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Glenville State College Honors Program students Eli Henthorn (left), Asa Dick, and Jacob Amick survey a family cemetery in rural Gilmer County.

Greenbrier County man preserving history through GSC Honors Program Project

Three Glenville State College (GSC) Honors Program students are putting their land surveying skills to use in a unique way - mapping old family cemeteries.

Over the past several months, GSC students Eli Henthorn, Asa Dick, and Jacob Amick have been traveling around Gilmer County to locate, map, and preserve the histories related to these rural, sometimes forgotten, cemeteries. All three are land surveying technology majors. Asa Dick is from Frankford, West Virginia.

"We wanted to apply our surveying skills and utilize them in a way that we could give a product back to our community and this project seemed like a great fit," Henthorn said. "I can remember going out with my dad when I was four or five and visiting old cemeteries near where we lived. These cemeteries are good sources of historic information...they're basically open air museums."

So far the trio have surveyed ten cemeteries in Gilmer County, mostly

near Tanner, Glenville, and Sand Fork. They have visited over 30 others and have plans to survey 10-15 more.

The students say they are open to surveying other small family cemeteries in Gilmer County if they can be granted access. "We would love for anyone with knowledge of small, lost and forgotten cemeteries or gravesites to contact us. We are specifically looking for more in the areas in and around Linn, Perkins/Rosedale, and Grass Run, Middle Run, and Lower Run - but even if they are not in these areas, please still reach out," Henthorn said.

In addition to the history found at each site, the group says they have also been surprised at the craftsmanship. "Some of the headstones we have come across date back to the mid-1800s, so they would have been carved by an artisan using a hammer and chisel or a nail, and the detail on some of them is really intricate," Henthorn said. "We also came across a tomb dating

to about 1850 that has cut sandstone walls and the headstones sit into slots on the wall - it was pretty interesting," he added.

Once they complete the field work, the information will be compiled into a book which will contain a chapter on each cemetery with a photo, location map of the site made with GIS software, CAD-drawn maps showing the relationship of the headstones, trees, cemetery boundaries, etc., and an index to easily search for interments.

When the book is finalized, the students plan to give a copy to GSC's Robert F. Kidd Library, the Gilmer County Public Library, the Gilmer County Historical Society, and the

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Spacecraft named for Katherine Coleman Johnson

Northrop Grumman is proud to name the NG-15 Cygnus spacecraft after former NASA mathematician Katherine Johnson. It is the company's tradition to name each Cygnus spacecraft after an individual who has played a pivotal role in human spaceflight. Johnson's hand-written calculations were critical for John Glenn's successful orbital mission around the Earth.

Johnson was born on Aug. 26, 1918, in White Sulphur Springs. Her parents enrolled her in high school on the campus of West Virginia State College at the age of 10 because their home county did not offer public schooling for black students past eighth grade. Upon graduating from high school at the age of 14, Johnson enrolled at West Virginia State, where she took every math class offered by the school, causing professors to create additional courses just for her.

In 1937, Johnson completed degrees in mathematics and French at just 18 years old. She later became the first black woman to attend graduate school at West Virginia University, and was one of only three black students selected to integrate the program. Johnson ultimately decided to leave school to start a family. In 1953, Johnson joined the all-black West Area Computing group at the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics (NACA) Langley laboratory. In 1957, Johnson joined NACA's Space Task Group - which became NASA later that



Katherine Coleman Johnson

year - and the team that took the first steps towards human space flight.

During her time in the Space Task Group, Johnson performed the trajectory analysis for Alan Shepard's May 1961 Freedom 7 mission - the country's first human spaceflight. She also co-authored a paper on orbital spaceflight and landing, becoming the first woman to receive credit as an author of a research paper at NASA. Johnson is most well-known for her work behind John Glenn's orbital mission around the Earth. Glenn specifically requested that Johnson run the computer's calculations by hand to proofread its work, saying "if she says they're good, then I'm ready to go."

Johnson went on to contribute valuable calculations for the Apollo 11 lunar landing and authored or coauthored 26 papers during her time at NASA. In 1986,

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New exhibit at North House highlights emancipated business owners before the Civil War



New Anthony and Fanny Carter exhibit at North House

By Bobby Bordelon

First emancipated from slavery, then working business owners and parents, having to fight in court to simply remain in their home, Anthony and Fanny Carter were members of the Greenbrier Valley community in the 1800s, before the 13th Amendment, before the Civil War, and before West Virginia itself. The couple is the subject of the newest exhibit from the Greenbrier His-

torical Society, located upstairs in the North House in Lewisburg.

"[Lewisburg locals Anthony and Fanny Carter] are emancipated in 1837, which is before the Civil War and almost 30 years before the 13th amendment was ratified," said Greenbrier Historical Society Marketing Manager Brehana Scott. "Most people weren't freed on

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Aquatic Center to show off project updates at drive-in celebration

By Bobby Bordelon

The Greenbrier Valley Aquatic Center will hold a "Drive-In Public Celebration" on Sunday, Feb. 7, at 2 p.m., to give the community an update on the project, which is currently under construction.

The project has raised around \$4 million of its \$6 million goal for construction costs. In February 2020, Governor Jim Justice announced that a grant would bring the project to its \$6 million goal, and construction began as pandemic shutdowns began. Director of Community & Donor Engagement Jamie Hamilton explained that since work has started, they have only given a few updates. The upcoming event looks to be more comprehensive.

"We haven't been very vocal, we haven't had as much to share," said Hamilton. "We started to see people on social media reaching out with questions. ... This is the first effort to bring the whole community and family around the project

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Bridge to be replaced over Greenbrier River, reconnect rail line

Thanks to a collaborative effort, new economic opportunities are on the horizon for Pocahontas County.

In 1985, Trout Run Bridge, which spans the Greenbrier River, was washed out during flooding. The bridge was never replaced.

Now the West Virginia Division of Highways, West Virginia State Rail Authority, and the owners of the Durbin & Greenbrier Valley Railroad are working together to reopen the bridge and connect the rail line from Durbin to Cass and back.

"It's the final connection that will connect Durbin and Cass back together," said Cindy Butler, executive director of the State Rail Authority. The Rail Authority owns the railroads in the area, contracting with the Durbin & Greenbrier Railroad to run excursion trains both at Cass Scenic Railroad and along the Greenbrier River from Durbin.

Division of Highways crews decided to take on part of the construction

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DOH crew working on foundation for new bridge

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Beckley among five locations awarded medical dispensary permits in WV

Development of cultivation and processing facilities already under way after receiving approvals in late 2020

Columbia Care Inc. announced it has been awarded five medical dispensary permits by the West Virginia Office of Medical Cannabis (OMC). Columbia Care currently holds one of only 10 cannabis processing licenses and one of 10 cultivation licenses, in addition to a hemp cultivation license. The OMC has also awarded a dispensary permit to Green Leaf Medical (“Green Leaf”), the private cannabis multi-state operator that Columbia Care remains on track to acquire in summer 2021 pending regulatory approval.

These permits allow the Company to operate retail dispensaries in the cities of Beckley, Fayetteville, Morgantown, St. Albans, and Williamstown, giving patients access to Columbia Care’s leading portfolio of pharmaceutical-grade products, and its wholesale partners, across the central and northern regions of the state. In addition, the Company’s cultivation and processing capacity will also allow for a robust wholesale program that will bring the Company’s market-leading portfolio of products to the rest of the state. Green Leaf’s dispensary permit in Charleston will also deepen the Company’s presence in the state’s capital and most populous city.

“We are grateful to the decision makers in West

Virginia, in particular the OMC, for selecting us to bring our high-touch patient-focused dispensary experience and premium product portfolio to best serve patients across West Virginia,” said Nicholas Vita, CEO of Columbia Care. “Being selected for up to six dispensary permits, as well as cultivation and processing licenses, is a great honor and enables us to pursue key retail and wholesale market opportunities within this limited-license state. In conjunction with our acquisition of Green Leaf, building out our vertically integrated West Virginia operations will further enhance our scale and footprint in the mid-Atlantic. We look forward to enhancing the lives of our West Virginia patients and, by doing so, solidifying our market-leading position in the region to continue to serve those who choose to include cannabis in their journey back to restored health and wellness.”

