was a faithful member and the department will certainly miss his experience and knowledge."

When asked how he intends to spend his retirement Roger responded, "I plan to stay busy operating my security business." We wish Roger and his family the very best in the years ahead.

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Angel Tree

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be here for tonight, many have gone on this past year and it seems like our country today has been hit so hard with this virus. Every day, even in our county, many more have left this world."

"Every ornament on this tree represents someone's life," said Joey Terry. "We don't know everybody that's hanging on this tree, but don't you know that God did? God knows each person that's hanging on that tree."

This year, the memories of five children recently lost in a fire in Williamsburg earlier this month were front and center. Affectionately called Team Shark throughout the ceremony, a poem and five-candle ceremony read and lit in their honor.

"As we light these five candles in memory of and in honor of Shaun, Haiken, Aarikyle, Riley, and Kian," Terry read. "We light one for grief, one for courage, one for memories, one for love, and one for hope."

Shaun and Riley Bumgarner's mother, Raven Frisbie, spoke affectionately about the children and read "These Old Shoes," a poem speaking to the memories of those lost and the struggle and strength in those left behind.

"To truly understand these shoes, you must walk in them.

But, once you put them on, you can never take them off.

We now realize that we are not the only ones who wear these shoes.

There are many pairs in this world.

No, nobody deserves to wear these shoes.

Yet, because of these shoes, we are stronger persons.

These shoes have given us the strength to face anything.

They have made us who we are. You and I will forever walk in these shoes,

Because we are someone who has lost a loved one."

The Angel Tree came down on Dec. 29 and will return in 2021.

Morrissey's mobile office hours

Attorney General Patrick Morrissey announced a representative from his office will meet with central and southeastern West Virginia residents in January to discuss consumer-related issues and answer any potential questions.

Justin Arvon, a consumer outreach and compliance specialist with the office, will host the events below:

- Jan. 11 - 11 a.m. to noon, Kirk's Restaurant, 130 Hinton Bypass, Hinton

- Jan. 12 - 11 a.m. to noon, Burger King, 10097 Seneca Trail Road, Lewisburg

Additionally, individual video meetings are available for consumers in Braxton, Clay, Fayette, Greenbrier, Monroe, Nicholas, Pocahontas, Raleigh, Summers and Webster counties. To schedule a time, contact Justin Arvon via 304-590-6462 or Justin.M.Arvon@wvago.gov.

Vaccine Update

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Phase 1 is broken down into four subsections: Phase 1-A through Phase 1-D:

Phase 1-A: includes hospital, long-term care facility and staff, and pharmacies;

Phase 1-B: includes community infrastructure and emergency response, public health officials, and first responders;

Phase 1-C: includes other healthcare workers, like

Lewisburg DMV appointment only until further notice

The Kanawha City, Winfield, and Lewisburg DMV Regional Offices will be operating through appointment only until further notice, due to COVID-19 exposures resulting in reduced staff in the offices.

Any walk-ins that need immediate assistance are encouraged to do their transactions via the online services portal at dmv.wv.gov or at one of DMV's local kiosks, including one located right outside the Kanawha City Regional Office, and one in the Scott Depot Kroger on Great Teays Boulevard. Lewisburg area customers can also visit kiosks in Beckley located at the Kroger in Beckley Crossing and the Sheetz on North Eisenhower Drive.

Additionally, customers with dealer or individual title work, vehicle registration renewals, and returned plates, may utilize the drop boxes outside the Kanawha City, Winfield, and Lewisburg DMV Regional Offices.

Customers who cannot do their transactions online or at a kiosk may consider visiting a nearby regional office, including the Beckley, Flatwoods, Spencer, Huntington, or Parkersburg DMV Regional Offices.

For more information, or to make an appointment, please visit the DMV website.

home health providers;

Phase 1-D: includes teachers and education staff in higher education and K-12 and other sectors for critical services for our state, such as utility and transportation workers.

"We are planning to offer vaccines to all individuals identified in Phase 1-A through Phase 1-D within the first six weeks, based on our allocation of vaccines," said Justice. "As our allocation increases and distribution occurs, we may be able to move through the phases more quickly. In Phase 2, which is the general population, we will place initial emphasis on our most vulnerable in the general population based on guidance from the CDC.

The state is now on Week 3 of the implementation plan.

As of last Monday, 30,737 of 60,875 total doses delivered in West Virginia to date have been administered. This 50.49% vaccination rate is the highest of any state in the nation according to Bloomberg.com, with Maine ranking second in the nation at approximately 37%.

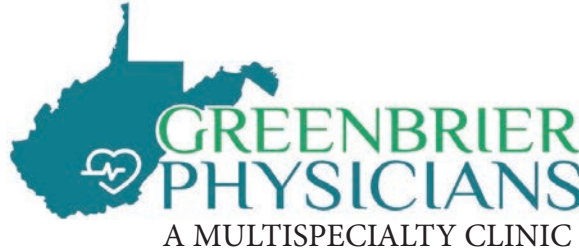
Bloomberg also reports that as of Dec. 30 the United States has administered 2.32 million doses of the vaccine- the most of any country so far.

The Governor noted that a combined total of 25,925 additional doses of the Moderna and Pfizer vaccines are expected to be delivered in West Virginia this week.

"When these vaccines are offered to you, you've got to take them," Justice said. "We want, absolutely, to get all of you vaccinated."

"I strong urge everyone to consider getting the vaccination," Dr. Morrison added. "It's just one tool in our toolbox, but it's a powerful tool. That, along with wearing masks and social distancing, all combined will help lead to getting life back on track."

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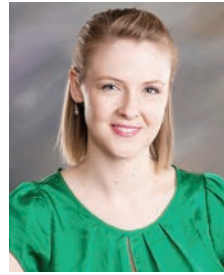
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Kimber and other animals are available at the Greenbrier Humane Society, located at 151 Holiday Lane off of Rt. 90 West in Lewisburg. They are closed Sunday and Monday, and are open from 11 a.m. through 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

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.

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

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Briefly

AA meetings

will now be held Saturdays at 10 a.m. via Zoom. Contact at 304-647-0677 for Zoom details. Find listings for other meetings in West Virginia at aawv.org.

Addiction Screenings available

Did you know that nearly 38% of adults in the U.S. have battled a substance abuse problem at some point this year? That's over three times the amount that have been exposed to the COVID-19 virus. Be safe this season and keep an eye out for loved ones who might be caught in the grip of addiction. If you or a loved one is struggling with substance abuse, take the first step towards overcoming addiction. Call today for free addiction screenings or referrals: 1-800-431-1754. For more information visit <https://www.narcononewliferecovery.org/blog/strange-side-effects-of-covid-19.html>

2020 News

History Hero; Special Levy Election in Lewisburg is held Feb. 29 and passes by a wide margin;

March

White Sulphur Springs Public Library remembers the life and contributions of NASA mathematician, Presidential Medal of Freedom recipient, and White Sulphur Springs native, Katherine Johnson, with a special exhibit; Lewisburg native and sophomore Honors College student Colson Glover is announced as the 67th WVU Mountaineer Mascot; a public health forum is held at the West Virginia School for Osteopathic Medicine to discuss Covid-19; grant of \$1,084,875 for a storm water project in Rainelle is provided by FEMA; White Sulphur Springs City Council approves the 2nd reading of their medical cannabis ordinance which outlines basic requirements for any future medical dispensaries to operate within city limits; schools close indefinitely due to COVID-19 pandemic; President Trump declares National Emergency; NBA, NCAA, PGA, MLB all postpone seasons; public safety measures put in place for city-run public buildings and city employees; volunteers sought to form a Greater Greenbrier County COVID-19 Task Force; Visitors Center, PSD #1, and DMV office are closed to the public; N95 masks are made with 3-D printing technology from Greenbrier East High School, Greenbrier West High School, and Eastern Greenbrier Middle School; Smooth Ambler produces hand sanitizer to fill a critical need for medical providers on the front lines;

