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Odds and ends emerge during Rudy's renovations

By Bobby Bordelon

As renovations come to the Rudy's building in Ronceverte, the old apartments upstairs and commercial spaces downstairs have unearthed a few things that show Greenbrier County life in the past century.

Chris and Jorge Rodriguez-Stanley, who bought the building last year, found a collection of odd trinkets and objects in broken cabinets, drawers, and the walls themselves.

The finds include a clipping from what appears to be a 1916 *Greenbrier Independent*, featuring an obituary and coverage of the vote for women's suffrage, a postcard, a Horne's Department Store hatbox, Japanese-imported and hand-painted light fixtures, an adjustable casserole dish holder, a Perma Starch bottle, a 100-year-old glass towel rack, and more.

"You can still see the handwritten note on the back of the Thanksgiving postcard," said Jorge. "You can make out on the stamp that it was sent in 1919 from Hinton to a Mrs. Cecil Burgess in Ronceverte. This was sent just five months before the Spanish Flu pandemic came to an end. We found the postcard in a wall while we demoed one of the apartments. We almost threw it away, but Chris saw it in the plaster I was sweeping and saved it."

The little collection also includes a glass container labeled "Greenbrier Prescription Druggists" dated Feb. 23, 1965, with medication still inside.

"The pill bottle is filled with what we believe to be ferrous sulfate to help treat iron deficiency. It was filled by the old pharmacy in the Rexall building," Jorge said. "It was in one of the cabinets we were taking apart."

The postcard and newspaper clipping have been submitted to the Greenbrier County Historical Society for consideration. The historical society keeps one of the most complete sets of local newspaper archives in Greenbrier County. The rest of the items are being stored as the renovations continue.

"The Horne's Department Store hat box is a fun find that holds the rest of the treasures," Jorge said. "The label has a partial address to a Shanklin living in Ronceverte. We are led to believe that the Shanklins once lived in the building and somehow left these possessions and might have been the last inhabitants."



Horne's Department Store hatbox



Post card dated 1919

In the future, the pair hope to set up a small exhibit in the building to show off its history, but for now the items are being kept safe in the hatbox.

Sidewalk construction underway near Wal-Mart

By Sarah Richardson

Lewisburg is increasing in walkability with the continuation of sidewalk improvements and expansions along Route 219. New construction of sidewalk running from Silo Lane to Piercy Drive began mid-January and is expected to take 120 days to complete - weather permitting.

Public Works Director Roger Pence said, "We are almost done with the work on 219 South and now it's 219 North." He explained that while things may look like they are moving fast now, these updates have taken a long time to finalize.

"This project was planned roughly nine years ago," he explained. "We got a traffic enhancement grant through the Department of Highways, so it's a state grant with federal support."

The new sidewalk will be ADA compliant, and will connect to the sections of sidewalk already installed in front of Go Mart, MedExpress, Auto Zone, and Greenbrier Ford. Crossways will be painted at business entrances and roadway intersections.

There is sidewalk already installed from downtown

Lewisburg to the south side of Silo Lane, and this new stretch will connect with that to make it easier to reach the Wal-Mart and surrounding shopping areas on foot.

"Overall, we can expect minimal traffic congestion throughout this project," said Pence. "Control staff will be out when needed, but for the most part they can stay out of the roadway."



Construction was at a standstill during the Thursday morning snowstorm, but is still expected to be completed within their 120 day estimate.

State vaccine registration system replaces Greenbrier County hotline

With the launch of a statewide registration system for the COVID-19 vaccine by West Virginia's Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR), the hotline previously established by the Greenbrier County Health Department in partnership with the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine (WVSOM) has been closed.

Instead of using the Greenbrier County hotline, area residents who want to be placed on a waitlist to receive the vaccine should use the statewide system by calling 833-734-0965 or visiting vaccination.wv.gov.

Julian Levine, director of community engagement for WVSOM's Center for Rural and Community Health (CRCH), said the statewide registration system took effect at 8 a.m. on Jan. 25.

"We stopped accepting voicemails on the hotline at 4 p.m., Jan. 22. We will attempt to call those who left voicemails before that time, and anybody our team contacted over the weekend was given the option of being put in the database we are providing to the state or adding themselves to the state system," Levine said. "As of 8 a.m. Monday, we stopped adding callers to our database."

The statewide COVID-19 vaccine reg-

istration system offers West Virginians the ability to preregister, receive real-time updates on vaccine availability and schedule an appointment to be vaccinated when supplies allow. Levine explained that the Greenbrier County hotline was closed because it is critical to route everyone who has not already registered to the statewide system.

"The state system is the single best place to register for a vaccine moving forward," Levine said. "All local and regional health departments' waitlists will be merged with the state system, which will allow for a better coordinated vaccine rollout. West Virginia already leads the nation in vaccine distribution, and the establishment of this system keeps us ahead of the curve nationally."

Levine said that individuals who called the Greenbrier County hotline, spoke to a representative and had their information entered into the system will have their information merged into the state system. Those who called the Greenbrier County hotline but have not yet received a response should use the statewide system.

In a press release, DHHR Cabinet Secretary Bill Crouch said West Virginia Gov. Jim Justice called for a single sys-

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Meadow River Rail Trail wins \$1.8M grant, Ford announced to County Commission

By Bobby Bordelon

A joyous \$1.8 million grant for the Meadow River Rail Trail was the highlight of the Tuesday, Jan. 26, Greenbrier County Commission meeting.

Project coordinator Matt Ford explained the project would have to be "reworded" after he received a letter from the Office of Abandoned Mine Lands and Reclamation, part of the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection on Jan. 21.

"Our grant application for over \$1.8 million has been approved and signed off by the governor," said Ford. "[The final] approval asks questions, and the specific dollar amount may change, [but it would be] a significant injection of funds into that project."

Although Ford was initially speaking before the commission to utilize Department of Highways funds to do design work for a smaller part of the trail, the new infusion of funds will allow for a larger look at the Phase 3 section of the project, which begins in Rainelle and continues downriver.

"The agenda item was a grant the county received in 2018 to design a two-mile section of the Meadow River Rail Trail. ... The agreement is being tabled for now because I have an agreement for other sources of funds. ... [The DEP grant] was written to complete the 6.4 mile phase three. At the time we wrote the application that's all we thought we needed. That assumption has changed

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Pill bottle from 1965

Alderson Town Council continues discussions over possible new elementary school location

By Bobby Bordelon

Discussions on converting the Alderson Community Center to be the new Alderson Elementary School were held between the Alderson Town Council and Greenbrier County Board of Education during the Thursday, Jan. 14, council meeting, with a proposed memorandum of understanding (MOU) considered.

The project would require the town to deed the community center to the board of education.

"That is the parcel that includes the white house beside the elementary school, the playground area, and does further clear up the issue of who actually owns the football field," explained Mayor Travis Copenhaver. "The deed ... is basically take that corner of the property, divide it, and deed that to the municipality. The municipality will then deed them the entire community center area."

Copenhaver also noted the town will be getting a few buildings in return, but wanted to be sure the deal is in writing should either the town elect a new council or the county new Board of Education members, citing previous issues with "handshake" deals.

"This is a unique position to be in because we're not going to make a huge profit," Copenhaver said. "We're going to profit by this exchange in that we're getting a decent few buildings to compensate for the one we've kept up, that you guys have kept up. ... It's an opportunity for us both to benefit."

Council approved Copenhaver to sign the memorandum on a few conditions, including that the town could use the building for special events, such as those around the Fourth of July, the building could continue to serve as the community shelter for emergencies, similar to See "Alderson New Elementary" Page 5

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Erin Hurst, GVMC Community Outreach Coordinator, with several Environmental Services employees as they received their gifts.

Inaugural Day of Service celebrated in Greenbrier Co.

As a celebration of the Inaugural Day of Service, a variety of gifts were provided to many essential healthcare workers in Greenbrier County. The collection and distribution of the gifts was led by the Democratic Women's PAC, Blue Skies Ahead, and the Greenbrier County Executive Committee.

Community residents provided homemade and purchased items including delicious treats, handmade necklaces stamped with the word "valued," beautiful masks, and cash donations for gift cards. Damie Spencer, a member of the Greenbrier County Executive Committee, staffed the Democratic headquarters office on January 20th to collect the donations. Blue Skies Ahead members provided leadership for the project, and organized and delivered the gifts.

A large gift basket was given to the employees of the five county nursing homes and one assisted living facility. Individual gift bags were provided to the 16 members of Greenbrier Valley Medical Center housekeeping staff.

Accident on Rt. 12 claims life

On Sunday, Jan. 24, at approximately 5:27 p.m., members of the Greenbrier County Sheriff's department were dispatched to a motor vehicle accident that occurred on WV Route 12 near Alta. The investigation revealed that the driver of a north bound Ford F-150 pickup truck lost control of the vehicle on the icy roadway. The vehicle then spun into the southbound lane and was involved in a head on collision with a southbound Chevrolet 2500 pickup truck.