About Columbia Care - Columbia Care is one of the largest and most experienced cultivators, manufacturers and providers of medical and adult use cannabis products and related services with licenses in 18 US jurisdictions and the EU. Columbia Care currently operates 108 facilities[i] including 81 dispensaries and 27 cultivation and manufacturing facilities. Columbia Care is one of the original

providers of medical cannabis in the United States, and continues to deliver an industry-leading, patient-centered medicinal cannabis operation that has quickly expanded into the adult use market as a premier operator. The company currently offers products spanning flower, edibles, oils, and tablets, and manufactures popular brands including Seed & Strain, Amber and Platinum Label CBD. With more than four million sales transactions since its inception in 2012, Columbia Care is known for setting the standard for compassion, professionalism, quality, care, and innovation in the rapidly expanding cannabis industry. For more information on Columbia Care, please visit www.col-care.com.

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Cemetery Mapping

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Glenville State College students Asa Dick (left) and Jacob Amick use surveying equipment during a mapping trip to a family cemetery in Gilmer County.

West Virginia State Archives. They hope to also make the book available for purchase for a nominal fee that would cover printing costs and benefit the College’s Honors Program.

For more information on the project, contact Henthorn via henthorn.elij@gsc.glenville.edu or by mail at 200 High Street Box 2669, Glenville, WV 26351.

Aquatic Center

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back together, thank them again.”

Hamilton said the project is looking to engage with the community more now that much of the foundation has been set.

“People have become a little disconnected - we had a lot of momentum and we were talking all the time with emails and updates. We had that ceremony in February [2020] when the governor was there ... It was fast and furious and people were highly engaged until about the first of March. Our timing and COVID happened all at the same time.”

The celebration is set at the aquatic center’s site near the State Fair of West Virginia grounds in Fairlea. For those concerned about COVID-19, the event requires “all guests [to] remain in their vehicles and listen to the program through a dedicated FM radio channel. To ensure the safety of all in attendance, windows need to remain closed and person contact with other guests must be avoided.”

Despite these protocols for the celebration, Hamilton looks forward to the now-foreseeable future of something resembling the pre-COVID-19 normal, where the community would be able to enjoy the aquatic center it donated to create.

“I think that the magical element of this, and certainly not to make light of COVID and the suffering and terrible things, but our timing within COVID will probably be pretty darn close to perfect,” Hamilton said. “The big financial goal was tackled before it was a burden to everybody and our doors will open right as people are safe to go out and start being in groups and doing the things they’ve missed for a really long time. I think when this opens us, there will be a significant demand because gyms and workouts and community teams and all the things we just haven’t been able to do for so long, we check a lot of those boxes.”

For more on the event, come in your vehicle, or stay with the Mountain Messenger for more coverage.

“Please join us as we publicly thank our supporters, recognize our development partners, share construction updates, and more!” announced the aquatic center.

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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.

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after working at Langley for 33 years, Johnson retired. In 2015, at age 97, Johnson was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom by President Barack Obama, the highest honor for U.S. citizens.

Johnson passed away on Feb. 24, 2020, at the age of 101. Her work at NASA quite literally launched Americans into space, and her legacy continues to inspire young black women every day. Northrop Grumman is proud to celebrate the life of Katherine Johnson and her endlessly perseverant spirit.

The mission profile handout states:

For the NG-15 mission, the Cygnus spacecraft will deliver approximately 3,719 kg. (8,200 lb.) of cargo to the space station. Cygnus is comprised of two primary components, the Pressurized Cargo Module and the Service Module. In keeping with company tradition, each spacecraft is named after an important figure in the aerospace industry. Northrop Grumman is honored to name the NG-15 Cygnus spacecraft after Katherine Johnson, a NASA mathematician who broke through barriers of gender and race, and whose work was critical in sending the first Americans into space. The S.S. Katherine Johnson will be launched into orbit using an Antares 230+ rocket from Virginia Space’s Mid Atlantic Regional Spaceport (MARS) Pad 0A on Wallops Island, Virginia. Northrop Grumman will once again load critical cargo into Cygnus 24 hours before the scheduled launch.

Upon arrival at the International Space Station, the cargo will be unloaded from Cygnus. The S.S. Katherine Johnson will deploy a number of CubeSats via Slingshot and Nanoracks deployers, including Dhabisat, the second CubeSat developed by Khalifa University in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. Dhabisat was developed as part of Khalifa’s Space Systems and Technology Concentration, a joint program established in 2015 with UAE-based satellite operator Al Yah Satellite Communications Company (Yahsat) and Northrop Grumman. Launching aboard Antares with Cygnus will be 42 ThinSats as part of a STEM outreach program for grades 4-12 by the Virginia Commercial Space Flight Authority. Once its mission has been completed, Cygnus will perform a safe, destructive reentry into Earth’s atmosphere over the Pacific Ocean.

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a wide scale until 1865. So, to be freed almost 30 years before that and be able to stay in the community that you were supposed to be expelled from is a huge undertaking for this couple. Of course, they have a family, three young children, and they’re just trying to succeed, like most other people.”

Although previous exhibits mentioned Anthony Carter, such as the North House’s 200th Anniversary, the new exhibit began with Curator and Education Director Toni Ogden.

“We had [Anthony’s] ledgers and Toni ... wanted to do research on him and dig into the ledgers,” Scott explained. “Transcribe them, figure out what this guy’s story is. This past year, she [was] reading it all and just got all this information.”

Scott arranged the exhibit based on new information - the result is the full, wall-sized exhibit greeting anyone who takes the stairs to the second story of the North House. Filled with information about the life, laws, work, and struggles of the Carters, the exhibit also shows off cobbling tools, such as hammers, tacks, leather, wax, and more, provided by Jim Costa. It also includes several pairs of leather shoes much like the ones Anthony would likely have worked on as a cobbler, a pre-fire map of downtown Lewisburg, foot forms, old clamps, and a workbench.

“Anthony Carter was a freed Black businessman of Lewisburg,” reads the exhibit. “We know Anthony as a husband, a father, a cobbler, and a landowner through studying his papers and Greenbrier County court records. These resources allow a rare glimpse into a free, working-class Black family’s determination to thrive in a slave-holding society.”

Afraid of rebellions and uprisings, state law required emancipated people to leave Virginia before 12 months passed, or “his or her right to freedom shall have accrued [and] he or she shall forfeit all such right, and may be apprehended and sold.” Despite this, Anthony and Fanny remained in Lewisburg, but his difficult and repeated battles in court to remain free could have gone a different way.

“Willis Lewis [was] a man that was enslaved here at the North House,” Scott said. “When he was emancipated, he actually asked a couple of years later to be re-enslaved, partially because of this law. He was forced to move to Ohio. His family and everyone he’s ever known is here, local. ... ‘The devil I know is better than the devil I don’t.’”

Printed on the exhibit are pages from the Carter family’s work ledger, showing who they were doing business with and at what prices. Scott and Historical Society Executive Director Nora Venezky both noted the importance of Carter’s ledgers in finding the names of enslaved individuals, and who owned them, for the North House 200th anniversary exhibit.

“He was mentioned in the North House 200 exhibit, which was way before any of this was thought of,” Scott said. “He made shoes for some of the families that lived here. ... You can literally track every person and every enslaved person he made shoes for. It is a lot of both ... he’s really doing a lot.”

Public Meetings

Historic Landmarks Commission

will meet Monday, Feb. 8, via Zoom teleconference at 5 p.m. For information on how to participate, contact Lewisburg City Hall at 304-645-2080 by 4 p.m. Feb. 8. On the agenda:

- Approval of Minutes - Dec. 14, 2020
- Comments from the public
- **Public Hearing:** Larry Smead, 1324 Washington Street East - replace broken garage door with a Wayne Dalton steel door without windows (white in color)
- **Public Hearing:** Deva Wagner, 967 Washington Street West - paint front wall of Wolfe Creek Shop with Polish Concrete in color, repair upper and lower window trim and paint the trim and door Rockwood Shutter Green
- **Public Hearing:** Margaret Kulkorni - request to move building at 942 Court Street (Sears Kit House) across the alley to property owned by Ms. Kulkorni with further application detail for Mar. 8, 2021 meeting

- Comments from the Commissioners
- Comments from Zoning Officer

The next scheduled meeting of the Lewisburg Historic Landmarks Commission will be held Monday Mar. 8, at 5 p.m. with a deadline of Feb. 19.