April

WVSOM suspends all on-campus classes and labs for the remainder of the academic year; Gov. Justice announces all public and private schools will remain closed with plans to reopen on Apr. 20; President Trump extends current social distancing and shut downs to Apr. 30; WV Supreme Court of Appeals temporarily suspended the law license of Lewisburg attorney E. Lavoyd Morgan, Jr., pending a full hearing on ethical charges filed against him; WVSOM, the Greenbrier County Health Department, the Greenbrier County Board of Education and other local agencies partner to deliver 3-D production of masks modeled after N95 masks; Victoria Lyall publishes her first novel, "Hunt Your Own," about the struggle to preserve ginseng, family, and the future of Appalachia; Gov. Justice announces WV's 2020 Primary Election is being moved to June 9 instead of the originally scheduled date of May 12; WVSOM partners with Feeding Seniors/Saving Businesses program to provide meals and other assistance to at-risk seniors, disabled and immunosuppressed individuals while supporting local businesses; Ronceverte City Council announces water system updates on hold; suspended Lewisburg attorney E. Lavoyd Morgan, Jr. charged with DUI causing death; Greenbrier Valley Community Foundation and United Way of Greenbrier Valley announce a Coronavirus Relief & Recovery Fund; investigators look for leads in double homicide - victims were found in a residential structure fire near Ronceverte; Governor announces additional resources added to Workforce WV to assist with processing of unemployment claims; WVSOM employees distributed care packages to truckers at a local rest stop;

May

U.S. Census Bureau mails paper questionnaires; Attorney General Patrick Morrisey reports his office has been helping West Virginians deal with a variety of scammers, landlord-tenant disputes, and more issues brought on by the extenuating circumstances of the virus; new analysis released by Finder.com, reports West Virginia ranked best out of all 50 states for a timely response to the coronavirus pandemic; Gov. Justice announces reopening plan for the state titled "West Virginia Strong - The Comeback,."; Farmer's Market opens for the season as a drive-thru at the State Fairgrounds parking lot; local eighth-graders Caden Carver, Elizabeth Kesterson, and Alyson Vandall of Eastern Greenbrier Middle School, and Daron Vaughan of Western Greenbrier Middle School earn recognition as Knights of the Golden Horseshoe; Gov. Justice lifts the "Stay At Home" order imposed statewide last month, replacing it with a "Safer At Home" order; Deputy Andrew Barnett sworn in at courthouse; Jacy Faulkner announces she is stepping down from her position as Lewisburg City Manager; Health Dept. announces local events that are cancelled or postponed due to Governor's orders: Lewisburg Chocolate Festival cancelled, Alderson Strawberry Festival cancelled, Rainelle Run for the Wall cancelled, White Sulphur Springs Dandelion Festival postponed to Sept. 4 and 5, West Virginia Renaissance Festival canceled, Union Farmer's Day canceled, Ronceverte River Festival canceled, Renick Freedom Festival canceled, Alderson 4th of July canceled, Talcott John Henry Days canceled, Hinton Water Festival TBA (currently scheduled for July 31 through Aug. 20, Lewisburg Literary Festival TBA (currently scheduled for Aug. 7 and 8), West Virginia State Fair TBA (currently scheduled for Aug. 13-22), White Sulphur Springs Freshwater Folk Festival TBA (currently scheduled for Sept. 12), Pence Springs

Public Meetings

Gbr. Co. Farmland Protection Board

meets on the third Thursday of each month at 10:30 a.m. at 804 Industrial Drive, Suite 5, in Maxwelton. The public is invited to attend. Call 304-520-3221 for more information.

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.

Renick Town Council

will meet Monday, Jan. 4, at 7 p.m. at Renick Town Hall. Agenda items include:

- Community comments
- Approval of Minutes and Financial Report
- Committee Reports
- Old Business
- First reading of proposed ordinance revision to allow early voting by mail
- Other business

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Wings & Wheels Festival TBA (currently scheduled for Sept. 19), Frankford Autumn Festival TBA (currently scheduled for Sept. 26.), White Sulphur Springs Wild Game Cook-Off TBA (currently scheduled for Oct. 3), Lewisburg's Taste of our Towns (T.O.O.T) TBA (currently scheduled for Oct. 10); Greenbrier County Schools honors graduating seniors from Greenbrier West High School and Greenbrier East High School by presenting modified in-person commencement ceremonies at the West Virginia State Fairgrounds; United Way and Community Foundation raise \$201K for local COVID relief; Cicadas emerge in local area after 17-year hiatus; WVSOM welcomes Sherri Young, D.O., Class of 2003, as its keynote speaker during the school's first-ever virtual commencement ceremony;

June

Ronceverte City Manger Reba Mohler announces her resignation; residents of the Greenbrier Valley gather at the Green Space in downtown Lewisburg to peacefully protest the death of George Floyd of Minnesota; *WV Daily News* and *Valley Ranger* halt publication permanently; Lewisburg Literary Festival is rescheduled for Apr. 17, 2021; FFA asks airport for records following complaint from former director; Ollie's opens new store in Fairlea; Lewisburg vies for national title, Best Small Town Food Scene through USA TODAY; in the primary held June 9, Commission President Lowell Rose nabs the Republican nomination, Tim Stover, former Lewisburg Chief of Police, wins the Division 1 magistrate seat, Kimberly Johnson continues to hold the Division 2 magistrate seat, and Kirby Hanson remains Division 3 magistrate, incumbent Mary Crickenberger Humphreys will keep her seat on the Board of Education, Sheriff Bruce Sloan will be on the November ticket, the two 42nd District House of Delegate positions, Cindy Lavender-Bowe and Jeff Campbell will be running, and for Governor, incumbent Jim Justice will be challenged by Ben Salango in November; several cases of COVID-19 are linked to Graystone Baptist Church in Fairlea; Board of Directors of the State Fair announce the Fair will be cancelled this year; Ollie's officially opens for business in Ronceverte at the old Magic Mart location in the Red Oaks Shopping Center; Greenbrier Valley Aquatic Center (GVAC) begins construction; Dorie Miller Park shooting suspect Edward Alexander Smith-Allen denied bond; flash flood in Alderson causes damage but no injuries; Greenbrier Co. County Commission approves flood control action for Alderson; online petition calls for the removal of the confederate statue in downtown Lewisburg, with many calling for the relocation of the monument to the confederate cemetery north of downtown; although a June 20 flash flood causes hundreds of thousands of dollars of damage to property and infrastructure, it does not qualify for FEMA funds; Greenbrier County Health Department discloses first death in the county from complications of the virus; Alderson Quilting Guild surprises local veteran Jackson "Jack" Sizemore with a Quilt of Valor;

July

Bolling School renovation into Greenbrier Community School almost complete; Ronceverte City Council hears complaints by several residents of persistent harassment and terrorizing by four to five youths, including gunfire at occupied homes; Thelma, the Greenbrier County Sheriff's Department's K9, received a bullet and stab protective vest thanks to a charitable donation from nonprofit organization Vested Interest in K9s; Greenbrier Valley Airport's savings account was reduced by approximately 20 percent in June after the board was billed for five change orders to a project it was not expecting, apparently approved by former Airport Director Stephen Snyder; Gov. Justice issues an executive order establishing a statewide indoor face covering requirement; Atlantic Coast Pipeline (ACP) declares "shut down" in joint announcement by Dominion Energy and Duke Energy; April's Pizzeria in White Sulphur Springs receives substantial damage when suspect Julius Andrew Brown Jr. drives his truck through the side of the building and into the dining room; Alderson Police Chief Jeremy Bennet calls for the removal of Mayor Travis Copenhaver; new scoreboards, restrooms, equipment, and a shelter are ongoing projects for the Lewisburg Public Works team throughout Hollowell and Dorie Miller parks; The Archaeological Conservancy, the West Virginia Land Trust, and the Greenbrier Historical Society announces launch of a crowdfunding campaign for the acquisition of the Arbuckle's Fort archaeological site located in Greenbrier County; Lewisburg City Council agrees to table indefinitely a proposal to allow residents to raise domestic chickens within city limits; Greenbrier County Commission discusses increasing ambulance service coverage in Greenbrier County's west end; Greenbrier County had 1,739 registered businesses on July 1, 2019, and that number increased to 1,921 by June 30, 2020 - with 216 new businesses, that is 10.47 percent growth overall; Greenbrier County receives grant funds to help cover expenses that

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Driver's license expiration dates extended through March 31, 2021

The West Virginia Division of Motor Vehicles announced this week that any driver's license, instruction permit, Graduated License (level 1, 2, or 3), or Commercial Driver's License (CDL), as allowed by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), with an expiration date of Mar. 1, 2020, or later, will be extended until Mar. 31, 2021. Identification cards are included in the extension as well.