The driver of the northbound F-150, identified as Don Gunter, 72, of Asbury, succumbed to his injuries at the scene.

Sergeant C. R. Smith, of the Greenbrier County Sheriff's Department, is the investigating officer.

H storic Preservation Development Grants available

Applications are now available for historic preservation development grants through the State Historic Preservation Office of the Department of Arts, Culture and History. Eligible projects include the restoration, rehabilitation or archaeological development of historic sites listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Deadline for receipt of applications is postmarked Mar. 31.

It is anticipated that approximately \$369,000 will be available for these grant awards, which are contingent upon an appropriation of funds from the West Virginia Legislature or United States Congress.

Privately owned properties are only eligible in instances where there is evidence of public support or public benefit.

Governmental properties that are not accessible to the public are not eligible for funding. Applicant may be a state or local government agency, not-for-profit organization, private citizen, for-profit firm or organization, religious organizations, education institution or Certified Local Governments.

A complete program description, including funding priorities and selection criteria is available at <http://www.wvculture.org/shpo/GrantManual/development.html> or contact Christy Moore, grants coordinator for the SHPO, at (304) 558-0240 or Christina.J.Moore@wv.gov.

The Department of Arts, Culture and History is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.

Forest Service offers firewood permits in Greenbrier County; appointment required for purchasing

Monongahela National Forest is offering firewood permits for purchase. The permit allows for gathering downed trees along Slash Lick Run Road and Forest Road 719A, off State Route 92 between White Sulphur Springs and Alvon. Permit holders will receive a map of the area and specific instructions when they purchase their permit.

Call the Marlinton office at 304-799-4334 to schedule an appointment. In some cases, permits may be mailed, or an appointment may be scheduled to pick the permit up at the White Sulphur Springs office.

Permits cost \$20 and allow for cutting up to five standard cords of firewood. Standing trees, dead or alive, may not be cut, only wood that is on the ground. This firewood is for personal use only and may not be sold or used commercially. Be sure to choose a safe place to park so that oncoming traffic has plenty of time to see you and your vehicle. There is private property along this road, so please do not block traffic.

This firewood is available along Slash Lick Run Road and Forest Road 719A because Forest Service staff

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tem that could be used by all state residents.

"Gov. Justice tasked DHHR with figuring out a vaccination registration and scheduling tool for West Virginians to use. This new service allows West Virginians to directly enter their information into the computer, or with assistance from the vaccine info line, and will keep folks from having to call multiple times to our local health departments whose phone lines are already overwhelmed," Crouch said in the release.

Additionally, Crouch has said that individuals who have already registered for the vaccine through a local source will retain their waitlist position. In media reports, Crouch said that those who have received confirmation of their waitlist status from an organization such as a local health department or rural health center should not register through the state system. "You will keep your priority," Crouch was quoted as saying in media reports. "We will not bump anyone ahead of you."

WVSOM's CRCH will continue to partner with the Greenbrier County Health Department to schedule appointments when registrants are cleared through the state system.



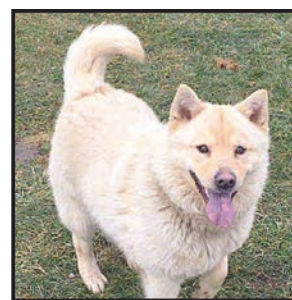
dropped trees to create a gradual, more natural transition from the forest to the road, instead of an abrupt edge. Known as cutback borders, these areas provide early successional habitat and benefit species such as turkey, ruffed grouse, and deer.

For more information about firewood permits in other areas of the Forest visit: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/mnf/passes-permits/?cid=fseprd597451>.

PICK OF THE LITTER

LUCAS

Lucas is a one year old chow mix and weighs 40 pounds. This fluffy guy has a handsome smile that is sure to win you over!



SKETCH

Sketch is a one year old domestic medium hair and weighs 9 pounds. With his long ear tufts and sweet face this guy won't be here long!



These 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.

DON'T SHOP • ADOPT!

EPA data shows release of toxic chemicals down be 11.4 million pounds in Mid-Atlantic region

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has released its 2019 Toxics Release Inventory (TRI) National Analysis, which shows that EPA and companies that manage chemicals continue to make progress in preventing pollution. The report shows that between 2018 and 2019, total releases of TRI chemicals decreased by 9 percent.

For the first time in five years, industrial and federal facilities reported an increased number of new source reduction activities that aim to reduce or eliminate the amount of chemical-containing waste facilities create. Facilities also avoided releasing 89 percent of the chemical-containing waste they created and managed during 2019 into the environment by us-

ing preferred practices such as recycling, treatment and energy recovery.

Since 2018, releases of TRI chemicals in EPA's Mid-Atlantic Region decreased by 8 percent (11.4 million pounds) Going back to 2007, releases have decreased by nearly 70 percent (270 million pounds) in the Region, compared to a 19 percent decrease nationally. This large decrease was driven by declining air releases, although releases to water, land and off-site disposal also decreased during this time. For 2019, 7 percent of facilities in the Mid-Atlantic Region reported implementing new source reduction activities. Source reduction reporting rates in the region were among the highest in the plastics/

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Greenbrier County high schools to receive Extracurricular Equity Funds

High schools in the state will soon receive funds to support extracurricular programs that have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. State Superintendent of Schools W. Clayton Burch, in collaboration with Governor Jim Justice and State Board of Education President Miller Hall, announced recently the creation of the Extracurricular Equity Fund (ECEEF) providing \$4 million dollars to public and private high schools across the state.

Greenbrier East High School is set to receive \$51,250, and Greenbrier West High School will receive \$19,050.

When the pandemic hit, public health practices and guidelines caused a hardship for many high school programs. Additionally, many of them have experienced increased costs to comply with the more stringent health and safety requirements. Beyond sports, ECEEF will support programs such as band, choir and a variety of student organizations.

The ECEEF is based on student enrollment and dedicates \$50 per student to the schools. These funds will assist in stabilizing programs that will continue to operate once COVID-19 is over. The Governor is matching the West Virginia Department of Education's \$2 million allocation to the fund.

"As a coach, I'm in our schools all the time. I know how hard our athletes work, how diligently our bands and auxiliary groups prepare, and how hard our students in various clubs and groups work," Gov. Justice said. "These extracurricular activities are so important to our kids and our communities. The pandemic has been an absolute punch to the stomach in a lot of ways, but I do not want losses this year to adversely affect these activities in the years to come."

"That's why I'm so proud that we've found a way to help through our Extracurricular Equity Fund," Gov. Justice continued. "With the additional resources provided through these funds, we hope that extracurricular activities can be sustained and continue to provide children with rich and valued experiences. I want to thank Superintendent Burch for helping make this important initiative come to life."

"We continue to hear from our counties and our schools about the impact of COVID-19," said Superintendent Burch. "We've worked very hard to provide a framework of support around all aspects of our education system. This fund is a continuation of that support and it will be beneficial today and once the pandemic is in our rear view mirrors. We greatly appreciate the Governor's support in this endeavor."

For more information, contact Christy Day at the West Virginia Department of Education Office of Communications at 304-558-2699 or Christy.Day@k12.wv.us.

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Greenbrier Greeters

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Briefly

Addiction Screenings available

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.narcononnewliferetreat.org/blog/strange-side-effects-of-covid-19.html>

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.

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 in a special session Monday, Jan. 25, at 7 p.m. at Renick Town Hall for the purpose of having a second reading and vote to approve a new ordinance adopting title 153, legislative rule secretary of state series 38, early vote-by-mail, voting by mail pilot project phase 1, class IV voting by mail.

Greenbrier Co. Board of Zoning Appeals

will meet Tuesday, Feb. 2, in regular session at 7 p.m. at the Greenbrier County Courthouse, Room 130. Meeting will be held via ZOOM. <https://zoom.us/j/94784566510?pwd=amp3VjVmcmlPMXVDOHNTT1JBaVdSUT09> Meeting ID: 947 8456 6510 Passcode: 016511

On the agenda:

- Appeal by Donna Ayash for **Special Exception** from the Greenbrier County Zoning Ordinance. The appellant requests permission for a small wedding venue and events at 2788 Rich Hollow Rd., Lewisburg.
- New Business
- Action on Minutes - Feb. 4, 2020 regular meeting

Lewisburg Planning Commission

will meet Thursday, Feb. 4, at 7 p.m. via Teleconference. For information on how to join in the Zoom meeting, call 304-645-2080 before 4 p.m. on Feb. 4.