Finance Committee

will meet Feb. 9 via Zoom. On the agenda:

- General Fund Budget Revision Fiscal Year 2021
- Greenbrier Motors - Water Dept. dump truck - lease and/or purchase
- Health Insurance renewal
- 219 N sidewalk grant - pay request 1
- Lafayette Street - sidewalk grant
- New streets and park facilities upgrade phase 2
- Hollowell Park upgrade
- City Hall rental space renovations
- Approval of Minutes - Mar. 11, 2020

New Bridge

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of the bridge after initial bids for the replacement project came in well above estimates.

Todd Schoonover, DOH’s project manager for the job, said DOH crews are currently doing the foundation and earthwork for the new bridge. A contractor will later build the steel structure for the bridge, and the railroad will lay the track.

The project has unique challenges in the rugged terrain of Pocahontas County - the bridge site is six miles east of Cass and two miles west of Hosterman, with no road access.

“We have to bring every single thing in by rail car,” Schoonover said, “including an 86,000-pound drilling machine.”

The weather in the area has also been an issue.

“We got 10 inches of snow yesterday and we managed to keep going,” he said.

Schoonover and Jamie Rossi, District 8 Engineer, said DOH divisions and districts from all over the state have lent their expertise and help for the project.

The DOH section of the project is scheduled for completion by July 2021.

“I think it’s an important project for the economy,” Schoonover said. “Tourism is a huge employer in the area.”

“It’s very beautiful through there,” said Rossi. “Re-opening the line to Cass will offer a further expansion of rail excursions through a particularly scenic area of the state.”

Anthony’s cobbling business was not the couple’s only source of income - Fanny also ran a clothes washing business as the couple raised their three children. The complicated process of just washing clothes involved lugging the water about two blocks from the community well to their business, grating the soap, heating the water, dumping the kettle, lugging more water, beating clothes on the washboard, drying, starching, ironing, folding, delivering the clean clothes and more. One ledger page shows 256 pieces of clothing washed for \$8.67.

Anthony passed away in 1844, with U.S. Census data showing Fanny living locally until 1860.

“This man literally works himself to death,” Scott said. “He’s taking on jobs that are probably too big for one person, he has some issues where some of the men who work under him have quit on him. He really is working hard to the last year of his life. Then he passes away. We keep track of Fanny for several years, she lives here locally and she keeps going. She’s a washing woman, which is hard work in of itself.”

Scott celebrated the creation of the impressive exhibit.

“This is such fun work,” Scott said. “It has its challenges, its stresses, its struggles, frustrations, anxieties, but when you see it [done], everything just washed away. Look at it.”

Scott also thanked Venezky for helping make the project work.

“She has been so supportive, so hands on, so helpful,” Scott said. “Of course, I had all kinds of ideas, but I didn’t know how to execute them. There are so many things and nuisances that you don’t understand ... it’s great.”

The exhibit formally opens on Friday, Feb. 5, and can be found upstairs in the North House Museum.

Tax Tips

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- *Take some last-minute tax deductions*
- *Beware of the Alternative Minimum Tax*
- *Sell loser investments to offset gains*
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Harry E. Boothe and Christianna M. Boothe to Joyce Shoemate, Lot 18, Town of Ronceverte

Rodney Grimmitt and Gina L. Mitchell to John Garcia and Christy Garcia, Lot 100 and 101 of Rolling Hills Subdivision, Lewisburg Municipality

Charles Lester Clay and Tammy Lynn Clay to Vernon Duwayne Pollard and Diane Flynn Pollard, 131.2 acres, Blue Sulphur District

Charles R. Johnson and Kimberly Johnson to Charles Lester Clay and Tammy Lynn Clay, 0.517 acre, Blue Sulphur District

Jay P. Sullivan to Timothy Warren Hoy and Elizabeth Embury Hoy, 4.73 acres, Williamsburg District

Daniel Lee Smith and Theresa Smith to Robert J. Hanna III and Lauren Hanna, 32 acres, Fort Spring Dist.

Alene M. Hedrick to Mary E. Crotzer and Cassandra Crotzer, 16,965 square feet, Lewisburg District

John M. Surber to Nuncia D. Henneman, Lot 6 Block 4 in the Huddleston Hills Addition, Town of White Sulphur Springs

Keith Filzen and Theresa M. Filzen to Timothy Weir and Timothy Weir Jr., Lot No. 91, Phase 4, Overlook at Greenbrier, Irish Corner District

Manchin statement on Biden Administration increasing vaccine supply

U.S. Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV) released the following statement on the announcement from the Biden Administration that they will increase the weekly supply of COVID-19 vaccinations to states and territories next week. The Administration will also increase transparency by giving states a three week forecast of vaccine supplies.

“Today’s announcement by the Biden Administration shows that help is on the way. I thank President Biden for staying true to his word and delivering more vaccine so quickly and will continue to work closely with him to further increase our allocation. West Virginia is leading the country in efficiently and safely distributing the COVID-19 vaccine. Clinics across our state have been operating below capacity because of the vaccine shortage. Now President Biden will ship out at least 10 million doses each week to get more shots in arms as soon as possible. Today’s announcement from the Biden Administration is another step closer to ensuring every West Virginian who wants a vaccine can get one, restoring our economy, and getting back to life as usual. In the last week, I have spoken with President Biden and multiple White House officials who have assured me the number one priority for the Administration is quickly producing and efficiently distributing the vaccine. I’m glad to see them put their money where their mouth is and ramp up vaccine distribution.”

On Sunday, Senator Manchin spoke with members of the National Economic Council and stressed that the number one priority must be quickly producing and efficiently distributing the vaccine throughout the country. Last week, Senator Manchin spoke with General Gus Perna, Chief Operating Officer of Operation Warp Speed on COVID-19 vaccine procurement and distribution about the need for additional vaccines in West Virginia. He received assurances that the Biden Administration is ramping up manufacturing and expects to see an increase in distribution to every state in early February.

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OPINION

Commentary The path forward

By Kent A. Leonhardt
West Virginia Commissioner of Agriculture

With a new administration in Washington, the end of the pandemic in sight and one of the toughest years in recent memory behind us, the question for national and state leaders is how do we heal? West Virginia has clearly shown we can respond to a crisis by leading the way on COVID-19 vaccination and testing, but we still face a lot of serious problems in the Mountain State. West Virginia continues to lose population, desperately needs economic diversification and must enhance social services while reducing bloated budgets. That doesn’t mean we haven’t seen success, such as attracting new-age businesses like the Virgin Hyper Loop or industrial giants such as Proctor and Gamble. What the leaders of our state cannot become is complacent, especially when the world as we know it is changing around us. How we respond coming out of this crisis might determine prosperity for generations to come. If anything, West Virginia cannot and should not return to the “normalcy” as we knew it in March 2020.

As this pandemic reshapes workplaces across the world, we need to think about how this might affect business recruitment and economic development. Many of those who were forced to work from home will not be returning to the same office post-pandemic. This means those workers no longer need to reside close to their employer. For a rural state like West Virginia, attracting that workforce, who wish to escape the metropolis for a freer and simpler lifestyle, will be key to population growth. At the same time, COVID-19 showcased many flaws in our current distribution channels especially when it comes to food. To improve resiliency, states must look inward for vital commodities for sustenance, social services and emergency response. Economic development and emergency response become intermingled as we look to decentralize production in the United States.

Social services and utilities also showed flaws under current systems as many of our citizens lacked vital amenities necessary to surviving a pandemic. To ensure we are prepared for the next crisis, West Virginia must bolster key social services that invest in our citizens. We can start by offering healthier food choices to school children, as well as struggling families. At the same time, leaders must expand broadband services, so no child goes without access to the internet. Our citizens should be able to obtain well-paying jobs by expanding vocational training opportunities, as well as funding for higher education. These are only a few examples, but state leaders, program directors and the citizens of our state must encourage necessary governmental changes to strive for a system that works for the people by the people.

As Legislative leaders convene for the first time since the pandemic started, there will be many pressing matters. With an influx of federal funding under the CARES Act, no issue is more important than the budget for the next fiscal year. That budget should not just focus on the

Commentary Local Republican reps object to DC statehood, Congressional representation

By Bobby Bordelon

A number of West Virginia legislators signed a letter asking each of West Virginia’s federal representatives to reject any consideration of statehood for Washington, DC. In social media posts, Greenbrier County delegates Barry Bruce and Todd Longanacre announced their support for the letter, and stated Senator Jack Woodrum also signed.

The letter argues that the 712,000 residents of the potential 51st state should not become so in order to preserve West Virginia’s stake in controlling the federal government.