Customers are encouraged to visit the DMV online services portal at dmv.wv.gov and renew online or visit a local kiosk (with no changes and every other renewal cycle). Additionally, customers who were previously prohibited from renewing a license online due to a change in address may now take advantage of the new online process that utilizes the Change of Address form found here: go.wv.gov/dmvaddress. Once the address change is completed, the customer is provided an option to apply for updated duplicate documents and pay individually for them at the DMV Self Service website, go.wv.gov/selfservice.

Customers who have a transaction that requires in-person service or choose in-person service and would like a designated appointment time may visit go.wv.gov/dmvappointment or call 304-558-3938.

"Most customers with a driver's license or ID card expiration date after Mar. 1, 2020 have already completed the renewal process either in an office or by taking advantage of our online services portal or a local kiosk," DMV Commissioner Everett Frazier said. "However, we do recognize that there are still a small number of customers who have not been able to renew yet, so we are providing this extension for them."

For more information, including the online services portal, kiosk locations, and the new online change of address process, please visit the DMV website.

Music Festival

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This year had been particularly hard on many musicians, with performance restrictions put in place by Governor Jim Justice in order to combat COVID-19. Although the state currently allows outside performances, this was not the case for many months and with the number of cases rising locally, many businesses are restricting patrons once again.

"I would just encourage everyone, once things open back up, to go out and support live music like never before," Snyder said. "We have had a taste of what it's like, both fans and players, to be without that outlet for live entertainment and creative expression."

Greenbrier County Magistrate Court Convictions

Vesper Ray Lewis III, Frankford, 1) domestic battery, NCP, (no fine), jail 120 days - suspended and placed on 12 months unsupervised probation; 2) destruction of property (no fine), jail 20 days - time served
Jacob Edward Johnson, Ronceverte, 1) hunting without license, fine \$30; 2) no blaze orange, fine \$20
Colby Lucas Winnings, Charmco, speeding, NCP, fine \$18
Charles Gunnoe, Alderson, illegal baiting on WMA, NCP, fine \$50
Johnny B. Fink, Crawley, resident hunting without license, NCP, fine \$30
Robert L. Arbaugh, Asbury, driving suspended, NCP, fine \$100

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OPINION

Commentary

Commissioner Leonhardt: Goals & promises for 2021

Kent A. Leonhardt

WV Commissioner of Agriculture

The last year has been one of the roughest in recent memory. Mainly due to the pandemic, we as Americans have experienced loss, hardship and new challenges that haven't been seen in several decades. As many of us try to leave 2020 behind, we can look towards the hope the new year will bring. As your Commissioner of Agriculture, 2021 also means the beginning of my second term which requires a revisiting of our goals and priorities for the West Virginia Department of Agriculture. There are many things we want to accomplish in the coming four years, but in the meantime, we must modernize our Guthrie laboratories, expand the production of local food and continue to foster a government that is focused on helping the people it serves.

Food safety, emergency response and environmental testing, as well as several other vital tasks, are left to the duty of the laboratories at Guthrie. It is no exaggeration to say this facility and the staff within it are essential to the well-being of every West Virginian. The problem is that the building, a former 1950s military gymnasium, no longer fits the needs of a modern lab. The tremendous talent we have in staff is being limited by the facilities they work in hindering our ability to bring in additional resources, as well as research and development dollars, to the Mountain State. The Department's laboratories are simply unable to expand services because our facilities are just not up to par.

During the pandemic, hoarding, logistical inefficiencies and outbreaks in manufacturing facilities made food scarcity commonplace for every American, not just the most vulnerable. A centralized food system led many of our citizens to turn to local producers to fill nutritional gaps. To avoid shortages in the future, we must further develop local food infrastructure by educating the public and expanding market opportunities for West Virginia producers. Our West Virginia Grown program accomplishes both goals but is lacking crucial support from state leaders. If we truly want to grow our local economy, keep food dollars in our communities and develop a resiliency within our food systems, we need to invest in local agriculture. It starts with having a well-funded food and agricultural products branding program.

In 2021, we must continue to work on building relationships across the state as we implement the West Virginia Strategic Plan for Agriculture. The plan is to right-size government, while reducing redundancy and waste, to improve the health of West Virginia literally and figuratively. It's part of our goal to ensure a safe, abundant and affordable food supply with clear and concise rules and regulations. This boils down to an "educate before regulate" mentality and working with, not against, our agribusinesses. WVDA staff has worked tirelessly along these lines by championing several pieces of legislation over the last four years, but there are still many laws that prevent our agribusinesses from growing. We must continue to get rid of government bureaucracy that prevents our farmers from doing what they do best: feeding our citizens.

With COVID-19 vaccines on their way, we enter the new year with a lot of hope. Hope that we can save American lives, as well as businesses from the full effects of this terrible pandemic. That same hope can be

Commentary

Resolutions you can keep

By Charlotte Lane,

Chairman of WV Public Service Commission

I don't believe that 2020 will make my list of favorite years. I'll bet most of you feel the same. So it's only natural that we want to embrace the promise of a fresh start in 2021. New Year's resolutions are a long standing tradition. So is breaking them.

We've all made well-meaning resolutions that last a short while, then fall by the wayside. We plan to eat healthy food, exercise more or save money. But by Valentine's Day, we're eating burgers and fries for lunch. Maybe we saved a little money when we quit paying dues to the gym we joined but never used.

As Chairman of the Public Service Commission, I can't help you stay on your diet or your exercise plan, but I do have some ideas to help you save money on your utility bills. If you can save a little bit every month, it will add up by the end of the year. And your budget will thank you in the meantime. These suggestions don't require a lot of time or effort. Just a little tweak here and there can make a difference.

Water and power are best suited to finding savings. The first thing to do is explore your home for leaks. Even the tiniest leak will add up on your monthly water bill. Stop the leak and watch your bill shrink. Look for leaks wherever water comes into or goes out of your home. Check hidden spots such as the water heater and ice maker. Another quick and easy way to save water is to shorten your shower by a few minutes and turn off the tap while you brush your teeth or shave. If every person in your home saves seven or eight gallons a day, your water and sewer bills will show the difference.

Saving on your electric bill starts with dropping your thermostat by a couple of degrees. Think of it as an opportunity to enjoy your festive Christmas sweater a little longer. Pay attention to simple solutions. Turn off the light when you leave a room. Power down the TV and other electronics and unplug chargers when you aren't using them. Get the whole family involved by making a game of who is best at saving electricity - or who gets caught slipping up.

I wish you much happiness - and utility savings - in the New Year.



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used to revitalize our state by bringing innovation to government. It begins with state leaders doing everything in their power to stop the downward population trend West Virginia has experienced over the last seventy years. It will take convincing younger generations the Mountain State is the right place to work, live and raise a family. We can only do this by expanding local services, encouraging growth of local industrial sectors and using taxpayer dollars effectively. My continued promise for 2021, the same as it has been the last four years, is to continue to work on behalf of the people who wish to see a better West Virginia. We have a lot of work to do, but I have great faith that we can make the Mountain State a better place.

