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## Nonprofit prepares to transform Ronceverte building into transitional educational facility

“This building is 33,000 square feet, and three floors of potential.”

By Sarah Richardson

When Amy Hubbard set out earlier this year to start a nonprofit, she never dreamed the process would go as fast as it has. After filing for 501c3 status in January, West Virginia Helping Hands was approved by the IRS just months later in April.

“Awesome. Awesome is the main word that comes to my mind whenever I start talking about how fast things are moving, because the charity was not started until January of this year,” says Amy Hubbard, the driving force and spearheader behind West Virginia Helping Hands.

The group is already making big waves of change in the Greenbrier Valley despite only just getting off the ground. They have been working to install and help stock blessing boxes, but have quickly moved onto tackling bigger projects. Their main focus now is an undertaking so large that it will take the entire region’s support to see fruition.

At the end of this month, the nonprofit will get the keys to the old nursing home building in Ronceverte, and they have plans to turn it into a source of hope and security for disadvantaged individuals and families. Hubbard intends to open a full-scale transitional educational facility and community center for those who are just down on their luck and have nowhere else to turn.

“I don’t know how to explain it - I just couldn’t let go of it. Once you see something, you can’t unsee it. You can’t unsee the need in our community, and I couldn’t let go of the idea in my head. I was dreaming about it, I was thinking about it, it was just something I had to try. If it fails, it fails, but at least I know that I tried.”

She says that once she decided to give it a shot, every step of the way has been filled with community support and groups wanting to help.

“Ever since I made that decision things have just fallen into place like pieces of a puzzle just falling into where they are supposed to go. The nonprofit was turned around, and we’ve already received that back from the IRS, volunteers are so plentiful in our community wants to help, they just don’t know what to do. It is just blessed in so many ways to not have to fight so hard to get people’s understanding. We live in a wonderful community, and people see it. Their kids go to school with kids that are struggling, and everyone deserves a fair shot.”

Hubbard is also the owner of the Little Learners Day-care in Fairlea, and has a background in the nonprofit sector, giving her a unique advantage to organize and execute such a huge project.

“I was at Boy’s Home in Covington for 21 years, I was the Director of Education there, so my career has



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been in nonprofit and struggling families, and recognizing areas of deficiency and planning on how to plug the holes and fix the gaps. If you don’t, you have generational survival. People learn how to survive, and they don’t learn anything else. That’s not the happiest way to live, nor is it the most productive way to live. I think if we can give people resources to expand past what they are used to, or past their situation, then everybody benefits. The family benefits, the community benefits, everybody benefits from that stability. And we have to do it together.”

The facility will be designed to provide temporary housing for those participating in programs offered by the establishment, including life skills curriculums, interview skills, GED acquisition, financial management, and job training.

“In order to participate in this, you have to be in the programs,” Hubbard explained. “The idea is that a family in need would come to us and we would be able to assess their needs and make sure that we can serve them. If we can’t serve them then we’ll help them find somewhere that can. If we can help them then we will put them in an apartment. We have apartments for families on the third floor, and singles on the second floor. Our first and number one priority is safety. We will not be creating

an environment of victimization. Our security will be in place before people are in the building. It’s too important, people have to feel safe, and the community around us has to feel safe for this to be successful.”

After determining what their needs are, they will be assigned an independent living skills curriculum and assigned a case manager. Hubbard emphasizes the importance that a sense of responsibility carries, and says

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## Alderson Police Dept. stays active with the fight against drugs

By Angela McGill

The Alderson Police Department has been working hard to fight against drugs in the community. Officer Devin Johnson, a K9 handler with the department, speaks to the recent efforts of the police department and says that their aim for drugs is “to get it off the streets, go back to a regular civilian lifestyle so people aren’t seeing it, kids aren’t seeing it, and to get it out of everyday life.”

Officer Johnson explained how traffic stops assist with the control of drugs, as offenders are aware that law enforcement conducts these stops, and it makes it less likely for drugs to be transferred, brought into the city, or distributed.

“During a stop there was a guy carrying over a half of pound of marijuana and a large quantity of cash, you

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## Greenbrier County Commission discusses courthouse makeover

By Angela McGill

On Tuesday, Aug. 10, the Greenbrier County Commission met to discuss the ongoing Greenbrier County Courthouse renovation project. The commission also approved the following arts and recreation transfers: \$1,030.79 to the Town of Quinwood Library for 2021 programming, and \$1,550 to the Greenbrier County Sportsplex for permit renewals.