“If Washington, DC, became a state, the representation of West Virginians in Congress would be further diminished by adding two additional Senators to the United States Senate and shifting the balance of power sharply for the foreseeable future,” reads the letter. “Additionally, the District of Columbia’s three current non-voting Congressmen would have the authority to vote in the United States House of Representatives, minimizing the voices of West Virginia’s three Congressional Representatives. Furthermore, the constitutionality of D.C. statehood has been called into question for decades and has never been settled. The District of Columbia was set aside as a separate city where the federal government could operate independently.”

In a separate post to social media announcing the letter, both Longanacre and Bruce backed this up.

“[Bruce and Longanacre] signed on to a letter sent to WV’s U.S. Congressmen and Senators Capito and Manchin, urging them to reject statehood for Washington, DC,” reads posts shared by both Longanacre and Bruce. “Statehood for DC would minimize the voice of West Virginians and shift the balance of power to liberals for decades. We cannot let this happen!”

Previously, West Virginia Senator Joe Manchin noted he was uncertain on the possibility of statehood, saying he would need “to see the pros and the cons,” according to reporting from The Washington Post. The letter was signed shortly after this reporting, and directly references Manchin’s current position as the most moderate Democrat in the Democratically controlled Senate. This gives him tremendous negotiating power for any vote, including Biden’s proposed \$1.9 trillion COVID-19 care package and potential \$1,400 stimulus checks.

“Senator Manchin, as you are well aware, you will play a key role in determining if this issue and many other controversial issues become law,” reads the letter. “As representatives of constituents throughout West Virginia, it is our duty to address their concerns and make you aware as to where they stand.”

Although a controversial subject for many Republicans and Democrats, the statehood for DC movement argued



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response of the day but how we continue to move West Virginia forward. Evaluating how dollars are spent, as well as the tax structure of our state, will determine how quickly we rebound economically. State leaders need to invest in critical infrastructure vital to emergency response and quickly push funding towards economic development, as well as recovery. Getting people back to work while attracting new job opportunities to the state is the only way to guarantee a healthy budget for the coming years.

To the citizens of West Virginia, I encourage you to be part of the change. Reevaluate what is important to you, make that career change, challenge yourself to improve your life, start planning that next big trip. Most importantly, hold our leaders accountable. For the sake of our state’s and country’s future, we must move forward together. We know there will be lasting effects to this pandemic, but just as any other hardship, how one responds is important. Support local businesses, love thy neighbor and strive to be a better person. We can clearly see the light at the end of the tunnel. It is time we heal together as one nation.

Commentary State Treasurer Moore promotes National Unclaimed Property Day

Visit state, national websites to search for lost financial assets

State Treasurer Riley Moore encouraged West Virginians to visit www.wvtreasury.com and search its unclaimed property database as part of a nationwide awareness effort.

The National Association of State Treasurers and the National Association of Unclaimed Property Administrators launched the first National Unclaimed Property Day on Monday, Feb. 1.

Treasurer Moore said it’s important to check for unclaimed property not just on a special day, but year-round.

“This is your property, and you need to go out and claim it,” Treasurer Moore said. “Especially in these pandemic times, you need to make sure you have all the money and property that rightfully belongs to you. I encourage everyone to visit our website and look to see if you have anything available to claim.”

Nationwide, nearly 33 million people in the United States - one in every 10 - are estimated to have unclaimed property available for them to claim. This can include financial accounts or items of value in which the owner has not initiated any activity for a number of years. Despite the use of “property” in the name, real estate is not included. Common examples of unclaimed property include unpaid life insurance benefits, forgotten bank accounts and unused rebate cards.

When the entity overseeing these types of assets cannot locate the owner, the money or properties are submitted to the state.

“This property is sent to my Office, and we want to do our part to make sure it gets back to its rightful owners,” Treasurer Moore said. “That’s why I encourage you to use the resources we have available to help you search for and find your stuff”

West Virginians searching for lost financial assets can go to www.wvtreasury.com, then click on the large Unclaimed Property “Search” button to the right of the page under the heading, “Are We Holding Your Money?” In addition to finding property, the www.wvtreasury.com website will also help you track a claim.

If you find a friend of family member in the system, you can share the information with them by hitting the “share” button and entering their email address. It creates an automatic e-mail from the Treasurer’s Office to the recipient. The email includes the property ID number and instructions on how to file a claim, if the recipient appears to be the rightful owner.

To search for lost financial assets outside West Virginia, visit www.FindMyFunds.com or www.MissingMoney.com.

To compliment National Unclaimed Property Day, the National Association of Unclaimed Property Administrators has launched a social media campaign to raise awareness of its efforts. It will also distribute informational materials to state lawmakers.

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Dannie Hilleary King



White Sulphur Springs-Dannie Hilleary King passed away in his home Saturday, Jan. 23, 2020. He was 78.

Dannie was born Apr. 1, 1942, to parents Eloise Hanna King and Patrick Henry King.

After being raised in Greenbrier County, he became an accomplished and world renowned virologist and microbiologist, earning a Bachelor of Science in biology and chemistry from Davidson College, a Master's degree in bacteriology and immunology from West Virginia University, and a Ph.D. in microbiology and virology from North Carolina State University. Dannie's extensive work in the field of virology, microbiology, and biochemistry spanned decades and included professorships at Duke University, NC State University, Appalachian State University, Semmelweis University, and Oxford University. He was the recipient of seven international awards for his seminal medical achievements, including two Queens Awards (British Monarchy).

In his lifetime he secured 12 biomedicine and biotechnology patents, gave pharmaceutical presentations to Congress, led FDA advisory meetings as a medical director and research developer, and was the president, CEO, and board member of several pharmaceutical companies. In 2020, he

served as a consultant to Dr. Anthony Fauci and the National Institutes of Health. His virology knowledge was a critical asset in their challenge to understand and treat the COVID-19 virus. Dannie was dedicated to finding treatments for "untreatable" diseases, achieving FDA approval for five such drugs. His lifetime crowning achievement was the approval of AZT for AIDS, not only breaking the record for FDA fastest drug approval, but extending life for the patients who before this had no hope but imminent death.

An avid adventurer and outdoorsman, Dannie loved traveling the world and being on and in the water. He was a seasoned, expert sailor who found joy in meticulously maintaining sailboats in waters all around the world. He was a diver on the Davidson College team and picked as an alternate for the 1960 U.S. Olympic team. Dannie was also an accomplished marksman and NRA Distinguished Expert.

Dannie was an inventor and dreamer with a witty sense of humor and heart of gold. He was known for his warm, wonderful smile, playful banter and steadfast individuality. When he wasn't pioneering new patents or using his extensive academic and scientific accomplishments to help better the world, he found solace listening to his favorite jazz on the mountaintop in White Sulphur Springs with his faithful Plott Hound, Seth.

Dannie's legacy lives on in his brothers, Stephen King and Charles 'Toby' King; his daughter, Amanda King, his son, Nicholas King; grandchildren Alex Lieth and Angelica Fenton; two great-grandchildren, three step-grand

four step-great-grandchildren; and many beloved nieces, nephews, and cousins. Dannie was a loving father and grandfather, and cherished his family above all else.

The family extends sincere thanks and particular gratitude to GW Lewis and Robert Hurley of White Sulphur Springs for their dedicated assistance to Dannie over the last several years.

A memorial service in White Sulphur Springs will be scheduled in several months.

Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in White Sulphur Springs is in charge of arrangements. Please send online condolences by visiting www.WallaceandWallaceFH.com

Bobby Glenn Clendenin

Alvon-Bobby Glenn Clendenin, 80, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 27, 2021, at Ruby Memorial in Morgantown.

Born Aug. 29, 1940, in Creighton, WV, he was the son of the late Floyd Leo and Winona Mae Heckert Clendenin.

Bob was an avid hunter, and fisherman. He loved driving his old Ford pickup truck, and riding his motorcycle. He worked for The Greenbrier Hotel as a Plumber for 25 years before he retired.

Other than his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Linda Lockhart Clendenin in 2014; and siblings, Eloise Clendenin, and Gary Clendenin.

Survivors include his children, Kim Boggs and husband Fred of Exchange, WV, and Jeff Clendenin of White Sulphur Springs; sisters, Joyce "Sissy" Conner and husband Hunter of Clifton Forge, VA, Jenny Perry of Fairlea, Sue Garner of Tega Cay, SC; brothers, Charles "Chuck" Clendenin of White Sulphur Springs, Roger Clendenin and wife Joyce of Caldwell, Billy Clendenin of Alvon, and Allen Clendenin and wife Bonnie of Rustburg, VA; three grandchildren, Trey Crane, Cassie Crane both of Burnsville, WV, and Alice Clendenin of Lewisburg; one very special great-grandson, Ian Crane of Burnsville, WV; as well as several nieces and nephews.