Commentary

AG Morrissey highlights 2020 successes

West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrissey and his office persevered through an unprecedented year in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, while continuing to combat the opioid crisis, protect pipeline jobs and win major settlements for consumers and much more in 2020.

"This year has been unlike any other," Attorney General Morrissey said. "Our dedicated team overcame the challenges 2020 brought with tremendous tenacity and determination to maintain the rule of law, help preserve the constitutional freedoms of its citizenry and score significant victories to fight opioid abuse and secure major settlements to benefit West Virginia consumers."

Attorney General Morrissey's office focused extensively on issues related to COVID-19, including numerous investigations, proactive outreach on critical consumer issues and handling the heavy litigation load caused by virus-related complaints.

The office also provided important guidance to government leaders regarding the election and various other matters related to COVID-19.

Not lost in the pandemic was Attorney General Morrissey's continued fight against the opioid epidemic.

The Attorney General opened a new front in holding corporations accountable and, separately, released findings of his years-long investigation into the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration's irresponsible approach to drug quotas - all part of a holistic approach to attack opioid abuse from a supply, demand and educational perspective.

The DEA report revealed never-before-seen documents showing that DEA routinely accepted sales projections and unsupported claims of increased demand from drugmakers, yet failed to question how many pills fell into the hands of abusers as overdose deaths skyrocketed from 2010 to 2016.

In court, the Attorney General filed suit against CVS, Rite-Aid, Walgreens and Walmart alleging each national chain knowingly distributed more opioid pills to its pharmacies than was medically necessary.

Attorney General Morrissey secured two major victories for pipeline construction at the U.S. Supreme Court. In February, his office presented oral arguments that led justices to clear a legal hurdle that had blocked construction of the Atlantic Coast Pipeline in Harrison, Lewis, Upshur, Randolph and Pocahontas counties.

Weeks later, the Attorney General protected pipeline jobs in West Virginia and nationwide by winning a stay from the U.S. Supreme Court that ensured one Montana district court judge wouldn't possess the power to drive national policy on an issue as critical as pipeline construction.

Attorney General Morrissey's consumer protection efforts scored a historic victory in October with a \$101.35 million settlement to recoup state road funding and restore competition in the state-approved asphalt and paving market. It marked the largest, single-state antitrust settlement in West Virginia's history.

The Attorney General's Consumer Protection unit

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Commentary

Rep. Miller holds Purdue Pharma and Sackler family accountable for growing responsibility in opioid epidemic

Congresswoman Miller (R-WV) provided the following remarks at the Committee on Oversight and Reform hearing outlining the destructive role Purdue Pharma and the Sackler family played in catalyzing and exacerbating the opioid epidemic. Congresswoman Miller described the severe destruction the opioid epidemic has had on West Virginia in her remarks as prepared below:

Today's hearing is of utmost importance to my state of West Virginia, and many other states across the nation, who are facing the devastating impacts of the opioid epidemic.

In 2018, there were over 46,000 opioid related overdose deaths in the United States. In that same year, we lost over 700 West Virginians to opioid related overdoses. If I could put a face to each of these victims and their families, they're the person in line next to you at the grocery store or next to you in the pew at church. They are your neighbors and your friends. A single life lost to addiction is one too many, and unfortunately my state has lost thousands of family members over the years to this disease.

Throughout the United States we have seen this epidemic evolve in three stages: first, individuals were overprescribed and abused prescription opioids, the second wave was heroin, and the third wave is synthetic opioids, such as fentanyl. Studies show that of those who began using opioids in the 2000s, 75% started with prescription opioids. In large part, due to the actions of the company represented before us today, Purdue Pharma recklessly and irresponsibly marketed OxyContin to increase the number of prescriptions to patients, which ultimately resulted in patients becoming addicted to this drug.

We have seen the shift to heroin and other dangerous substances like fentanyl as prescription opioids become too expensive or hard to find. These drugs often pose their own risks as they are found on the street. For example, in 2016, my hometown of Huntington experienced 28 overdoses in a single day as a result of a contaminated batch of heroin. Thanks to the heroic action of our emergency responders, 27 of the 28 lives were saved.

As a result of this epidemic, families have been decimated, children are growing up without parents, and babies are being born exposed to drugs in the womb. For every 1,000 babies born in West Virginia, 56.2 are born exposed to opioids. I have sat with mothers who made the courageous decision to seek treatment, and I have held their babies struggling with symptoms of withdrawal. This epidemic is shaping generations across my own state, and many others.

Since coming to Congress, I have made addressing the opioid epidemic a priority. I have supported our Administration's work to increase access to naloxone and provided much needed federal dollars to our treatment centers to get folks help on the ground. I have also supported creative community-based solutions that are a result of our local communities coming together and helping our neighbors in need.

While we have made great strides to address this terrible epidemic, we must also ensure we address the actions taken by Purdue Pharma in pushing OxyContin to patients. I hope that we get some answers today.

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OBITUARIES

June Reed Yates



Lewisburg-June Reed Yates, 84, formerly of Pickaway, passed away Tuesday, Dec. 29, 2020, at the Seasons Place in Lewisburg.

June was born June 2, 1936, in Second Creek and was the daughter of the late Leslie N. and Mary E. Trent Reed.

She was member of Highland Park United Methodist Church, retired cook at Greenbrier East High School, a graduate of Union High School and had attended Concord College.

Other than her parents, June was preceded in death by her husband, Charles W. Yates and sister, Patricia Ann Ford.

Survivors include her daughter, Teresa Lovell and husband Scotty of Cool Ridge; grandchildren, Zachary Lovell and wife Amy of Green Bank, Kacie Egbert and husband J.P. of Stanfield,

NC; great-grandchildren, Tinley, Harper, and Lila Egbert and Josephine Lovell; and niece, Mary Thompson and husband Bob of Caldwell.

Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 2, at the Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Ronceverte with Pastor Don Trent officiating. Burial will follow in the New Lebanon Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 12 noon until 1 p.m. at the funeral home.

A special thank you to the staff at The Season's Place.

Please send online condolences by visiting www.WallaceandWallaceFH.com

Marshall Davis Fox



Lewisburg-Marshall David "Dave" Fox, 73, passed away Monday, Dec. 21, 2020, at Charleston Area Medical Center of Covid-19.

Born June 15, 1947, in

Ronceverte, he was the son of the late Marshall L. and Laida Weikle Young.

Dave was retired from State Electric after 42 years of service. He was a member of the Lewisburg Elks Lodge #1758 for 33 years serving as trustee for the last nine years. He was a U.S. Coast Guard veteran.

He is survived by his wife, Linda; son, Michael (Sarah Pickering) of Caldwell; daughters, Helen Shapira Defilippis (David) of Bellefonte, PA, and Rebekah Shapira Ferraro (Nicholas) of Charleston, SC; his grandchildren, Samantha Cruz and Malena Fox. In addition, he is survived by brothers and sisters-in-law, John Stoner (Diane), Stephen Stoner (Amy), Margaret Stoner and Janet Meehan (Pat) and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

In addition to his family, Dave enjoyed golfing, playing acoustic guitar, spending time with close friends, vacationing with his extended family and taking care of Missy (his cat).

A celebration of Dave's life will be planned at a later date.

Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Lewisburg

is in charge of arrangements.

Please send online condolences by visiting www.WallaceandWallaceFH.com

Suzanne Louise Weir Jackson



Alderson-Suzanne Louise Weir Jackson, 68, formerly of New Castle, PA, passed away Thursday, Dec. 24, 2020, at the Peyton Hospice House in Lewisburg, following a short illness.

Born July 24, 1952, in Ellwood City, PA, she was the daughter of the late Audley Eugene and Beverly Joan Veon Weir.

In Addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her loving husband, Larry Eugene Jackson; granddaughter, Brianna McKnight; and father-in-law and mother-in-law, Eugene and Mary Jackson.