On the agenda:

- Approval of Minutes - Jan. 21, 2021 working session
- Comments from the public
- **Public Hearing:** Cathy Jones, 124 Dorsey Street - request for minor subdivision
- Comments from the Commission
- Comments from the Zoning Officer

The next scheduled meeting of the Lewisburg Planning Commission will be on Mar. 4, with a deadline of Friday, Feb. 12.

EPA Data

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rubber manufacturing sector, where 14 percent of facilities reported source reduction activities.

“The Analysis of TRI data shows that facilities located in the Mid-Atlantic Region have continued the trend of decreasing the release of toxic chemicals,” said EPA Regional Administrator Cosmo Servidio. “This data is a tool that can provide important information to the public on chemicals in their community as we work to reduce emissions.”

The 2019 TRI National Analysis released today reflects TRI chemical waste management activities, including releases, that occurred during calendar year 2019 and therefore does not indicate any potential impacts of the COVID-19 public health emergency that began in the United States in early 2020. Due to the significant analysis of reported information, this summary and interpretation of the most recent TRI data is released approximately six months after the reporting deadline.

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Thanks to the passage of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986 which helped create EPA's Toxics Release Inventory program, Americans now have greater awareness of how chemicals are being managed in their communities. Today, nearly 22,000 facilities report annually on the use and quantities of more than 760 chemicals they release to the environment or otherwise manage as waste to the Toxics Release Inventory (TRI) program. EPA, states, and tribes receive TRI data from facilities in industry sectors such as manufacturing, mining, electric utilities, and commercial hazardous waste management. The Pollution Prevention Act also requires facilities to submit information on pollution prevention and other waste management activities of TRI chemicals.

To access the 2019 TRI National Analysis, including local data and analyses, visit: www.epa.gov/trination-alanalysis.

Morrissey February mobile office

Attorney General Patrick Morrissey announced a representative, Justin Arvon, a consumer outreach and compliance specialist with the office, will meet with central and southeastern West Virginia residents in February to discuss consumer-related issues and answer any potential questions.

- Feb. 4: 11 a.m. to noon - Kirk's Restaurant, 130 Hinton Bypass, Hinton
- Feb. 5: 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.

For information on additional requirements specific to any in-person location, attendees are encouraged to contact Justin Arvon at 304-590-6462.

Police Blotter

Man sentenced for series of break-ins to churches, businesses, post offices

By Bobby Bordelon

The Greenbrier County Circuit Court dealt with a 2019 series of break-ins and thefts with the sentencing of Matthew Riffle on Jan. 19. Between the two to 20 year sentence served by Judge Jennifer Dent and a federal sentence, Riffle has several years before he could apply for parole for the addiction-fueled “crime spree.”

Targets of the thefts included two community churches, the Lily Valley Baptist Church and Highland Church of God, and multiple businesses, including H&R Farm Supply, Allegheny Wood Products, and Boyer's Tree Service.

In September 2020, Riffle pled guilty in federal court to breaking into the Springdale and Smoot Post Offices in 2019.

“Breaking into federal government buildings is a serious offense,” said United States Attorney Mike Stuart. “And as Riffle can attest, it's an offense that can result in stiff sentences.”

In Greenbrier County, Riffle pleaded guilty to two of the four cases against him. Greenbrier County Prosecutor Pat Via asserted that each of the other remaining felony charges are “provable cases” and “are serious.”

“Mr. Faber indicated that this was a crime spree and that's true,” said Via. “It included numerous victims, half a dozen or so total. It involved numerous different incidents, local businesses were hurt by this. One of the charges [he pled guilty to] was a breaking and entering of a church in our community. One of the cases being dismissed is of a second church in our community. This community suffered greatly at the hands of Mr. Riffle's actions.”

Riffle's defense attorney also explained the motivation behind the thefts.

“All the offenses that Mr. Riffle is facing, whether they've been dismissed or he has pled guilty to them, relate to what is characterized as a crime spree in that time. Mr. Riffle will tell you the cause of that was drug addiction. He was running hard and trying to keep up with substance abuse and that led him here judge. ... He's taken responsibility for that.”

Dent sentenced Riffle to two consecutive sentences of one to 10 years for the two guilty pleas, resulting in a two to 20 year sentence. This sentence will begin after Riffle finishes the eight months remaining of his 14 month federal sentence.

Before the sentence was handed down, Riffle was allowed to give a statement to the court, where he apologized to the people and places he stole from.

“I would like to start by apologizing for the crimes I committed, the people involved that were affected by such actions,” Riffle said. “Today, I am a man full of remorse but am also a man who understands wrongdoings and is ready to change. The time I've served in custody has truly opened my eyes to a world I have to desire to continue existing in. I'm ready to do better. I've let a lot of people down, people who had faith in me, and I intend on regaining that faith. I want to start a new life, get a job, pay off my debts, and play a role in society. I can do better, Your Honor. I will be better.”

Flood controls, police equipment, candidate sign-ups on agenda for Rainelle Town Council

By Bobby Bordelon

The ongoing flood infrastructure project, new police tech, meeting accessibility, and a reminder for those interested in running for office to sign-up for the ballot were the main topics for the Rainelle Town Council meeting on Monday, Jan. 25.

Work on the town's water controls has been ongoing since before the flood of 2016. David Altizer, project manager for the Thrasher Group, explained that the town's flooding computer model is complete, with the Federal Emergency Management Agency reviewing it. In addition, the layout for future pipes is complete, but the sizing is not certain.

“We're on track and I don't see any problems or new difficulties,” said Altizer.

Altizer explained a benefit/cost analysis would determine how the project moves forward, comparing what damage would be before and after infrastructure improvements are made. If the ratio works, the project moves forward.

“We're doing everything we can - the challenge I have is we only have two things we're doing to help the city,” Altizer said. “One is with the flood channel by the

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Tax Tips

- *Itemize your tax deductions*
- *Don't shy away from a home office tax deduction*
- *Provide dependent taxpayer IDs on your tax return*
- *File and pay on time*
- *File electronically*



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For the Record

Deeds

Robert M. Liles and Brooke D. Liles to Andrew Clark Hazelwood and Cody Edwards Nichols, Lot 23 and Lot 1 Crowfields Subdivision, Lewisburg Corporation Jeffrey Forren to Tucker Palmatier and Rebecca Palmatier, 74 acres and two parcels, White Sulphur District

David Lipps and Mary Blair Lipps to Roger Hall, 4.419 acres, Frankford District

Brenda Arnold and Karen Ayers to Brittany Arnold, Lot 4 of Old White Terrace, City of White Sulphur Springs First Greenbrier Land Investment LLC and Woodland Acres Apartments LLC, 4.81 acres, .93 acre, and 0.184 acre, City of Lewisburg

Charlene Skehan to Jennifer Brown, Lot 108, Lewisburg Municipality

Zachary Cox to Julia Brooke Tucker, .98 acre, Lewisburg District

Samuel R. Tuckwiller to Raymond W. Tuckwiller 42.903 acres, Blue Sulphur District

John M. Hirt to Graceworks LLC, three parcels, Lewisburg Municipal Tax District

Joseph T. Ingram and Autumn G. Ingram to Rafeek Elgharabawy, Lot 109 of Rolling Hills Estates, Lewisburg Corporation

Kerry Halstead and Andrew Halstead to Deanna Bailey, Lot No. 27 of the Bearse and Marselliott Addition, Town of Alderson

Jameson Lilly and Telisha Lilly to Matthew Adkison and Crystal Adkison, 2 parcels, Meadow Bluff District Charley Workman II to Sheena Leann Atkins Wickline, 1.635 acres, Williamsburg District

Ryan Westerman and Allison Westerman to Mayukh Babu, Lots 327 and 327A of the Creekside Neighborhood of Greenbrier Village, White Sulphur District Frank Daniel Clay to the West Virginia Land Trust and the Archaeological Conservancy, 22.24 acres, Blue Sulphur District

Avery Atkins to Mark Grim, Lots 97, 99, and 101, Lewisburg Corporate District

Suits

In Re: The Marriage of: Brittany Nicole Pickles and Brandon Adam Holley

In Re: The Marriage of: Jessica Renee Hedrick and Donald Wilson Hedrick

In Re: The Marriage of: Christopher Todd Harter and Tammy Harter

In Re: The Marriage of: Dana Lynn Renick and Keen and Dale Renick

In Re: The Marriage of: Scottie Ray Peake and Bethany Nicole Peake

In Re: The Marriage of: Michael Wayne Pomeroy and Patricia Ann Pomeroy

In Re: The Marriage of: Tamara Simmons and Terry Simmons

Greenbrier County Magistrate Court Convictions

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OPINION

Commentary

Lincoln sought to heal

By Larry Smead

When President Biden delivered his inaugural address on January 20, he spoke to a highly divided nation wearied from a global pandemic that has claimed over 400,000 American lives, wearied from a staggering economy, violent protests, a challenged election, and an invasion of the capitol. He called for national unity to confront our challenges and to restore mutual respect in our politics and end this “uncivil war” that pits red versus blue.