Graveside services will be held on Monday, Feb. 1, at 1 p.m. at Little Creek Cemetery in Alvon, with Pastor Lowell O'Dell officiating.

In lieu of flowers, family request donations of sympathy are made to a Charity of choice in Bob's memory.

Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Lewisburg is in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.WallaceandWallaceFH.com.

Mary Jane Simmons



Mary Jane Simmons, dealing with sudden complications from COVID-19, passed away Sunday night, Jan. 24, 2021. A loving wife and caring mother, she embodied what it means to be a good friend. She was 70.

Born Mary Jane Edenhart on June 29, 1950, in Cumberland, MD, she attended Ridgeley High School in Ridgeley, WV, and was a member of the Class of 1968.

Mary Jane was preceded in death by her parents,

Robert F. Edenhart and Mary E. Edenhart.

Mary Jane ("Janie") is survived by her husband, William "Aussie" Simmons of Wytheville, VA; sister, Linda Kines of Carpendale, WV; Janie's children, son, Eric Grayson and wife Diana of Radford, VA, daughter, Andrea Grayson Ceritano of Radford, VA, daughter, Austen Jones of Wytheville, VA; stepdaughter, Kim Simmons Adams and husband Bob of Tobaccoville, NC, stepdaughter, Kelly Simmons Mills and husband Keith of Hinton, stepdaughter, Samantha Simmons Moretz of King, NC; stepson, J. B. Simmons and wife Kaitie of Statesville, NC; and many, many grandchildren and close friends.

An avid cook, Janie's kitchen was always blessed with the sweet smells of great cooking. She was also known for being a fine artist, many times adding her beautiful artwork to furniture and various canvases. Janie was a free spirit, known for her great sense of humor and love for music. Janie was one of the most loyal friends a person could have; she was blessed with patience and a "kind-hearted" soul.

In an effort to keep everyone safe during this pandemic, the family is not going to have a memorial service, but all of Janie's family truly appreciate all the support and well wishes they have received.

Glenna Lee Butts



White Sulphur Springs-Glenna Lee Butts, 82, passed away peacefully at her home, surrounded by her family, on Thursday, Jan. 28, 2021.

Born June 23, 1938, at Neola, Glenna was a daughter of the late Dennis Ardoff and Edith Blackburn Dean.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Emmett Donald "Don" Butts, Sr. in 2004; and two brothers, Bobby A. Dean and

Leonard C. Judy.

Glenna was retired from The Greenbrier Hotel where she worked for 39 years. Over the years, she worked at the Golf and Tennis Club, the Employees Cafeteria, the Old White Club, and the Tavern Room. Glenna was a strong independent woman who loved her family and was a loyal friend. She may have been small in stature, but she was feisty. She always spoke her mind and was never one to beat around the bush.

Survivors include her daughter, Tammy (Chuck) Whitman; grandson, Joseph Whitman, both of White Sulphur Springs; great-grandchildren, Haley Whitman and companion Matt Steele of Frankford, WV, Salem Whitman of Georgia, and Isaac Whitman; sisters, Betty McDowell of Ronceverte, Patricia Hoke, and Ann Rogers both of White Sulphur Springs; sister-in-law, Anne Dean of Covington, VA; Don's children Donald Butts, Jr., Michael Butts, Brian Butts, and Jennifer Butts; several nieces and nephews, great-nieces and nephews, and many cousins.

There will be no formal visitation. A graveside service will be held Tuesday, Feb. 2, at 11 a.m. at Greenbrier Memorial Gardens in Lewisburg, with Pastor Lowell O'Dell and Pastor Roger McDaniel officiating.

In keeping with the current Covid-19 pandemic guidelines; the family asks that you wear a mask and practice social distancing at all times while attending the service.

Pallbearers will be Wayne Beitzel, Chester Sharp, Joseph Whitman, Greg McMillion, Shane Melara, and Matthew Steele. Honorary Pallbearers will be David McDowell, Mark McDowell, Jack Dean, and Chuck Judy.

The family is appreciative of the care that was given to Glenna by Home Health Care Plus and Kanawha Hospice Care.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that memorial tributes take the form of contributions to Mennonite Disaster Services, at 583 Airport Road, Lititz, PA 17543.

Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Lewisburg is in charge of arrangements.

Please send online condolences by visiting www.WallaceandWallaceFH.com

A Look Back



Photo courtesy of West Virginia University Regional History Center.

By William "Skip" Deegans

This week's photo from the 1930s shows a young Maryat Lee with her family. The former Lewisburg playwright was born in Covington, Kentucky, in 1923. The daughter of a prominent Kentucky family, Lee graduated from Wellesley College and moved to New York City. She taught at the New School and was a pioneer in writing and producing street plays. One of her plays, DOPE!,

an anti-drug play, was performed for two decades. She formed the Soul and Latin Theatre (SALT) for teenage students in Harlem.

In 1970, Lee came to a West Virginia farm on Powley's Creek in Summer County to write a book. She was soon involved in the community, and in 1975 founded Eco (from the Greek word home) Theatre as a means to work with low-income youth. The theatre produced plays based on

local oral histories. Lee drew professional actors to West Virginia, including Ossie Davis and Ruby Dee, to participate in her program.

Lee moved to Lewisburg where she continued to write in her house on Church Street. She died of heart disease in 1989.

Sources: *Louisville Courier-Journal*, *The Cincinnati Enquirer*, *The Atlanta Constitution*.

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(2019-S-00000066 - Greenbrier County - LEANNA AGEE)

To: DIANNA MCCLELLAND, JACK MCCLELLAND, KAYE FERGUSON, CHUCK MCCLELLAND, STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, BRIAN MCCLELLAND, SUMMIT COMMUNITY BANK, NINA K. MCCLELLAND, NINA K. MCCLELLAND, NINA DEAMER, ESTATE OF GARY MCCLELLAND, KEITH BAILEY, ANETTE HALTTUNEN, BRIAN MCCLELLAND, BRIAN MCCLELLAND, BRIAN MCCLELLAND, 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 LEANNA AGEE, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2019-S-00000066, AC .86 (D) LOT 133 US 60 HINES HOLSTEIN 85X106X79, located in MEADOW BLUFF, which was returned delinquent in the name of MCCLELLAND NINA, 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.	\$	414.39
Amount of subsequent years' taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to March 31, 2021.	\$	280.37
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.	\$	1,171.44
Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2021.	\$	688.00
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.	\$	2,554.20
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-00000068 - Greenbrier County - DANIEL HARPER)

To: OCCUPANT, ESTATE OF BETTY JEWEL MACK, UNKNOWN HEIRS OF BETTY JEWEL MACK, BETTY JEWEL MACK, 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 DANIEL HARPER, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2019-S-00000068, ACREAGE .48 (D) S.E. SIDE OF BIG CLEAR CK. RD., located in RUPERT, which was returned delinquent in the name of MACK BETTY JEWEL, 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.	\$	185.87
Amount of subsequent years' taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to March 31, 2021.	\$	85.32
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.	\$	1,013.10
Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2021.	\$	102.75
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.	\$	1,387.04
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-00000065 - Greenbrier County - LEANNA AGEE)

To: JACK MCCLELLAND, KAYE FERGUSON, CHUCK MCCLELLAND, DIANNA MCCLELLAND, KEITH BAILEY, NINA MCCLELLAND, NINA MCCLELLAND, NINA DEAMER, ESTATE OF GARY MCCLELLAND, STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, SUMMIT COMMUNITY BANK, BRIAN MCCLELLAND, ANETTE HALTTUNEN, BRIAN MCCLELLAND, BRIAN MCCLELLAND, BRIAN MCCLELLAND, 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 LEANNA AGEE, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2019-S-00000065, S SIDE OF US 60 HINES, W.V. 113X240X168X337, located in MEADOW BLUFF, which was returned delinquent in the name of MCCLELLAND NINA K, 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.	\$	351.60
Amount of subsequent years' taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to March 31, 2021.	\$	244.12
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.	\$	1,152.72
Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2021.	\$	688.00
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.	\$	2,436.44
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(2019-S-00000069 - Greenbrier County - HOLLY CLARK)