Mrs. Jackson was the former Activities Direc-

tor at Carriage Manor in New Castle, PA. Prior to her employment at Carriage Manor, she worked as an assistant at the pain management clinic, was a paramedic in New Castle, PA, and was also a home-maker. She was a 1970 graduate of Mohawk High School in Pennsylvania and attended the River of Life Church of God in Alderson. Mrs. Jackson enjoyed hunting and doing crafts, but above all, she loved her family and to spend time with her family.

Survivors include four daughters, Kirisa Gennock of New Castle, PA, Rosanna and Wesley Jennings of New Castle, PA, Kamia and Raymond Honaker of Alderson, and Jetta and Gary Elmore of Gap Mills; two stepsons, Jeffrey and Patty Jackson of Bessemer, PA, and Timothy Jackson of Clearwater, FL; three sisters, Sonja Kelley of New Castle, PA, Sheila Bowker of Bessemer, PA, and Stacey and James Cox of Wampum, PA; 10 grandchildren, Zachery McKnight, Kelcey O'Neill, Halie Rodriguez, Jacob Jennings, Caden Lowry, Braden Gennock, Lyndsey Jennings, Alaina Gennock, Jonathon O'Neill, and Aleya Elmore; six

step-grandchildren, Amy Jackson, Cerra Jackson, Brittany Maglicco, Stefanie Jackson, Scott Jackson, and Emily Jackson; one great-granddaughter; many step-great-grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Private funeral services will be on Wednesday, Dec. 30, at 12 noon at the Marshall Funeral Home in Wampum, PA, with Tom C. Skaggs officiating. Burial will follow in the Clinton Cemetery in Wampum, PA, where close friends are welcome to attend.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, CDC guidelines will be observed, with mask and social distancing encouraged.

Family and friends will serve as pallbearers.

For those considering an expression of sympathy, in lieu of flowers, contributions may be sent to 51 Honaker Drive, Alderson, WV 24910.

Online condolences and memories may be shared with the Jackson family at www.lobbanfh.com or www.marshallsfh.com.

Arrangements by Lobban Funeral Home, Alderson, WV, and Marshall Funeral Home, Wampum, PA.

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also reached a \$3.9 million surgical mesh and hip replacement settlement with Johnson & Johnson; erased more than \$1 million in debt for West Virginia students of the former ITT Technical Institute; and reached terms with German engineering corporation Robert Bosch to close out more than \$3.2 million in settlements related to the 2015 Volkswagen emissions cheating scandal.

Other accomplishments include the following:

- Successfully defended farmers and property owners in convincing a federal court to allow the Trump administration's Navigable Waters Protection Rule to go into effect.

- Fought for coal miners by leading oral arguments and briefs supporting the Trump administration's Affordable Clean Energy rule.

- Successfully defended the state's right-to-work law at the state Supreme Court of Appeals, arguing the measure is constitutionally sound.

- Investigated alleged tampering of absentee ballot requests, leading to the conviction of a Pendleton County mail carrier in the run-up to the primary election.

- Investigated the closure of Fairmont Regional Medical Center, pressure from which helped in leading its owner to promise approximately \$1.24 million in paid time off and more than \$125,000 in retirement benefits to workers of the now shut-

tered hospital.

- Returned more than \$7 million to state coffers, reaching a cumulative total of more than \$52.6 million since 2013.

- Filed lawsuits against Facebook and Google to restore competition and halt monopolistic behavior within Big Tech.

- Defended the constitutionality of a tourism law important to completing the Hill Top Hotel project in Harpers Ferry - a \$138 million project with potential to boost the state's economy.

- Called upon telecommunications companies, Federal Communications Commission and the U.S. Supreme Court to take steps to stop unlawful robocalls.

- Finished 2020 on pace to exceed \$25 million in disability fraud savings since inception of the office's Social Security disability fraud partnership.

- Fought to protect Second Amendment rights and maintained concealed carry recognition with majority of states across the nation.

- Bolstered staffing and dramatically increased the number of new investigations opened by the state's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit.

- Defended the right of states to prohibit certain types of abortions.

- Worked to expand broadband access and competition, including support for an initiative with Tractor Supply Co. to provide free Wi-Fi in store parking lots.

A Look Back



Photo: Courtesy of Mary Lindquist from the Dr. John F. Montgomery papers.

By William "Skip" Deegans

While we may never know for sure why or how it really started, Lewisburg's 2021 Shanghai Parade is an annual tradition that will be sorely missed. This week's undated photo shows the parade many years ago. The sign on the vehicle reads "To Lewisburg By Gosh To The Shanghai." In the background is the Princess Theatre (now a real estate office) and a barber shop (now Hollowell Dawkins Foundation). Note the brick street.

Christmas Tree recycling events canceled

The West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection (WVDEP) will not conduct its annual Christmas tree recycling events in January 2021 due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Sponsored by the WVDEP's Rehabilitation Environmental Action Plan (REAP), in conjunction with the state Division of Natural Resources (WVDNR), the tree recycling event has been a mainstay at Charleston's Capitol Market for many years and offers residents an environmentally friendly way to dispose of their live Christmas trees. Last year, a second collection site was added in Bridgeport. Because

of safety concerns amid the pandemic, neither location will operate next month.

Typically, hundreds of Christmas trees are collected and repurposed as fish habitat in lakes around West Virginia. WVDNR officials placed trees in Cheat, Tygart, Stonewall Jackson, Stonecoal, Burnsville, Sutton, Summersville, Big Ditch, Sherwood, R.D. Bailey, Beech Fork and East Lynn lakes last season. The Apple Grove Hatchery in Mason County also received trees.

REAP is hopeful the tree recycling event will return for the 2021 holidays. In the meantime, green alternatives such as composting and

mulching, rather than landfilling, are recommended for those searching for a sustainable use of their Christmas tree once the holidays have ended.

REAP, whose new motto is "Keeping WV Clean and Green," was created in 2005 and strives to clean up West Virginia and rid the state of litter. The program empowers citizens to take ownership of their communities by providing technical, financial, and resource assistance in cleanup and recycling efforts. More information is available on the REAP webpage: <https://dep.wv.gov/environmental-advocate/reap/Pages/default.aspx>.

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Happy NEW YEAR!

Dear Recycle Lady,

Dear Recycle Lady,
I assume anything with glitter on it cannot be recycled. Is that correct? I never buy anything with glitter on it because some of the glitter comes unglued and becomes a safety hazard. Once, I got some glitter in my eye, and it took hours for me to get it out.

Glitter is Not Gold
Dear Glitter is Not Gold,
You are absolutely correct. Nothing with glitter on it will recycle. Glitter is a microplastic and is usually made from a combination of plastic and aluminum. It is best disposed of by putting it in some glue, then in a sealed envelope and thrown in the trash. Never dump it into the sink or toilet as that sends it into the water system and the ocean. As a microplastic, it is toxic to human and marine life. According to www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2020, "glitter is an environmental abomination," and we should stop using it. Earlier this year several British brands announced they had banned glitter from holiday products. Let's hope that US companies soon follow suit.

Dear Recycle Lady,
Your December 5th column mentions feeding dried pumpkin seeds to birds. I not only dry pumpkin seeds for the birds, I also eat them myself and give them to other people. Chipmunks prefer cantaloupe and watermelon seeds, which can be dried out by placing them on a paper towel. Here is a recipe for roasting pumpkin seeds. Toss 1½ cups of clean, dry whole pumpkin seeds in a bowl with 2 teaspoons melted butter and a pinch of salt. Spread the seeds in a single layer on a baking sheet and bake for about 45 minutes at 250 degrees or until golden brown, stirring occasionally. Enjoy. Roasted pumpkin seeds provide 5.3 grams of protein per ounce and contain essential minerals, including magnesium, phosphorus, copper, and zinc, along with healthy monounsaturated and polyunsaturated

fats. They are a natural source of tryptophan, an amino acid that helps people sleep. For additional recipes and nutritional info go to <https://www.verywellfit.com/pumpkin-seed-nutrition-facts>.
Pumpkin Seed Eater
Dear Pumpkin Seed Eater,
Thanks for the recipe for roasting pumpkin seeds. It seems very simple and quick to fix. It is also the very first Recycle/Reuse/Reduce idea! I hope there are many more to come.