Abraham Lincoln also presided over a time in American history when the country was deeply divided, and his Second Inaugural Address, delivered on March 4, 1865, sought to reunite a nation bloodied and wearied from four years of civil war. Modern readers would profit from revisiting Lincoln’s words.

Lincoln’s speech, delivered as the sun peaked out on a cloudy, rainy day, before thousands who had journeyed to Washington to hear him, lasted a little over five minutes. Both the North and South were anxious to hear what he had to say. The war was winding down and the outcome was not in doubt. Nearly 750,000 people had died, and the Southern economy was in shambles. Humble, dispassionate, and restrained, his words were noted more for what he did not say. There was no cheer-leading, no emotional rhetoric, no promise to destroy the South. His purpose was to set the stage to bring the warring sides together. His audience listened respectfully and silently.

Instead of inflaming his audience, Lincoln refers to the war in muted terms. He says that neither side wanted war, but that because one side would make war to divide the nation, while the other side would accept war to maintain the nation, “the war came.” Although both sides knew that the “peculiar institution” of slavery was the cause of the war, one side sought to perpetuate and enlarge slavery, while the other side sought only to restrict territorial expansion. Neither side thought that the war would be so brutal or last so long. They both looked for an easier solution.

Lincoln’s short speech, which has been called his “Sermon on the Mount,” calls for a national rebirth within the framework of a religious revival. Lincoln notes that both sides read the same bible, and both sides prayed to the same God, but the prayers of both could not be answered. Quoting Matthew 18.7, Lincoln proposes that the Lord has his own purposes: “Woe unto the world because of offenses; for it must needs be that offenses come, but woe to that man by whom the offense cometh.” Lincoln reasons that if American slavery is one of those offenses that the Lord now wishes to remove, “he gives to both North and South this terrible war as the woe due to those by whom the offense cometh.” Lincoln hopes that this “mighty scourge of war will soon end,” but concludes that the “judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.” Lincoln moves

Commentary

Our renewed fight against opioid abuse

By Patrick Morrissey

Attorney General of West Virginia

As we enter a new year full of opportunity, I also embark upon my third term as your attorney general and do so with renewed commitment to fight against opioid abuse with more intensity than ever.

Our office has had remarkable success over the past eight years, but we know now is not the time to sit back and take it easy.

I pledge to continue our relentless fight against opioid abuse and senseless death.

The public deserves nothing less.

The West Virginia Attorney General’s Office had no substance abuse fighting unit when I arrived in January 2013. Since then, our administration has had a double-digit number of employees focused on fighting this terrible scourge that has plagued our state for far too long.

Our mission is to mount a holistic approach to attack the root causes of substance abuse from a supply, demand and educational perspective.

This includes holding accountable all actors who have played a role in this public health crisis - even government agencies.

Nationally, West Virginia remains a trailblazer in fighting opioid abuse, as exemplified by our recent leadership of a broad, bipartisan coalition of 48 attorneys general in urging the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to provide data on how the agency has used its new authority to combat opioid abuse.

Specifically, we are seeking a progress report regarding recent steps taken by the FDA to combat the opioid crisis, given the new authorities Congress granted the agency in 2018. Those provisions, within the SUPPORT Act of 2018, include safer opioid packaging and disposal features, development of new, non-addictive alternatives to opioids and guidelines for opioid prescribing.


As the chief legal officers of our respective states, our group of attorneys general believes the FDA plays a critical role in ensuring both the safety and efficacy of opioids and encouraging non-addictive, non-opioid alternatives for treating pain.

This isn’t the first time our office has taken the lead.

Many of these same states and territories supported a West Virginia-led effort in 2017 asking health insurance companies to review and revise their payment and coverage policies to prioritize non-opioid pain management options for treatment of chronic, non-cancer pain.

This past year, our office opened a new front on enforcement and, separately, released findings of our years-long investigation into the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration’s irresponsible approach to drug quotas.

This shocking report revealed never-before-seen documents showing that the DEA routinely accepted sales projections and unsupported claims of increased



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God to the center of the argument, positing that the war is God’s purpose and part of His higher intentions.

Lincoln read the bible and read and watched Shakespeare’s plays. His language echoes the rhythms and majesty of both. Hamlet says that “there’s a divinity that shapes our ends; rough-hew them as we will.” The North and South fought the war, but God shaped its end.

Lincoln concludes with words calling for compassion and reconciliation. The words are now inscribed on the walls of the Lincoln Memorial: “With malice toward none; with charity for all; with firmness in the right, as God gives us to see the right, let us strive...to do all which may achieve and cherish a just, and a lasting peace, among ourselves, and with all nations.”

The nation now looks to President Biden to unify the nation, not to inflame and divide it. Like Lincoln, he has appealed to the best instincts of our human nature. “The American story depends not on any one of us, not on some of us but on all of us.... This is a great nation. We are good people.” Our better angels will prevail, and we will master this rare and difficult hour.

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 2020, we also stood against opioid abuse by filing suit against four national chain distributors, alleging each knowingly distributed more opioid pills to its pharmacies than was medically necessary.

The year before that, we filed lawsuits against five major drug manufacturers.

Since January 2016, our office has secured more than \$84 million in settlements with 13 opioid distributors – all combined, the largest pharmaceutical settlements of any kind in state history.

As COVID-19 wanes after an unprecedented year, we also look forward to resuming our broad prevention efforts. Through these initiatives, we hope to prevent future addiction by educating students, athletes, local leaders, faith-based groups and the community at large as to the dangers of opioid painkillers and the advantages to non-opioid alternatives.

We want to remain as aggressive and effective as any attorney general’s office in the nation in combating the opioid epidemic.

We must now build upon that foundation and achieve even more.

We must - and will - continue the fight into 2021 and beyond with hopes to eradicate senseless death and help West Virginia reach her full potential.

As of this week the *Mountain Messenger* is rerouting the focus of our OPED page back into a more community-oriented publication.

We encourage positive communication between different viewpoints and wish to reject divisiveness and encourage letter writing, and we want that focus to revolve around community encouragement and growth.

When submitting an OPED, please refer to the following guidelines:

1) OPED pieces may contain constructive criticisms, thoughts, or observations, which we publish on an individually approved basis.

2) No name-calling, hate speech, or other derogatory language is permitted. We do not publish letters containing “bashing,” personal attacks, and the like. However, we do appreciate mindful concerns, assessments, and thoughts.

3) All letters must be signed by the author and include the city in which they reside.

Please note all submissions are subject to individual editorial approval. Please do not mail or hand-deliver letters, email news@mountainmessenger.com.

We look forward to harboring a hyper-local forum that highlights ongoing situations in and around our county and home state.

Commentary

\$1.6M announced for West Virginia COVID-19 vaccination costs

U.S. Senators Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV), chairman of the Senate Homeland Security Appropriations Subcommittee, and Joe Manchin (D-WV), a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, announced \$1,648,653 from the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) to assist the state of West Virginia in distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine. Specifically, this funding will be used to reimburse costs associated with emergency protective measures taken to store, handle, transport, distribute, and administer vaccines to reduce the spread of the virus.

“West Virginia has been a leader in distributing the COVID-19 vaccine. The willingness of West Virginians to protect one another and the pragmatic leadership of our state and local officials has propelled our state to the top of vaccine distribution in the country. I’m pleased to be able to secure this funding to assist Cabell County and the Office of the Adjutant General in their vaccine supply and circulation efforts. In the meantime, I will continue to do all I can to assist my fellow West Virginians as we make our way through the COVID-19 pandemic,” said Senator Capito.

“West Virginia is leading by example when it comes to COVID-19 vaccine distribution and I’m pleased FEMA is providing additional funding to West Virginia’s National Guard and the Cabell-Huntington Health Department,” said Senator Manchin. “These grants will help West Virginia continue to safely and efficiently distribute the vaccine once additional doses become available. I will continue to work with the Biden Administration to quickly procure additional doses and advocate for funding to ensure every West Virginian who wants a vaccine can get one as soon as possible.”

Commentary

More than 62,000 have pre-registered to be vaccinated

During Monday’s briefing, Gov. Justice announced that, this morning, West Virginia became the first state in the nation to launch an online COVID-19 vaccine pre-registration system, available to the public through vaccinate.wv.gov.

The new digital tool allows West Virginians to add themselves to a statewide list of people who are interested in being vaccinated, and will notify those who sign up about the availability of vaccine doses to help streamline vaccination efforts.

As of 6 p.m. Monday, more than 62,000 West Virginians had already signed up to be added to the pre-registration list.