To: C.E. (CLARENCE EVERETT) MCCARTHY, DESSIE MAYE MCCARTHY AKA BESSIE MAYE MCCARTHY, JANET COLLEEN MCCARTHY HUDNALL, JOYCE W. MCCARTHY AMICK OSORIO, BESSIE MCCARTHY SMITH, LINDA G. MCCARTHY, DALE R. MCCARTHY SR., MARY BERTHA MCCARTHY, KERMIT LEON MCCARTHY, MERLE HOMER MCCARTHY, WAYNE JULIAN MCCARTHY, CLARENCE EVERETT MCCARTHY JR., LOIS FAYE MCCARTHY MORRIS, ANY AND ALL OTHER PERSONS OWNING OR CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED PROPERTY, KAY GALLION, GLENNA CORDER, JOYCE AMICK OSORIO, RUTH G. NICHOLS, KERMIT L. MCCARTHY, PAM LAKIN, WENDELL MCCARTHY, DONNA RAMSEY, MICHAEL MORRIS, DEBORAH BRYANT, DALE MCCARTHY SR, GLORIA MCCARTHY, EVELYN JOHNS, CLARENCE E. MCCARTHY III, TERRY LEE MCCARTHY, LINDA G. MCCARTHY, VERNON MCCARTHY, REBECCA MAYE ESTEP, 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 HOLLY CLARK, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2019-S-00000069, ACREAGE 14.07 (D) TR 1, ON WATERS OF ANGLING CK, located in MEADOW BLUFF, which was returned delinquent in the name of MCCARTHY C E & DESSIE MAYE, 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.	\$	193.28
Amount of subsequent years' taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to March 31, 2021.	\$	96.27
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.	\$	1,087.86
Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2021.	\$	929.50
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.	\$	2,306.91
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-00000071 - Greenbrier County - HOLLY CLARK)

To: OCCUPANT, C.E. (CLARENCE EVERETT) MCCARTHY, DESSIE MAYE MCCARTHY AKA BESSIE MAYE MCCARTHY, JANET COLLEEN MCCARTHY HUDNALL, JOYCE W. MCCARTHY AMICK OSORIO, BESSIE MCCARTHY SMITH, LINDA G. MCCARTHY, DALE R. MCCARTHY SR., MARY BERTHA MCCARTHY, KERMIT LEON MCCARTHY, MERLE HOMER MCCARTHY, WAYNE JULIAN MCCARTHY, CLARENCE EVERETT MCCARTHY JR., LOIS FAYE MCCARTHY MORRIS, ANY AND ALL OTHER PERSONS OWNING OR CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED PROPERTY, KAY GALLION, GLENNA CORDER, JOYCE AMICK OSORIO, RUTH G. NICHOLS, KERMIT L. MCCARTHY, PAM LAKIN, WENDELL MCCARTHY, DONNA RAMSEY, MICHAEL MORRIS, DEBORAH BRYANT, DALE MCCARTHY SR, GLORIA MCCARTHY, EVELYN JOHNS, CLARENCE E. MCCARTHY III, TERRY LEE MCCARTHY, LINDA G. MCCARTHY, VERNON MCCARTHY, REBECCA MAYE ESTEP, 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 HOLLY CLARK, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2019-S-00000071, ACREAGE 2.00 (D) TR 3, WATERS OF ANGLING CK N., located in MEADOW BLUFF, which was returned delinquent in the name of MCCARTHY C E & DESSIE MAYE, 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.	\$	155.99
Amount of subsequent years' taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to March 31, 2021.	\$	58.59
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.	\$	1,124.00
Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2021.	\$	929.50
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.	\$	2,268.08
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-00000070 - Greenbrier County - HOLLY CLARK)

To: C.E. (CLARENCE EVERETT) MCCARTHY, DESSIE MAYE MCCARTHY AKA BESSIE MAYE MCCARTHY, JANET COLLEEN MCCARTHY HUDNALL, JOYCE W. MCCARTHY AMICK OSORIO, BESSIE MCCARTHY SMITH, LINDA G. MCCARTHY, DALE R. MCCARTHY SR., MARY BERTHA MCCARTHY, KERMIT LEON MCCARTHY, MERLE HOMER MCCARTHY, WAYNE JULIAN MCCARTHY, CLARENCE EVERETT MCCARTHY JR., LOIS FAYE MCCARTHY MORRIS, ANY AND ALL OTHER PERSONS OWNING OR CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED PROPERTY, KAY GALLION, GLENNA CORDER, JOYCE AMICK OSORIO, RUTH G. NICHOLS, KERMIT L. MCCARTHY, PAM LAKIN, WENDELL MCCARTHY, DONNA RAMSEY, MICHAEL MORRIS, DEBORAH BRYANT, DALE MCCARTHY SR, GLORIA MCCARTHY, EVELYN JOHNS, CLARENCE E. MCCARTHY II, TERRY LEE MCCARTHY, LINDA G. MCCARTHY, VERNON MCCARTHY, REBECCA MAYE ESTEP, 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 HOLLY CLARK, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2019-S-00000070, ACREAGE 2.27 (D) TR 2, WATERS OF ANGLING CK N., located in MEADOW BLUFF, which was returned delinquent in the name of MCCARTHY C E & DESSIE MAYE, 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.	\$	109.55
Amount of subsequent years' taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to March 31, 2021.	\$	15.35
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.	\$	1,028.58
Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2021.	\$	758.50
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.	\$	1,911.98
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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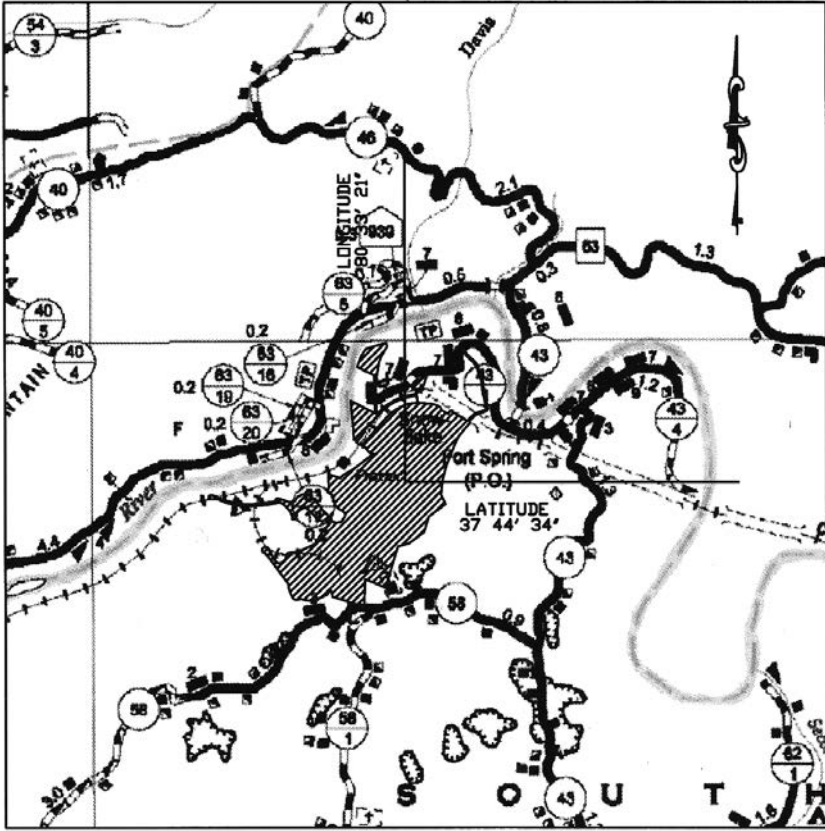
Notice is hereby given that APPALACHIAN AGGREGATES, LLC, 2950 CHARLES AVENUE, DUNBAR, WV 25064 has submitted an application for **reissuance** of Article 11/WVNPDES Permit No. WV1024329 to the Department of Environmental Protection, 1159 Nick Rahall Greenway, Fayetteville, WV, 25840 in order to operate and maintain the existing limestone Fort Spring Quarry in the Greenbrier, Pickaway and Union Limestone seam/mineral bed.

The operation will discharge Treated Storm water into an unnamed tributary of Greenbrier River and is located 0.5 (miles), southwest of Fort Spring, in Irish Corner District of Greenbrier County, Longitude 80° 33' 21.0000" and Latitude 37° 44' 34.0000" (Coordinates from USGS Topographic Map).