Dear Readers,
Need some ways to recycle your live Christmas tree at the end of the holiday season? Here are a few ideas. 1. Sink your tree in your pond, or a friend's. Fish and tadpoles will live and lay eggs around this sheltered area. 2. Cut off the branches and use them to insulate your perennial plants in your garden. 3. Prop your tree up near your bird feeders to provide another perch and shelter to birds that come to your feeders to dine. 4. Create another bird feeder station by hanging some suet balls or strings of popcorn on the tree.

Wishing everyone a healthy, happy and prosperous New Year.
Have questions about recycling, or interesting information about recycling? Send questions or requests to recyclelady@greenbrier-swa.com. Dear Recycle Lady is sponsored jointly by the Greenbrier Recycling Center and Greenworks Recycling.



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Weekly SUDOKU
by Linda Thistle

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Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Santa's boots are black. 2. Building is shorter. 3. Brick pattern is different. 4. Car wheel is black. 5. Boy's coat has pocket. 6. Santa's beard is longer.

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Super Crossword

ACROSS

1 Moves like a dog's tail
5 Sicilian erupter
9 Not too swift
16 Slack-jawed feeling
19 Question to an unknown caller
21 Portable grill
22 See 38-Down
23 Start of a riddle
25 In favor of
26 Downhillers, e.g.
27 "-haw!" (rodeo yell)
28 Magazine agent's success
30 Total failure
32 Riddle, part 2
36 Run — (buy drinks on credit)
37 Title for Lancelot
39 Sleep study acronym
40 Big vases
41 Riddle, part 3
49 Cab
50 Lovingly, to a musician

51 Common folks
55 Similar to
57 Actor Kilmer
58 Peppery
59 Boxer Clay, later
60 Riddle, part 4
69 PC combo key
70 Water, in Vichy
71 A, in Italy
72 "Zip—" "Doo-Dah"
73 Riddle, part 5
81 Author
82 Fall Classic mo.
83 12, on a sundial
84 Small kid
85 Clorox, e.g.
87 Having no
91 Sarajevoo locale
96 Riddle, part 6
99 Some vipers
102 — -pah-pah
103 Gen. Lee's side: Abbr.
104 Half-pint
105 End of the riddle
111 — Stone (hieroglyphic discovery)

114 Gretel's brother
115 Metal source
116 Painter's undercoat
117 A Gershwin brother
118 Riddle's answer
125 Sci-fi author Stanislaw
126 Email, e.g.
127 Some overcrowded houses
128 Historic span
129 Smiled
130 See 74-Down
131 Top of a car

DOWN

1 It follows "I" in a URL
2 "Feels so nice!"
3 Loses one's hair
4 Not guaranteed only to float
5 Merman of song
6 British prime minister May
7 Small peevish
8 Enzyme-name suffix
9 Transparent
10 Dwells

11 Shikoku sash
12 Is no longer
13 Here, in Le Havre
14 Sandbar
15 Indian language
16 Public scandal
17 Like Afghans
18 Act of exiting
20 Clic — (Bic brand)
24 Drain-clearing stuff
29 Shocks
30 Quick race
31 Sewing case
32 Baby buggy, to Brits
33 Tolkien meanings
34 Fish in a Pixar title
35 Doctors' gp.
38 With
22-Across, spaced out
42 "If — a Hammer"
43 Mouselike animal
44 1970s Chevy
45 "Curses!"
46 Shed skin or feathers
47 Doctors' gps.
48 Curse
52 Resident of Riyadh

53 Page of "Juno"
54 Album's first half
56 Make — in (begin working on)
58 "Grand" hotel
60 1983 comedy with Mr. T
61 Gasoline additive
62 Wading bird
63 Sickly
64 Label
65 Color shade
66 "Say again?"
67 Rock's Brian
68 Boat mover
74 With
130-Across, home of a Scottish "monster"
75 Say again
76 Old lovers
77 "Say it — so!"
78 — Field (Mets' home)
79 Drifting sort
80 English prep school
86 Aides: Abbr.
87 "Hmm, I guess so"
88 Grandiosity
89 In the past
90 Magazine or book divs.

92 Wall — (financial district employee)
93 Nearly massless particle
94 Lacks entity
95 "— boy!"
97 Vie for the love of
98 Lurches from side to side
99 For a spell
100 Generous type
101 It's west of Colombia
106 Bursts (with)
107 Of the past
108 Ski cottage
109 Like pop flies
110 Co.'s top dog
112 Hall's pop partner
113 Slightly built
116 Admiral Graf — (German warship)
119 Mao — -tung
120 Sugar-name suffix
121 Big rabbit feature
122 Peak: Abbr.
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come with having an election during a pandemic, which include protective gear, funds for postage, and more; the Greater Greenbrier Long-Term Recovery Committee (GGLTRC) in Alderson continues to push for work and donations in order to help at least 85 flood damaged properties throughout three counties; former County Commissioner Steve Malcomb dies at 76; the *Mountain Messenger* staff is awarded second place overall in the Best Special Section category for the 2019 West Virginia State Fair Guide, Head Editor Sarah Richardson wins first place in the Best News Feature category for her piece, "Local Entrepreneur Strives to Bring Augmented Reality into Classrooms," *Mountain Messenger* contributor Bobby Bordelon scores second place in the Best Investigative or In-Depth Story category for his piece, "Potential Plan to Improve Air Service Complicated by Bed Tax Stakeholders," written for the *West Virginia Daily News* and *Greenbrier Valley Ranger* in March 2019; Carnegie Hall announces the cancellation of the 36th Taste of Our Towns (TOOT) food and music festival in downtown Lewisburg in October;

August

The Greenbrier County Board of Education meets in a special session to formally approve 2020 Greenbrier County School's Re-Entry Plan; friends and family of the late TSgt Ralph H. Ray (Nov. 13, 1922 - Aug. 8, 2019) gather at the Greenbrier River boat launch in Caldwell for a Memorial Bridge Dedication; the Lewisburg Fire Department makes plans to build a new, comprehensive fire station on Grand Avenue near Lewisburg Cinema 8; Lewisburg's 13th annual D.A.R.E. To Cruz Car Show is cancelled this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic; Vice President Mike Pence visits Greenbrier County for a Republican fundraiser at The Greenbrier; the Lloyd E. Haynes Maintenance Building is commemorated in White Sulphur Springs; True Value in

Lewisburg announces they are closing their doors this October after 48 years of business; Governor Justice recognizes local doctor and health official Bridgett Morrison, who, together with her team, jumped into action to help with a coronavirus outbreak at a Monroe County nursing home;

September

The Greenbrier River Trail Association announces the opening of a new hand-pump water well on the Greenbrier River Trail near the 9.5 mile marker; GreenRiver Academy, a pre-Kindergarten day program, opens in White Sulphur Springs; public schools open as of Tuesday, Sept. 8; Secretary of State Warner announces more than 50,000 West Virginians have applied for absentee ballots for the November general election; Sergeant Jeffrey Todd Williams is recently recognized at his retirement from the Greenbrier County Sheriff's Department for his 19 years of service; Lieutenant Rusty J.R. Byer, Jr., former Chief of Police in Ronceverte, comes out of retirement to accept job as the lieutenant in charge of the Alderson Police Department while Chief Jeremy Bennett is out on military leave; Dorie Miller Park undergoes renovations with new bathrooms, new play equipment, and a new shelter structure to be finished by next spring; Greenbrier County 4-H Shooting Team under Leader Mike Adkins takes both the 2nd and 3rd place title against 11 other teams at the 2020 Boy Scouts of America Sporting Clays Classic competition; Ronceverte residents, Heather Masters and Tanya Hazelwood, start non profit Friends of Ronceverte (FOR) dedicated to preserving their hometown; ACE Hardware opens new business in White Sulphur Springs; new paving, surfacing, water drainage, and a change to the entrance of the Greenbrier Valley Medical Center underway on Rt. 219 in Fairlea; the Greenbrier Valley Airport preliminarily reports strong financials and the potential for new flights at

meeting of the Airport Authority;