Gov. Justice said, “I am excited to get this system in place and I truly hope it will be a big benefit to West Virginians so you’re not sitting there, dialing and dialing, which is ridiculous, and I hate like crazy you’ve had to do that, so that we can continue to lead the nation in getting vaccines in arms.”

West Virginians who currently qualify to be vaccinated and who are interested in doing so can pre-register online or call the COVID-19 Vaccine Info Line (1-833-734-0965) to get help pre-registering.

“It’s important to remember, this is just a pre-registration,” Gov. Justice said. “It’s a way to make it more convenient, so you’re not having to call on the phone over and over and you can’t get through. I hate that like crazy. That’s why we’ve done this; to make it more simple and more convenient, because we don’t want people on the phone for forever and a day.”

Users will get a message after registering to confirm they are in the system, and will be sent updates regularly. The system sends texts, email, and phone calls.

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OBITUARIES

David Stephen Hinkley



Lewisburg-David Stephen Hinkley, 65, passed away Monday, Jan. 25, 2021, at Greenbrier Valley Medical Center.

He was born Apr. 9, 1955, at Ronceverte, a son of the late Bobby T. and Wanda Mae Keeney Hinkley.

David was a retired Deputy Sheriff, was a member of the WV Deputy Sheriff's Association, was a former EMT with Alderson and Monroe County Ambulance Squads, was a former member of Alderson Fire Department and was a Marine Corp. Veteran.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a daughter, Lisa Nicole Hinkley.

He is survived by daughter, Sabrina Kay Hash and husband James of Alderson; two sons, Daniel Jay Hinkley of Alderson and David Austin Hinkley of Covington, VA; grandchildren, Briana Boggs, Abigail Hinkley, Carter Hinkley, Hunter Hinkley, Dakota Danner, James R. Hash, Angelique Hash, Victor Hash, Evan Plott, Shawn Hash, Alicea Hash, Gabriel Hash, and A-Lynn Hinkley; two great-grandchildren, Kingston Boggs and Greyson Hash; sister, Pam Shields of Alderson; two brothers, Bobby Hinkley and wife Diana of Ronceverte and Gary Hin-

kley of Lewisburg.

A walk-through visitation will be held from 6 to 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, at Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Ronceverte followed by a service at 7 p.m.

Per his wishes, cremation will follow the service.

In lieu of flowers, donations of sympathy may be made to Alderson Fire Department & EMS, P.O. Box 647 Alderson, WV 24910.

Online condolences may be sent by visiting www.WallaceandWallace-FH.com.

Michael Anthony Justice, Sr.



Ronceverte-Michael Anthony Justice, Sr., 61, passed away Thursday, January 21, 2021 at Greenbrier Valley Medical Center.

Michael was born May 15, 1959, in Welch to the late Harvey and Doris Hughes Justice.

Michael was a longhaul truck driver for over 30 years, most of those for Walter Sheets Trucking.

Besides his parents he was preceded in death by a sister, Nita Odem.

Survivors include daughters, Erica Justice Rowlett and husband Sean of Raleigh, NC, and Kristina Justice of Roanoke, VA; son, Michael Anthony Justice, Jr. of Lillington, NC; grandchildren, Kalyrra Justice, Na'Ava Rowlett, Malayna Rowlett

and Zofia Rowlett; brother, Richard Harvey Justice and wife Jane of Grand Junction, CO; brother-in-law, Bill Odem of Roanoke, VA; several nieces and nephews; and his beloved pet dog, Yoshi.

Michael will be cremated and a service will be held at a later date.

Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Ronceverte is in charge of arrangements. Please send online condolences by visiting www.WallaceandWallace-FH.com

Norma Grey Masters Howard

Ronceverte-Norma Grey Masters Howard, 86, passed away Thursday, Jan. 21, 2021, at Greenbrier Valley Medical Center.

Born Jan. 16, 1935, at Ronceverte, she was a daughter of the late Otis Franklin Howard and Sadie Elizabeth Honaker Howard.

She was a member of McLean Church at Ronceverte, Red Hat Society and loved canning, gardening, tending flowers and loved feeding hummingbirds.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a sister, Frances Morgan and brothers, Charles Masters and an infant brother, Earl Masters.

Survivors include her husband of 65 years, Harold Preston Howard; daughters, Rita Honaker (Steve) of Ronceverte and Lisa Harvey (Alan) of Bumpass, VA; sons, Richard Howard (Katie) of Buffalo, WV, Chuck Howard (Melody) of Organ Cave and Brad Howard (Melissa) of Nags Head, NC; three sisters, Peggy Benton of Richmond, VA, Betty Mann of Organ Cave and Janie Boyd of Glen

Morgan; brother, Sam Masters of Organ Cave; 12 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Funeral service was held on Saturday, Jan. 23, at McLean Church in Ronceverte, where Pastor John Groves officiated. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

A walk through visitation was held before the service at the church.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to McLean Church, 344 Masters Road, Ronceverte, WV.

The church will be provided the McLean Church Facebook page.

Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Ronceverte is in charge of arrangements. Please send online condolences by visiting www.WallaceandWallace-FH.com

Huberta Ann Lightner



Lewisburg-Huberta Ann Lightner, 83, passed away Sunday, Jan. 24, 2021, at Greenbrier Valley Medical Center.

Born Feb. 16, 1937, at Marlinton, she was a daughter of the late Hubert B. and Mary Wilson Geddings Slaven.

Huberta was a Christian, who loved the Lord, was a member of Edgewood Presbyterian Church, loved gardening, sewing, needlework, cooking, eating what she cooked and

reading.

She is survived by three daughters, Michelle "Missy" Lightner, Mary Lightner, and Karen Sue O'Brien and husband Marty, all of Lewisburg; sister, Connie Hudson of Ronceverte; two brothers, Edgar Slaven and wife Sarah and Robert Slaven and wife Karen, both of Ronceverte; granddaughter, Dr. Sara Blankenship and husband Nathan Dixon of Athens, GA; and several nieces and nephews.

Due to Covid-19, a memorial service will be scheduled for a later date to be announced.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a local food pantry in Huberta's memory.

Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Lewisburg is in charge of arrangements. Please send online condolences by visiting www.WallaceandWallace-FH.com

Barbara Kathleen Meadows Koontz

Alderson-Barbara Kathleen Meadows Koontz, 76, of Alderson, passed away Thursday, Jan. 21, 2021, at her home in Alderson, following a long illness.

Born Mar. 8, 1944, in Webster Springs, she was the daughter of the late Barger Basil and Helen Kathleen Salisbury Meadows.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by son, Thomas William Koontz; sister, Agnus Meadows; three brothers, Chester Boyd Meadows, Barger Basil Meadows, Jr., and Buford Meadows; and son-in-law, Charles Crouse.

Ms. Koontz was a

homemaker. She was Baptist by faith and attended several churches in the area. She loved to garden, can food, and dance, but most of all, she loved to spend time with her family and friends.

Survivors include two sons, Steven Matthew Koontz and wife Pamela of Greenville, and Jackie Lee Koontz of Talcott; four daughters; Judy Kathleen Crouse and companion Wayne Perry of Alderson, Patricia Ann Waddell and husband Jeffrey Allen of Ballard, Barbara Jean Hoke of Peterstown, and Vickie Gay Boyles of Peterstown; brother, Beecher John Meadows and wife Beth of Talcott; five sisters, Carolyn Huffman of Forest Hill, WV, Patricia Daughtery of Shady Spring, Shirley Winfrey and husband Rick of Williamsburg, WV, Anna Weikle of Talcott, and Wilma Jean Fox of Williamsburg, WV; special friend, Sheri Lee Hall of Alderson; 11 grandchildren, Adam Crouse, McKayla Crouse, Nathan Gill, Natasha Burke, Matthew Koontz, Aaron Koontz, Brooklyn Koontz, Madison Weikle, Paris Boyles, Declan Boyles, and Aiden Boyles; several great-grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Graveside services and burial were held on Tuesday, Jan. 26, at the Alderson Cemetery in Alderson where Pastor Allen Hilton officiated.

Family and friends served as pallbearers.

Online condolences and memories may be shared with the Koontz family at www.lobbanfh.com <http://www.lobbanfh.com>.

Arrangements by Lobban Funeral Home, Alderson.

Rainelle Town Council

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wastewater treatment plant. That gets the big floods off of the city. The other is that when it rains hard here and you guys get it on the streets, library, [pools] all over the place. FEMA wants us to design everything for a 100 year storm ... We're trying to convince them 'look if there's a one inch rain, and we put these storm sewers in, it's going to benefit Rainelle,' and try to get credit for that benefit."

He was optimistic.

"The good news is FEMA has been extremely cooperative," Altizer said. "... They're not looking for reasons to say no, they're looking to make it work and it is going to work, I'm pretty sure."