The Department of Environmental Protection is seeking information on private surface water intakes for human consumption located in the above listed receiving streams and located down stream of this operation. Please provide your name, phone number, mailing address, the name of the stream being with the intake, and the physical location of the intake. This information needs to be submitted to the address above. An anti-degradation review has been conducted. Tier 1 protection is afforded because effluent limitations ensure compliance with water quality criteria for all designated uses. Where applicable, a full Tier 2 anti-degradation review has been conducted.

Comments on the Article 11 WV/NPDES application or requests for a public hearing regarding the Article 11/NPDES application shall be in writing and if a public hearing is requested shall state the nature of the issues proposed to be raised in the hearing. Such written comments or requests should be sent to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) at the address above, and must also reference the Article 11 /NPDES permit number shown above. Comments received by 3/7/2021, or thirty (30) days from date of publication, will be considered. A copy of the Article 11/WVNPDES application, draft permit, rational page, and fact sheet (if required) will be available for inspection and obtaining copies during normal business hours at the DEP Regional Office located at the address above.

DEP Telephone No. 304-574-4465 Article 11/NPDES Permit No. WV1024329



LOCATION MAP
WV Highway Map - Scale 1"=1 Mile
Irish Corner District, Greenbrier County, West Virginia
Article 4 Permit No. Q3019-95
NPDES No. WV1024329
Fort Spring, WV 7.5 USGS Quadrangle

VALENTINE'S

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Take a step back in time for a Valentine's tradition

Greeting cards are popular ways to express love and affection on Valentine's Day. However, those looking to say "I love you" and much more in a creative way may want to harken back to a tradition that is several centuries old.

Purse puzzles were once an innovative way to send notes and illustrations and express other sentiments. Purse puzzles became popular around 1720 and remained so until roughly 1840. The puzzles consisted of a sheet of paper folded into smaller parts. When unfolded, the purse puzzle would reveal several messages and hand-drawn art.

In the 19th century, purse puzzles were a clever way for lovers to send love notes on Valentine's Day or other times of the year. Purse puzzles were a form of paper art, similar to origami.

Valentine's celebrants can rekindle the magic of purse puzzles to add creative flair to this year's celebrations. They can be made easily with tutorials found on websites such as Snapguide.com (<https://snapguide.com/guides/make-puzzle-purses/>). The finished puzzle will take a square shape and open up like a pinwheel until the full sheet of paper is revealed.

DIFFERENT TYPES OF CHOCOLATE TO GIVE THIS VALENTINE'S DAY



Chocolate shines on Valentine's Day. Gift givers can select a chocolate variety that appeals most to their recipients' palates.

Chocolate is a popular gift on Valentine's Day. According to the Nielsen Company, Valentine's Day is the third busiest holiday for chocolate sales, following Halloween and Easter.

More than 70 million pounds of chocolate are purchased each year and offered as Valentine's Day

gifts. Chocolate connoisseurs can learn more about the different types of chocolate to find the one their loved one will find most appealing.

· **Milk chocolate:** Milk chocolate is produced with low levels of cocoa and high amounts of sugar and milk. In addition, it contains co-

coa butter and chocolate liquor. Milk chocolate often is made up of 3.39 percent butterfat, 10 percent chocolate liquor and 12 percent milk solids.

· **Semi-sweet chocolate:** Semi-sweet chocolate is largely an American creation and term. It contains at least 35 percent cocoa solids and is darker than sweet dark chocolate. The amount of sugar varies across brands.

· **Bittersweet chocolate:** Bittersweet chocolate typically contains at least 50 percent chocolate liquor, but some will have between 70 and 80 percent. The sugar content is unregulated, so one manufacturer's bittersweet may not be as bitter as another's.

· **Baking chocolate:** Also known as bitter chocolate, this is pure chocolate li-

quor made from ground cocoa beans. It may look like chocolate, but it is used in recipes where it is combined with sugar. It should not be eaten on its own.

· **White chocolate:** White chocolate has cocoa butter but no chocolate liquor or cocoa products. Therefore, it is not truly chocolate.

· **Candy coating chocolate:** This has no cocoa butter and uses vegetable or palm oils in the recipe. It often is used in dipping or enrobing because of its excellent melting ability.

· **Couverture chocolate:** In the United States, the ideal standard for couverture chocolate involves a minimum of 35 percent cocoa solids and 31 percent cocoa butter. This chocolate is tempered and used when coating ingredients or dipping items in chocolate.

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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

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7 ways to celebrate Valentine's Day in a socially distant manner

The last year has been challenging for social butterflies, as the COVID-19 pandemic has limited opportunities to socialize in person with close friends and family members.

Social distancing guidelines affected various holidays throughout 2020, but such guidelines were issued after Valentine's Day 2020. Valentine's Day may be the easiest holiday to celebrate while still adhering to social distancing restrictions. After all, Valentine's Day is typically a day to spend time alone with the person you love.

The following are seven socially distant Valentine's Day celebration ideas.

1. Order a take-out dinner for two from a favorite local restaurant. It gives you the night off from cooking and helps support a small business.

2. Watch a romantic movie on your preferred streaming service.

3. Treat each other to a pair of cozy pajamas and spend the day under the covers catching up on cuddles and rest.

4. Bundle up and, if weather allows, take a hand-in-hand stroll through a park or favorite sightseeing spot. Just follow any protocols for remaining safe, such as wearing masks.

5. Those who reside in climates that are mild in February can rent a small boat and enjoy a few hours on the open water far away from others.

6. Purchase the ingredients to a recipe you both enjoy and prepare the meal together. Don't forget to leave room for dessert.

7. Take turns giving one another back massages at home.

These are just some of the ways Valentine's Day can be enjoyed safely while adhering to pandemic-related safety guidelines.

HAPPY Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day gift ideas for guys

A holiday devoted to love and affection is nestled in the middle of the chilly days of February. Valentine's Day is a big day for retailers, and many advertising campaigns focus on gifting women everything from jewelry to chocolate to stuffed animals. That focus may not be unwarranted, but men also deserve tokens of love and appreciation on Valentine's Day.

With February 14 right around the corner, it's time to start thinking about shopping for items that show you care. Consider this list of carefully curated gifts that can provide inspiration for gifting the special man in your life.

· **Gaming gear:** The appeal of video games is hard to ignore. A new report from the gaming industry researchers at DFC Intelligence indicates that billions of people across the globe people play video games. The next

gaming generation is approaching with the PS5 and Xbox Series X. Gift ideas can include consoles and peripherals like headsets, gaming chairs and laptop keyboards, among others.

· **At-home luxury:** Some men steer clear of massage therapy clinics or spas. That doesn't mean they should forgo the benefits of a deep massage. With a portable back and neck shiatsu massager, he can enjoy a massage while watching the game or streaming movies or television shows.

· **Treat bouquet:** Floral bouquets may be unusual gifts for men, but a bouquet of another sort certainly may be a winning Valentine's Day gift. More and more companies are getting creative with food bouquets. From cupcake bouquets that require a double-take to ensure they're edible to exotic jerky bouquets, there are



items to tempt every palate.

· **Cordless earbuds or headphones:** Fitness enthusiasts, movie lovers or music fans know that the freedom to move around can be impeded by cords on headphones and earbuds. A new pair of Bluetooth-enabled wireless headphones can be just the thing to make men smile this Valentine's Day.

· **Coffee mill:** Many people are sticking closer to home these days. That may mean skipping a favorite coffee shop and barista on the way to work, and brewing a cup

of Joe before heading to the home office. According to Sam Spillman of Dillanos Coffee Roasters near Seattle, the 2019 Barista winner of the U.S. Coffee Championships, coffee loses flavor minutes after it is ground. Buying whole beans and grinding fresh before every brew ensures a more flavorful cup. Gifting a coffee grinder, particularly a burr grinder, can help improve the taste of that morning brew.

These are just some of the many gift ideas to make men smile this Valentine's Day.

GIVERS' GUIDE TO VALENTINE'S DAY JEWELRY

Valentine's Day is a great opportunity to bring a little sunshine into a special someone's life. Nestled between the end of the holiday rush and the beginning of spring renewal, Valentine's Day occurs at a time of year when days are short, weather is chilly and people might be looking for an excuse to celebrate.

Gifts that accompany romantic sentiments expressed on Valentine's Day can make the holiday that much more memorable. The National Retail Federation says that around 20 percent

of Valentine's celebrants are expected to buy jewelry as gifts. CNN reports that Americans spent \$4.7 billion on jewelry in 2018 for Valentine's Day.