October

WV Living magazine offers community a chance to vote online for the best people, places, and things that West Virginia has to offer; Greenbrier Valley Airport unveils a new logo and branding; Hog Wild Bar-B-Que opens in Fairlea; old decking is removed from pedestrian bridge in Ronceverte; Quinwood Emergency Ambulance Service ceases operation after 40 years; Friends of Ronceverte organize a pie in the face contest to raise funds for their community cleanup projects; Chris and Jorge Rodriguez-Stanley announce plans to renovate the building housing Rudy's on Main Street in Ronceverte; potential conversion of the Alderson Community Center to a new Alderson Elementary School is discussed at Alderson Town Council meeting; Greenbrier County Health Department announces the county's fifth COVID-19 death; local municipalities announce Halloween plans; the West Virginia Rural Health Association holds their annual Rural Health Conference virtually and honors Dr. Bridgett Morrison and Sally Hurst; early voting for the general election begins with a strong turnout; Rainelle Mayor Jason Smith announces resignation; Alderson Police Department receives award of \$50,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture for two new vehicles; Lewisburg native singer and songwriter Lillie King premieres her breakthrough debut single via Mon Hill Records titled Red; Family Dollar announces plans for a renovated store's grand re-opening in White Sulphur Springs;

November

Inadequate environmental protections lead to a consent order being filed against the Greenbrier County Commission by West Virginia DEP for the Greenbrier County Sportsplex; nearly \$750,000 worth of grants for streets, sidewalks and generators are brought to Rainelle during a presentation by Governor Jim Justice; Kroger workers vote on a new contract and vote not to strike; a Charmco man is charged with murder;

state sets record for new COVID-19 cases; foundation is laid for the \$6 million Greenbrier Valley Aquatic Center project located near the State Fair of West Virginia; a regional office for the Rainelle Medical Center, located at the Greenbrier Valley Airport, is approved by the Greenbrier County Airport Authority to add new protective measures;

December

Lewisburg plans Santa Sendoff to replace cancelled Shanghai Parade; Lewisburg City Council discusses a land purchase agreement for the new fire station, and the idea of acquiring a new building on Feamster Road to potentially house the Lewisburg Public Works Department; White Sulphur Springs cancels their annual Christmas Parade; Alderson holds a "reverse parade" of vehicles in lieu of the annual Christmas parade; Greenbrier Humane Society begins gathering donations from the community for their annual Kram the Kennel drive; Inge Kizer, 80, of Asbury dies in a fire at her home in Asbury; five children and the mother of three of them die in a house fire near Williamsburg; three writers with Greenbrier County ties have poems included in a new collection of writing, art, and photography titled "In the Midst, a COVID-19 Anthology" - Sara Crickenberger and Eric Fritzius, both of Lewisburg, and Courtney Susman, of Huntington, were selected for inclusion in the anthology; Senator Stephen Baldwin (D-Greenbrier), is elected Minority Leader by the Democratic Caucus of the West Virginia Senate; first COVID vaccines arrive in Greenbrier County; Lewisburg replaces Christmas Parade with Santa Sendoff; Ronceverte VFD conducts stocking giveaway as a drive-thru; Congress re-designates New River Gorge National Park and Preserve; Lewisburg City Council discusses need to purchase more land for the upcoming Lewisburg Fire Station off Grand Avenue; several businesses throughout the Greenbrier Valley take home top placements in the annual West Virginia Living Magazine contest.

WSS Library returns to curbside service only

Due to the rise in COVID-19 cases, even more so around the holidays and for the safety of all staff and patrons, the White Sulphur Springs Public Library went back to curbside service only effective Dec. 28. Curbside service will be available Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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7, at 6 p.m. with a possible reopening date of Jan. 9. Our overall goal is to provide a safe environment for all.

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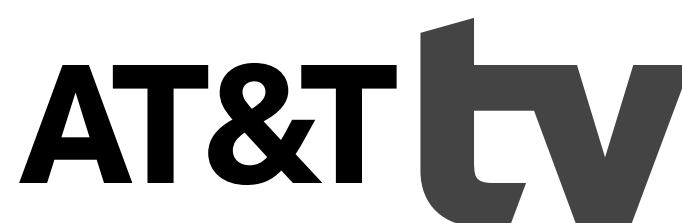
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GreenRiver Academy is a school designed to help students reach their full potential, by providing a safe and nurturing learning environment. We reference therapeutic practices that are a part of credible research. We follow the Content Standards set forth by the State. We have an onsite, licensed teacher and speech pathologist, along with connections to other therapies and resources. We provide parental and student support for academic and

therapeutic needs. We specialize in intervention practices that help the student and the family.

This year to help with COVID, we are offering a tutoring program. Our sessions include a 2 day model and 1 day model. The program is for preschool through 12th grade. Our hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. We also offer private services for individual therapy, which must be set up with the therapist. To learn more about us check us out on Facebook, email us at brightstarts@gmail.com, or call 304-956-2090.

GreenRiver Academy is located at 722 Main Street in White Sulphur Springs.

Funding announced for Monroe County Health Department

U.S. Senators Joe Manchin and Shelley Moore Capito, members of the Senate Appropriations Committee, have announced \$3,383,527 from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) for health centers across West Virginia.

The Monroe County Health Department is set to receive \$1,191,049.

“Our front line healthcare workers have worked tirelessly caring for their fellow West Virginians during the COVID-19 pandemic and our health centers play a vital role in providing West Virginians with quality healthcare during this crisis. As we continue to fight this pandemic and more West Virginians receive the vaccine, our health centers will

be critical. I am pleased HHS is investing in our health centers and will continue to advocate for funding that supports our essential healthcare providers,” Senator Manchin said.

“Health centers play such an important role in providing critical care to people across our state, particularly in the more rural areas of West Virginia. Our dedicated health care workers have been vital in our battle against the coronavirus and will be crucial as we work to bring the COVID-19 vaccine to all corners of our state. I will continue to use my role on the Senate Appropriations Committee to provide these resources to health care providers across West Virginia,” said Senator Capito.

MRVA takes on Healthiest Cities & Counties Challenge

The Meadow River Valley Association (MRVA) is part of an exciting new initiative funded by the American Public Health Association and National Association of Counties. Titled the Healthiest Cities & Counties Challenge (HCCC), the two-year initiative (July 2020 through September 2022) is designed to assist a Greenbrier County team in accelerating activities that improve community health.

The Greenbrier County Health Alliance - a nonprofit partner of the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine's Center for Rural and Community Health - is leading the HCCC project which includes grant funding, technical assistance and participation in a nationwide learning collaborative. Entrance into the HCCC was highly competitive, with only twenty teams from across the country selected to participate.

As part of the Challenge, Greenbrier County Health Alliance will support the Marvel Center and MRVA's development of the Meadow River Valley Community Center. It will provide stipends to support community health and develop stronger “clinic-community connections” by improving referral systems between healthcare providers and local health programs.

Local residents will have the opportunity to train as Workshop Leaders in Stanford University's Chronic Pain Self-Management Program. Once workshop leaders are in place, expect to see pain management workshops available in the Meadow River Valley (virtually and in person when possible).

Visit the Healthiest Cities & Counties Challenge website and the Greenbrier County Team page to learn more.

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(2019-S-0000011 - Greenbrier County - JAMES A FACEMIRE)

To: HAMBRICK ANNETTE L, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have any interest in the subject property.