In other business:

Mike Honaker, director of Greenbrier County 911 Center and Homeland Security and Emergency Management, approached the council about the county's new Motorola emergency response technology system. The more effective dispatching system includes mobile data terminals in deputy cars, GPS directions to call locations, and a less public way of getting information to dispatched officers than the radio provides. Honaker noted the town had a bit of time, until Mar. 29, to rebuild the police department before

deciding if Rainelle would sign on to the Motorola contract. Bell said the system would be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

Due to COVID-19, each meeting of the Rainelle Town Council is streamed to the town's Facebook page. This meeting was silent for the first few minutes, but upon realizing this was the case, the audio was fixed and Bell provided a summary of what was done and apologized.

In addition, the council voiced support for allowing visitor's comments and allowing audience members in the room, as long as the total does not go above the ten people limitation required by COVID-19 guidelines. Milam indicated visitors' comments could be given over the phone as well.

Five applications have been received for the police officer position, but council agreed they need someone who is already certified. Bell asked anyone looking to apply to come into City Hall and celebrated the work of the Greenbrier County Sheriff's Department in town.

Sign ups to run for council, mayor, recorder, and more have opened. Bell welcomes anyone who would like to run to come to City Hall and apply.

Alderson New Elementary

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Greenbrier East High School, the continuing presence of the museum in the community center, and clarification on the lease.

"There is no verbage ... that says they will convey the right of usage for those events," Copenhagen said. "I hope that was because it would be included in the lease. ... I personally won't go forward with the MOU unless we have it in writing that we will still have [usage] for the pageants and the stuff for the Fourth [of July] as has been promised."

If the MOU moves forward, this does not 100 percent guarantee the Community Center will find new life as Alderson Elementary School. Instead, it is the first formal step in the process.

"This is just the first baby step that says 'yes apply for the funding,'" Copenhagen noted. "The other thing we have to realize is the board of education may not get the funding, which means this would be null and void."

In other business:

As of the council meeting, Wiseman was working on a sanitary infrastructure project in town utilizing FEMA funds from the flood of 2016. Copenhagen explained they "already replaced one ter-

rible manhole in its entirety ... [The] Alderson Avenue manhole was absolutely in pieces and separated. When the creek got up, it forced the groundwater to that manhole and subsequently should take care of the problems on Wiccan Street, the problems coming out of the stormline because it was forced in the sewer line."

The waterline extension project continues after a public hearing allowing the municipality to enter into an agreement with Region 4 looking to acquire more grant funding for the over \$6 million project.

Lieutenant J.R. Byer, Jr. and Copenhagen updated the council on the police department, noting the vehicles funded by a recent grant award are on the way. In addition, Officer Johnson entered into a contract with the town, taking command of Gizmo, the town's K9 Unit. Johnson was originally expected to own the K9 officer but due to an issue with GI funds, a donation of \$5,000 was made to make sure Gizmo came to town. "He's earned his keep," Copenhagen said.

Two new Parks and Recreation Commissioners were appointed - Laurie Bennett and Lisa Robinette. Terms for the two seats are staggered.

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Dear Recycle Lady,

Dear Recycle Lady,
What are plant-based cleaners?
Cleaner-Upper

Dear Cleaner-Upper,
Good question. Plant-based cleaners are cleaners that have ingredients that are environmentally friendly. Look for the EPA Safer Choice label. Tide PurClean is the first liquid laundry detergent to qualify for the USDA BioPreferred program. To be BioPreferred certified, products must have a significant part of their ingredients be plant-based. PurClean is a more sustainable product than the original Tide; it cleans well in cold water, and is certified by the USDA BioPreferred program. Simple Green, Seventh Generation, and Mr. Clean also have plant-based cleaners.

Dear Recycle Lady,
What is the difference between "natural" and "plant-based" products?
Wondering Reader

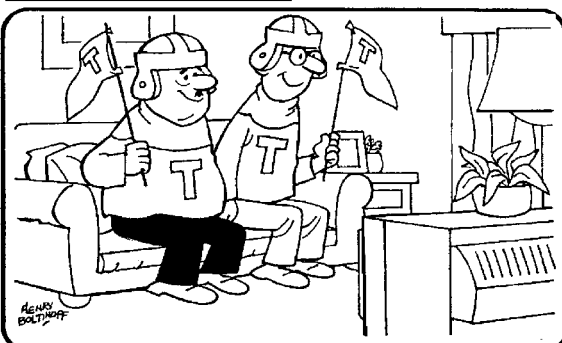
Dear Wondering Reader,
The primary difference between natural and plant-based products is that ingredients of natural products have no clear definition, while the ingredients of plant-based products are clearly defined. Natural products can contain both biological and chemically synthesized ingredients. It is pretty much up to the consumer to define what is "natural." In comparison, plant-based products have a clear definition and are regulated. Plant-based products have naturally-derived ingredients and provide an alternative to fossil fuel-derived or petrochemical ingredients that are non-renewable, and

synthetic ingredients that are not found in nature. Plant-based products are composed totally, or have a significant part, of biological products, including renewable domestic agriculture and forestry resources. They include a range of offerings such as lubricants, detergents, inks, fertilizers, and bioplastics.
Good news: AT&T announced two new renewable energy deals to bring the company to over 1.5 gigawatts of clean energy, or roughly 50 percent of its total energy use. (This is equal to taking 690,000 cars off the road for a year).
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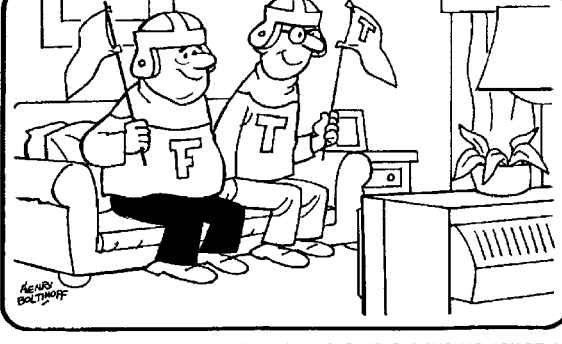
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BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF



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A Look Back

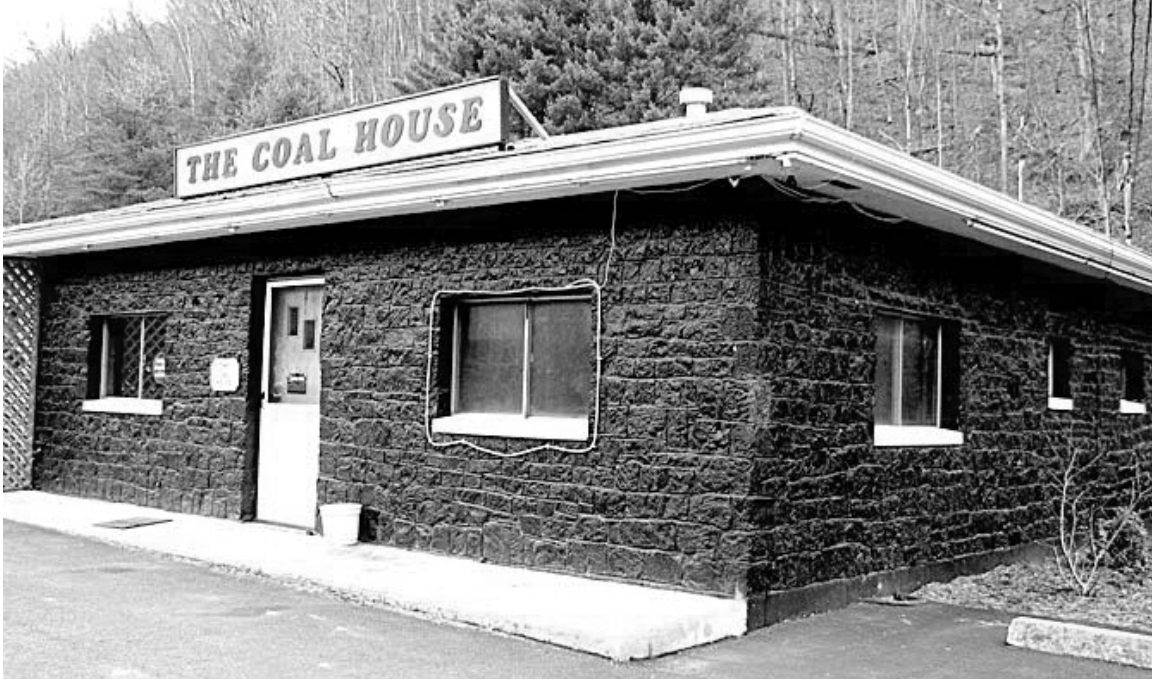


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By William "Skip" Deegans
Just east of downtown White Sulphur Springs is the former The Coal House gift shop. It was built of 30 tons of Cannel coal in 1959 for David T. ("Tip") and Quindora Myles. Tip Myles was a retired coal operator and power broker in Greenbrier County's Democrat party. Quindora, his wife, was a retired schoolteacher. The shop was built on busy U. S. Route 60

before Interstate 64 by-passed White Sulphur Springs. Among the items sold in the shop, was jewelry made from coal. Nearby, the Myles built their six-room retirement home from coal.
The Myles were years ahead of their time. In 2020, the U. S. Department of Energy awarded a \$625,000 grant to X-MAT, the advanced materials division of Florida's Semiplastics, to develop

a building material made from coal to construct a coal house. According to X-MAT, the material will be non-toxic, lightweight, and fire resistant. When the Myles built the Coal House, the crew used hatchets to shape the coal blocks. Mortar used to bind the blocks was dyed black.
Sources: Charleston Daily Mail, Energytechreview.com, Metal Tech News. X-MAT.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Super Crossword