Jewelry is a personal gift and one that should be presented with care. These tips can help Valentine's Day celebrants as they give that special someone jewelry.

· **Opt for jewelry only if you're in an established relationship.** Roma Designer Jewelry says jewelry can "speak" commitment without saying a word. Those who are living together,

have been dating for some time or married couples are good candidates for exchanging jewelry, which can reinforce couples' commitment to one another.

· **Mark milestones.** Use jewelry to celebrate not only Valentine's Day, but also milestone events. Jewelry can be given on a special birthday or anniversary in commemoration of children being born and other special moments.

· **Take note of style.** Scour social media posts or peek inside an existing jewelry box to use as a visual guide

for clues regarding the style of jewelry your partner prefers. This makes shopping easier and increases the chances the item will be a hit.

· **Pay attention to allergies.** Metal allergies are a consideration when purchasing jewelry. Earrings tend to be the biggest culprits for allergic reactions because posts are inserted into the earlobe. If you're unsure if your partner has a metal allergy, stick to sterling silver and 14k gold. Always opt for nickel-free materials.

· **Plan in advance.** Many jewelry stores run sales throughout the summer and the fall, so shoppers can get jewelry at a discount at these times. Zales recommends staying informed of special deals through a favorite jewelry retailer by signing up for emails. Engraving time may be longer around Valentine's Day, so plan accordingly.

· **Stick with simple classics.** Those who are unsure what to buy can opt for simple, classic items. Stay away from anything with a lot of color or beading. Small, delicate items tend to have universal appeal.

Jewelry is a popular Valentine's Day gift. When buyers put the time in to find the right piece, they can be confident knowing they've given that special someone an item they will cherish for years.

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Creative Entrepreneur Bootcamp opportunity for WV artists

The Tamarack Foundation for the Arts will host a Creative Entrepreneurship Bootcamp lead by Jennifer Reis of Make Do Creative. The event will take place online from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 12. Artists wishing to participate can register at <https://bit.ly/TFACEB>

The Creative Entrepreneur Bootcamp will be an in-depth interactive workshop for emerging and mid-career artists who want to dig into building up their creative business. The activities and conversations from this bootcamp will help you pivot and identify a path forward both in this difficult moment and in the future. Every step of the way, you will be working sharing and learning together with your cohort and leave with realistic strategies and action steps to achieve your goals.

We will cover: Building a Business Model Canvas, Building Buyer

Empathy, Branding & Marketing, Price Structures, and Introduction to E-Commerce.

Jennifer Reis is a professor of Arts Entrepreneurship and Arts Administration at UNC Greensboro. She is also a creative entrepreneur who has been selling work for 25 years. As a textile artist creating both functional and exhibition pieces she has personally worked through pivoting and adapting her work to the present moment. We truly look forward to sharing her expertise and experience with you.

A scholarship fund is available to cover the \$50 course fee for WV residents facing financial difficulties. To apply, email dqueen@tamarackfoundation.org and provide your name and address.

For Image, more information about Jennifer Reis and examples of her work, please see our newsletter interview “Learn, Do, Share.”

WV school employee vaccinations continue

Due to heightened concerns regarding vaccine rollout among school employees, the West Virginia Department of Education has reached out to the pandemic leadership team and the Joint Interagency Taskforce for Vaccine Distribution.

West Virginia, like the rest of the country, is working hard to administer vaccines as the country faces significant supply issues. West Virginia is the only state in the country to prioritize school employees as essential moving them to elevated status to receive the vaccine.

As of close of business on Friday, Jan. 29, all school employees, age 50 and above, who requested a vaccine by the issued deadline will have received it.

According to the state’s COVID-19 Vaccine Allocation Plan, school employees are categorized as essential workers and are prioritized as such. They will need to register at vaccinate.wv.gov using the same Everbridge registration

process as healthcare workers, many of whom have yet to be vaccinated.

School employees that completed a survey earlier this year regarding their interest in receiving a vaccination will not lose priority in the process. The Everbridge registration system allows the state to move forward as quickly and efficiently as possible as vaccines are available.

School employees who are scheduled for a second vaccine, will receive them at the school where they received their first dose. All others will be directed as needed upon registering at the site listed above.

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.

For information about COVID-19, please visit www.coronavirus.wv.gov or wvde.us/COVID19.

Democrat women convened in January

Community outreach was high on the agenda for the online Democratic Women’s Club meeting held Jan. 26. A recent project provided gifts for hospital housekeeping staff, and nursing homes in the area. The event was a part of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service in coordination with the Biden Inauguration Committee. Monthly outreach projects for county residents were discussed, and a committee was established. Gloria Martin, Margy Bruns, Jeanette Chambers, Vicki Dove, and Sarah Van Horn comprise the Activities Committee who will develop ideas for

future community projects.

Legislative concerns and methods of advocacy were also addressed. Discussion involved one or more members monitoring the Legislature’s work and distributing information to the club.

Club officers were elected for 2021: Carol F. Evans will serve as President, Diane Browning as Vice President, and Sarah Umberger as Secretary/Treasurer. Newly proposed by-laws were discussed during the meeting, and an email will be sent to club members for consideration of the potential changes before the next monthly meeting on Feb. 23.

Dear Recycle Lady,

Dear Recycle Lady,

We appreciate the articles you provide for The Monroe Watchman. Recently we were sent a link to an NPR article, from an investigative reporter, likely in Oregon. We reviewed this NPR article, and were interested that our efforts to clean plastics and send them for recycling may be partly or wholly frustrated if most such plastics are actually sent to landfills. Could this be the case in our area, if it is true in other parts of the country? Perhaps paper, glass, or metal, or minimal packaging, when possible, could be more environmentally responsible. Thank you in advance.

Monroe County Recyclers

Dear Monroe County Recyclers,

Thanks for the timely question. Unfortunately, sending collected recyclables to a landfill happens, but not here. You can rest assured that the #1 and #2 plastics collected at the Recycling Center are sold to a reliable dealer. They pay us by the pound and recycle the plastics into clothing, carpets and other bottles. If the dealer can’t use a certain kind of plastic, such as the #1 plastic shells, the Recycling Center does not accept them.

Dear Recycle Lady,

Have you heard about the Bagup biodegradable kitchen trash bags? They may be the answer to the question, “If there are no plastic grocery bags available, what can be used to line my kitchen trash

can?”

Biodegradable is Good
Dear Biodegradable is Good,

Thanks for the information on biodegradable kitchen trash bags. Bagup.com says this about the product: “Think tissue box for trash bags! When each kitchen bag is full and ready to toss, an empty one’s right behind it. Our 100% biodegradable product is made in the USA by disabled Americans, the dispensing system is patented, we’re veteran-owned and our shipping is always free. We also offer biodegradable kitchen bag subscription option, so you never have to worry about ordering again.” It’s hard to beat a product that is 100% made in America by American veterans and people with disabilities, has free shipping and is good for the environment. I found the bags to be generous in size (24” x 32”), strong and they will decompose in a couple of years; unlike the current plastic bags that take about a hundred years to decompose and do so by becoming microplastics.

Dear Recycle Lady,

In the process of cleaning out my storage files, I have found several old, outdated insurance policies that are very thick and stapled together. Is there a problem with putting thick stacks of stapled papers in the office paper bin for recycling?

Spring Cleaning

Dear Spring Cleaning,

Yes, there are a couple things you need to check

out before putting a really thick, stapled stack of papers in the recycling bin. First of all, be sure the stack is not more than a quarter of an inch thick. If it is more than that, tear off some of the sheets before you put the stack in recycling. Second, check to see if all the pages are acceptable for office paper. If some of the pages are colored, check the back of the page. If one side of a sheet of paper is white, it goes in with office paper. If a sheet of paper is colored on both sides, it goes in with magazines. Red, black, and chartreuse paper always goes in with magazines.

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.

Greenbrier County Republican Club meets



Douglas McKinney (left), Tony Cole, Kelly Cole, and Gordon Campbell

Greenbrier County Republican Club officers recently met to discuss upcoming items on the agenda. For February, club members will be sending letters of appreciation in the form of valentines

to President and Melania Trump. If you would like to send a valentine, you can do so at: President Donald and Melania Trump, c/o Mar-a-Lago Club, 1100 S Ocean Blvd, Palm Beach, FL 33480.

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Application deadline is Feb. 28, 2021.

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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