You will take notice that JAMES A FACEMIRE, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2019-S-0000011, LOT 19 GYPSY HTS GYPSY LAND FAIRLEA 50X150X70X150, located in FORT SPRING, which was returned delinquent in the name of HAMBRICK ANNETTE L, and for which the tax lien(s) thereon was sold by the sheriff of Greenbrier County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on the 20th day of November, 2019, has requested that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made to him or her on or after April 1, 2021, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount you will have to pay on the last day, March 31, 2021, will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to March 31, 2021.	\$ 101.94
Amount of subsequent years' taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to March 31, 2021.	\$ 9.76
Amount paid for the Title Examination and preparation of the list to be served and for preparation and service of notice with interest from January 1, 2020, following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2021.	\$ 428.74
Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2021.	\$ 42.75
Total Amount Payable to Sheriff - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to the The Honorable Bruce Sloan, Sheriff and Treasurer of Greenbrier County.	\$ 583.19
Cost of Certification of Redemption - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to the The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor.	\$ 35.00

You may redeem at any time before March 31, 2021, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.

Return this letter and both certified funds to the
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(2019-S-00000114 - Greenbrier County - WV TL LLC TESCO CUSTODIAN)

To: INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, WV STATE TAX DEPARTMENT THE REVENUE CENTER, WV STATE TAX DEPARTMENT THE REVENUE CENTER, GREENBRIER COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY, GREENBRIER COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY, CITY OF LEWISBURG, ULRICH LENNARTZ, ANJA LENNARTZ, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have any interest in the subject property.

You will take notice that WV TL LLC TESCO CUSTODIAN, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2019-S-00000114, 114 CHESTNUT STREET 6755 SQ FT OR 0.156 AC FROM DAWES, located in LEWISBURG CORP, which was returned delinquent in the name of LENNARTZ ULRICH & ANJA, and for which the tax lien(s) thereon was sold by the sheriff of Greenbrier County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on the 20th day of November, 2019, has requested that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made to him or her on or after April 1, 2021, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount you will have to pay on the last day, March 31, 2021, will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to March 31, 2021.	\$ 1,056.62
Amount of subsequent years' taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to March 31, 2021.	\$ 1,778.37
Amount paid for the Title Examination and preparation of the list to be served and for preparation and service of notice with interest from January 1, 2020, following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2021.	\$ 1,112.16
Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2021.	\$ 462.16
Total Amount Payable to Sheriff - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to the The Honorable Bruce Sloan, Sheriff and Treasurer of Greenbrier County.	\$ 4,409.15
Cost of Certification of Redemption - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to the The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor.	\$ 35.00

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(2019-S-00000117 - Greenbrier County - WV TL LLC TESCO CUSTODIAN)

To: INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, WV STATE TAX DEPARTMENT THE REVENUE CENTER, WV STATE TAX DEPARTMENT THE REVENUE CENTER, GREENBRIER COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY, GREENBRIER COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY, TOWN OF RAINELE, OCCUPANT, MICHAEL A. MCCLUNG, CITY NATIONAL BANK SUCCESSOR TO GREENBRIER VALLEY NATIONAL BANK BRACER MULLETT, ESQUIRE, APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY, CT CORPORATION SYSTEM, RED STAR HARDWARE, WV STATE TAX DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS MONITORING UNIT THE REVENUE CENTER, WV STATE TAX DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS MONITORING UNIT THE REVENUE CENTER, GREENBRIER COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT #2., or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have any interest in the subject property.

You will take notice that WV TL LLC TESCO CUSTODIAN, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2019-S-00000117, LOT 77 RIVERSIDE ADD. MCROSS 168X324X409X110XIRR F, located in MEADOW BLUFF, which was returned delinquent in the name of MCCLUNG MICHAEL A (SURV), and for which the tax lien(s) thereon was sold by the sheriff of Greenbrier County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on the 20th day of November, 2019, has requested that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made to him or her on or after April 1, 2021, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount you will have to pay on the last day, March 31, 2021, will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to March 31, 2021.	\$ 1,194.22
Amount of subsequent years' taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to March 31, 2021.	\$ 1,028.03
Amount paid for the Title Examination and preparation of the list to be served and for preparation and service of notice with interest from January 1, 2020, following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2021.	\$ 1,215.90
Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2021.	\$ 641.25
Total Amount Payable to Sheriff - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to the The Honorable Bruce Sloan, Sheriff and Treasurer of Greenbrier County.	\$ 4,079.40
Cost of Certification of Redemption - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to the The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor.	\$ 35.00

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(2019-S-00000116 - Greenbrier County - WV TL LLC TESCO CUSTODIAN)

To: INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, WV STATE TAX DEPARTMENT THE REVENUE CENTER, WV STATE TAX DEPARTMENT THE REVENUE CENTER, GREENBRIER COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY, GREENBRIER COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY, TOWN OF QUINWOOD, OCCUPANT, SHERRY GUILLIAMS C/O SHERRI TURNER, APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY CT CORPORATION SYSTEM, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have any interest in the subject property.

You will take notice that WV TL LLC TESCO CUSTODIAN, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2019-S-00000116, .98A (D) W OF BIG MTN. RD. GUILLIAMS, located in MEADOW BLUFF, which was returned delinquent in the name of GUILLIAMS SHERRY, and for which the tax lien(s) thereon was sold by the sheriff of Greenbrier County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on the 20th day of November, 2019, has requested that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made to him or her on or after April 1, 2021, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount you will have to pay on the last day, March 31, 2021, will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to March 31, 2021.	\$ 906.52
Amount of subsequent years' taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to March 31, 2021.	\$ 757.43
Amount paid for the Title Examination and preparation of the list to be served and for preparation and service of notice with interest from January 1, 2020, following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2021.	\$ 1,156.62
Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2021.	\$ 470.25
Total Amount Payable to Sheriff - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to the The Honorable Bruce Sloan, Sheriff and Treasurer of Greenbrier County.	\$ 3,290.82
Cost of Certification of Redemption - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to the The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor.	\$ 35.00

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Rupert Community Building gets a facelift

The Rupert Community Building, purchased in the early '70s by the Rupert Area Improvement Council, has a new look both inside and out. The upgrades were spearheaded by Vicki Neal and Sandi Davison to expand the facility's use for parties, festivals, meetings, blood drives, disaster relief as well as other community activities.

Some of the outside upgrades include a new roof, energy efficient

windows and a new door. Stone siding was placed along the lower front exterior with cedar boards above. Inside improvements include new lighting, an acoustical tile ceiling and wood panels along the bottom of the walls with dry-wall above. There's also a new coat closet, low basin for mopping and preliminary plumbing for a shower.

All the improvements were paid for with grants from the Dr. D. K.

Cales, Hollowell and Seneca Trail foundations and donations from Columbia Forest products and an anonymous donor. It was a team effort, with contractors and volunteers pulling it all together.

If you are interested in renting the space, contact Rupert Town Hall at 304-392-5682 where the list of guidelines can also be found. Rental cost is \$30 per day or \$50 with use of the kitchen



Rupert Community Building

Johnson recognized for service to honor society

New River Community and Technical College recognizes Student Program Advisor Wanda Johnson for her service as staff advisor to the Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) Honor Society. Johnson has served as the staff advisor for the Beta Zeta Delta Chapter of PTK for five years.

"I am delighted to recognize your dedication to PTK, and to offer a thank you to you for your work with our students and our PTK chapter," said College President Dr. Bonny Copenhagenaver.

PTK is the largest honor society in American higher education with more than 2.5 million members. The organization recognizes and encourages scholarship among students. Membership eligibility is based on having completed at least 12 hours of course work and having an overall, cumulative grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.50.

For information about New River CTC, visit www.newriver.edu, email admissions@newriver.edu or call 1-866-349-3739.

It's time to welcome a brand-new year, and we hope it's filled with countless good times and a wealth of good fortune!

2021

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Many thanks for your trust and support.

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