TECH BUZZ

ACROSS
1 TV ET from Melmac
4 Puncturing tool
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15 "To a ..." poems
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94 Address of "Dr. No"
95 Highest volcano in Eur.
98 Mil. bigwig
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101 End of the riddle
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3 Ascend a rock face without aids for support
4 Done in the style of
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6 Tilt the head skyward
7 Big Brit. lexicon
8 Houston-to-Dallas dir.
9 Actress Nicole — Parker
10 Vowel sound in "game"
11 Born first
12 Alicia of ballet
13 Use stitches
14 "— a Rebel!"
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18 Street talk
24 Prefix with colonialism
25 Auction unit
30 Mars, to the Greeks
32 Move around in confusion
33 Pleistocene, for one
34 Spout off
35 Axis-vs.-Allies event
36 Singer Tina
37 Copycatted
38 Bill blocker
39 Eros, to the Romans
44 Young girls skyward
45 Hang-up
46 Be logically connected
48 Letters after "had a farm"
49 Actress Nicole — Parker
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52 Lead-in to lateral
53 Classic soda brand
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59 Very hot star
60 Anti-alcohol measures
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63 Home: Abbr.
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65 Greedy type
66 Indigo, e.g.
67 Fix firmly
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69 Cineplex — (former theater chain)
70 Hurt severely
73 Following loyally
74 Zodiac beast
75 Plum used to flavor gin
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81 Shivered in fear or revulsion
82 Frilly veggie
83 Wild guess
85 Lewis of rock
86 Apt to pry
87 Artist Vincent van —
88 Master marksman
89 Actress Moran
91 Calvin Coolidge's college
92 Beginning of a web address
96 Papal envoy
97 2017 World Series winners
99 Gives rise to
101 Rachel Maddow's channel
102 Rome's land
103 Ground corn dish
104 Burn — in one's pocket
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SCHOOL

High Rocks leads group and individual college access workshops for WV students and parents

High Rocks Academy for Girls will host a virtual FAFSA workshop on Feb. 10 from 3 to 5 p.m. open to West Virginia students and parents.

High Rocks is also offering individual help in navigating the college application process to West Virginia

students and parents via Zoom by appointment.

Workshops will be taught by High Rocks staff, AmeriCorps service members, and community volunteers.

For more information, call High Rocks at 304-653-4891. Follow us

on Facebook and Instagram for other events. The mission of High Rocks is to educate, empower, and inspire young people in West Virginia. We serve young people age 12-29 in Hillsboro, at The Hub in Lewisburg, and across the state.

Learn photoshop basics at NRCTC

New River Community and Technical College (NRCTC) is offering a six-week introductory Adobe Photoshop class through Zoom video conferencing starting Monday, Feb. 15.

The community education class will contain both lecture and lab components allowing students to gain hands-on experience with the photo editing program. Students

in the class will learn to use layers, layer adjustments, curves, selections, masking techniques, plug-ins, color management techniques, special effects and compositing along with how to enhance and improve digital images for output to photographic digital printers and/or the web.

The class will meet from 6 to 8 p.m. on Mondays. Tuition for the class is \$100, and the registra-

tion deadline is Feb. 8, 2021. Participants will be emailed the Zoom link and log-in information after registering for the class.

Visit www.newriver.edu/community for information on upcoming classes or register for the course or contact Gloria Kincaid (304-793-6101, gkincaid@newriver.edu) or Andrea Vest (304-929-3318, avest@newriver.edu).

Meadow River Trail

as we went through the process. I feel like, if we make the execution of this grant efficient, we can get much more than 6.4 miles out of \$1.8 million. I talked to the DEP and they're fine with that."

In addition, Ford hopes the DOH funds originally meant for this section of the project can be reallocated to the Phase 1, around 16-mile-long section of the trail "started a decade ago." This stretch of the project is complete with the exception of bridges. The funds could complete and open this section of the project.

"Let's design and replace the bridges we need to fix, that way we can open up the trail to Rainelle and get this wrapped up," Ford said. "... It's great news, we're seeing light at the end of the tunnel to get the project done."

Ford noted a grant match would be required, but did not know exactly what would be needed yet.

"This is absolutely great news and Matt, we could not have done it without your diligence. It is greatly appreciated," said Commissioner Tammy Shiflett-Tincher.

In addition to the trail funds, the commission approved a no-money-down agreement with the Mountain State Trail Authority to include Greenbrier County's trails in the expanding organization. Although the agreement will eventually require a financial commitment, estimated around \$12,000, the organization aims to mimic the Hatfield and McCoy trail project "For the health and well being of our citizens and for economic development."

"I'm very excited about this - a great day full of wonderful information for the Meadow River Valley," Tincher said.

In other business:

Two Community Development Block Grants were considered - the commission approved the application for broadband expansion into Quinwood, but pushed the Clintonville water extension to the next meeting, allowing for more work on the application.

A total of \$2,200 was approved for Howards Creek Dam - The commission entered into an agreement with the Greenbrier Valley Conser-

vation District years before in order to better maintain the dam.

Of about \$70,000 in Arts and Recreation allocations, approximately \$36,000 went to the Greenbrier County Sportsplex, including \$5,600 for inspections and \$30,934.43 for hydroseeding and ground stabilization. Commission President Lowell Rose explained "That's the inspection and monitoring that we have to do after every rain, as required by the DEP. The second one ... is the last work that was done before we had a winter shut down. That catches everything up to date." The money was approved in a two-one vote, with Tincher voting against.

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Helmick named to College of Charleston Dean's List

Sarah Helmick of Lewisburg was named to the College of Charleston Fall 2020 Dean's List. Helmick is majoring in Psychology. Helmick is among the more than 2,600 students who were named to the College of Charleston President's List and Dean's List for Fall 2020.

To qualify for President's List (Highly Distinguished), students must earn a GPA of 3.800 or higher and complete a minimum of 14 semester hours.

To qualify for Dean's List (Distinguished), students must earn a GPA of 3.600 or higher and complete a minimum of 14 semester hours.

Greenbrier County students named to GSC Honor Rolls

The names of Greenbrier County students who attained the Glenville State College President's and Provost's Honor Rolls for the Fall 2020 semester have been announced.

Asa Dick of Frankford and Adam Osborne of Rupert have been named to the GSC President's Honor Roll. To be named to the President's Honor Roll, students must have a 4.0 grade point average and be enrolled in a minimum of 12 semester hours.

Karlei Shaver of Alderson and Tiffany Fitzwater of Leslie have been named to the GSC Provost's Honor Roll. To be named to the Provost's Honor Roll, students must have grade point averages between 3.5 and 3.9 and be enrolled in a minimum of 12 semester hours.

Registration open at NRCTC for online classes starting March 1

New River Community and Technical College (NRCTC) is offering online classes starting March 1, 2021 and registration is underway.

"Our Rolling Start Options give people more flexibility on when they start taking college classes," said Executive Director for Institutional Advancement and the New River CTC Foundation Michael Green. "Starting college in January or August doesn't work for everyone. Rolling Start Options give people another option for taking college classes, and taking general education classes first can help students get a head start on completing their program of study without having to wait."

Online classes offered during the ten-week session include American History, English Composition, English Research, General Mathematics, General Psychology, Introduction to Anatomy and Physiology, Introduction to Anatomy and Physiology Lab, Medical Terminology, Microsoft Office Applications and Principles of Sociology.

Students may take up to two courses during the session.

Registration for the spring 2021 Rolling Start Options is currently underway and will continue through Feb. 26.

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



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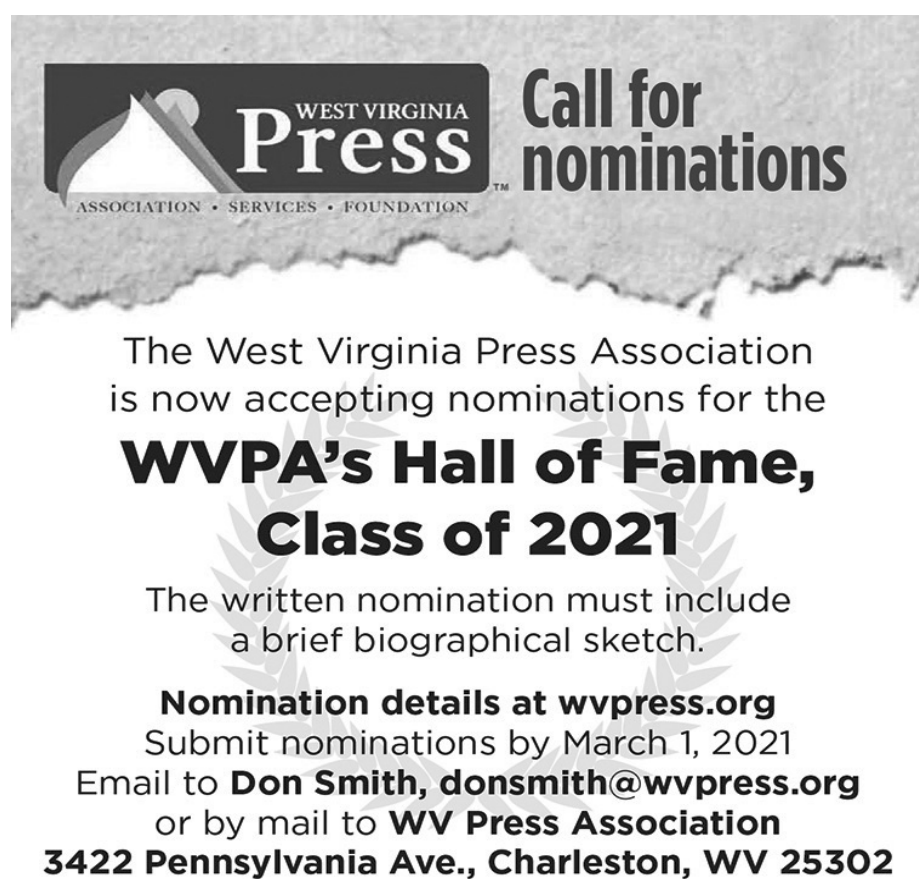
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Applications may be downloaded from wvpress.org

For information or to have the applications mailed, contact Executive Director **Don Smith** at donsmith@wvpress.org, at 304-342-1011 or write to: WV Press Association Foundation, 3422 Pennsylvania Ave., Charleston, WV, 25302.



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(2019-S-0000068 - Greenbrier County - DANIEL HARPER)

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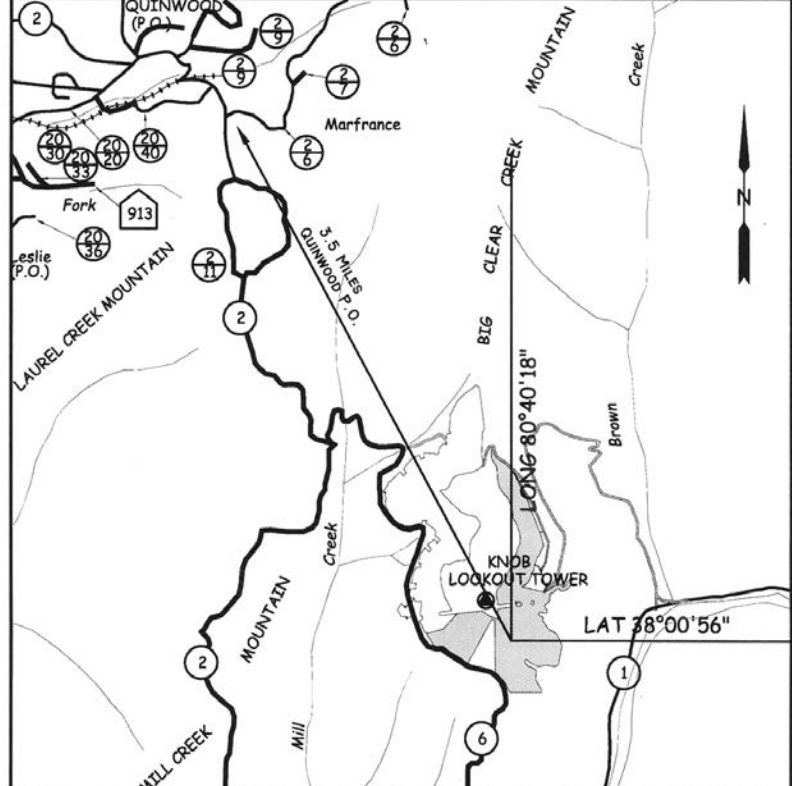
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Notice is hereby given that Princess Polly Anna & JCT Enterprises, LLC, PO BOX 886, LEWISBURG, WV 24901, has submitted an application with the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection, (WVDEP) 1159 Nick Rahall Greenway, Fayetteville, West Virginia, 25840 for a Phase I release on Permit Number S-3011-16 for the following increments:

Table with 2 columns: Increment No., Acres. Shows increments of 13.14 and 22.00 acres.

The permit is located in Meadow Bluff District of Greenbrier County, 3.5 miles southeast of Quinwood on unnamed tributaries of/and Mill Creek and unnamed tributaries of/and Big Clear Creek of Meadow River of Gauley River of Kanawha River.

Princess Polly Anna & JCT Enterprises, LLC completed backfilling and regrading on 9/15/20 and is requesting release of sixty (60) percent of the reclamation performance bond for the above increments, currently in the amount of \$112,240.00 Written comments will be received at the WVDEP address until March 1, 2021 or thirty (30) days from date of final publication.



PERMIT No. S-3011-16 NPDES WV1028987
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Carnegie Hall offers spring classes and workshops; scholarships available for youths and seniors



Four seasons acrylic painting for adults by Sandra Schmocker

Carnegie Hall in Lewisburg has opened registration for its spring classes and workshops. Course offerings include basket weaving, clay, watercolor and acrylic painting, beginning harp, print making, and valentine décor. The spring roster includes small, in-person, socially distanced classes and classes that offer students the option of being online or in-person.

Thanks to generous funding from the United Way of Greenbrier Valley and the Mary B. Nickell Foundation, scholarships are available for youths 18 and under and seniors who live in Greenbrier County. The calendar of classes includes sessions for kids, teens, and adults. Students can register by visiting www.carnegiehallwv.org or calling the Box Office at 304-645-7917 between 10 a.m. to 4



Stadium basket by Kathy Talley

p.m. Monday through Friday. The course offerings include weaving a farmers' market basket or a stadium basket; clay classes for kids and teens; hand-building clay for adults; wheel-throwing clay for adults; beginning harp for adults; acrylic painting for kids and adults; watercolor painting for adults; printmaking for kids; and make your own Valentine décor for children and adults. The earliest classes begin the first week of February. Courses continue into June. Registration is extremely limited due to the small class sizes, so Carnegie Hall encourages participants to register early. Carnegie Hall anticipates adding additional classes, including ones that

will meet outside, as we move into spring and better weather. All participants in in-person classes will be screened for COVID symptoms at the door and must wear face coverings the entire time they are in Carnegie Hall. Participants will socially distance and will have individual sets of materials and tools. Carnegie Hall is a nonprofit organization supported by individual contributions, grants, and fundraising efforts such as TOOT and its annual gala. The Hall is located at 611 Church Street, Lewisburg, WV. For more information, please visit www.carnegiehallwv.org.

Tom Johnson, Broker, named to Coldwell Banker International President's Premier



Tom Johnson of Lewisburg, a broker/sales representative with Coldwell Banker Stuart and Watts Real Estate, has earned membership in the company's International President's Premier. The award represents the top one percent of all sales associates / representatives worldwide in the Coldwell Banker system qualified for this distinguished award. Tom Johnson, your local Coldwell Banker Real Estate Broker of Lewisburg, can be reached at 304-667-8988. Coldwell Banker Stuart and Watts Real Estate has been an affiliate of the Coldwell Banker system for nearly

Greenbrier Valley Bike Club gives back to community



Bike club President Liz Wickline, Vice President Linda Ball, Greenbrier Fitness member Kim Kowalkowski, and Treasurer Susan Mitchell.

During the month of December, the Greenbrier Valley Bike Club collected food for the Williamsburg Food Pantry and partnered up with Greenbrier Valley Fitness for the seventh year in a row to donate bikes for Toys for TOTS. Both of these local projects mean a lot to the bike club members, as for 10 years Williamsburg was a host for the annual Wheels of Hope, and members enjoy donating bikes for young children.



Tina Noel, volunteer at Williamsburg Food Pantry

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