The meeting was short; however, Commissioner Lowell Rose provided an update on the courthouse construction project. “I just wanted to report that within the last week we have signed a contract with the contractor. We do have payment bonds and insurance paperwork. We’re going to have a walkthrough sometime around the week of the 23rd of this month with the architect and contractors so we can get ready to get started. Everything is in order now, and these contractors have signed everything.” SQP Construction Group, Inc. will be working with Sillings Architects out of Charleston, WV on the extensive project.

### Farmers Market Changes Location

The Courthouse Farmers Market will be relocated to the Greenbrier County Courthouse parking lot (off Arbuckle Lane in Lewisburg) for Saturday, Aug. 14, and Saturday, Aug. 21, during the State Fair. The farmers market runs from 8 a.m. to 12 noon. It will return to the fairgrounds at the conclusion of the fair.

## Nature’s Way

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Meadow River Valley Community Center

## Statewide support for Meadow River Valley Community Center

The Meadow River Valley Association (MRVA) and development partner Woodlands Development Group are moving forward on the Meadow River Valley Community Center. Recently they held a meet-and-greet to answer questions and detail the latest changes.

Jeremy Tincher of the West End Youth Sports League provided a tour of the renovated gymnasium. Tincher updated the heating system, installed an energy-efficient ceiling, and obtained mats and other safety equipment for wrestlers and cheerleaders. He is now building a weight room, starting with the donation of impact-resistant flooring. He purchased weight racks and machines but they need donations for the weight plates.

Additionally, the campus greenspace is increasing. One structure was removed from the property and replaced with a grassy field. This space is filling in nicely, shaded by the existing trees.

Senator Stephen Baldwin joined the meet-and-greet. He is an avid supporter of this project and broader economic development in the Meadow River Valley. Baldwin commented, “This project is strong because it’s backed by local leaders working together with professionals from across the state and nation. Seeing the beloved Rupert school revitalized signals a new horizon for the community and will be a model for other communities across West Virginia.”

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## Local volunteers and blood donors needed - blood donation opportunities scheduled

Many weather experts predict a destructive wildfire and hurricane season this year. The American Red Cross needs volunteers to help on the ground and blood donors to roll up a sleeve to maintain a stable blood supply in the face of emergencies.

"We're preparing for another extremely busy disaster season, and it's critical to have a trained, ready volunteer workforce to make sure we can provide relief at a moment's notice," said Erica Mani, chief executive officer, Central Appalachia Region of the American Red Cross. "This year's wildfire season is already very active and dangerous because of the severe drought and dry woodlands across the west. And experts are predicting we could see 10 or more hurricanes in the upcoming weeks."

The Red Cross needs new volunteers to support disaster shelters. Volunteers will help with reception, registration, food distribution, dormitory, information collection and other vital tasks inside disaster shelters. Both entry- and supervisory-level opportunities are available. The Red Cross also needs volunteers who can work in disaster shelters to address people's health needs and provide hands-on care in alignment with their professional licensure (registered nurse and licensed practical nurse/licensed vocational nurse). Daily observation and health screening for COVID-19-like illness among shelter residents may also be required. We have both associate and supervisory level opportunities available. If you are an RN, LPN, LVN, APRN, NP, EMT, paramedic, MD/DO or PA with a current and unencumbered license, this position could be right for you. After most disasters this year, the Red Cross plans to open group shelters. However, in some communities, hotels may be more appropriate if the risk of COVID-19, including the delta variant, is particularly high. The Red Cross will also continue many of the safety precautions implemented in 2020, including masks, health screenings, enhanced cleaning procedures and encouraging social distancing.

Local Disaster Action Teams provide 24-hour emergency response to local disasters, particularly home fires, ensuring that those affected have access to resources for basic necessities such as food, shelter and clothing. If you are team-oriented and want to help your neighbor, the DAT responder may be just the thing for you. Last year, the Central Appalachia Region provided immediate emergency assistance to over 1,200 families who experienced home fires and other disasters. If you want to make a difference and are interested in helping your community should a disaster occur here at home or across the country, please visit [redcross.org/volunteer](http://redcross.org/volunteer) or contact our area offices at 304-340-3650 or email [carvolunteerservices@redcross.org](mailto:carvolunteerservices@redcross.org).

Eligible donors can help overcome the critical need for blood and ensure blood is readily available by making an appointment to give by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org), calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enabling the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device. 2021-APL-0864 As a thank-you, those who come to donate throughout the month of August will get a free 4-month special offer to Apple Music by email (new subscribers only). Details are available at [RedCrossBlood.org/FeelTheBeat](http://RedCrossBlood.org/FeelTheBeat).

Upcoming blood donation opportunities include:

• **Lewisburg:**

**Aug. 20**, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Robert C Byrd Clinic, 1464 Jefferson St N

**Aug. 23**, 12 noon - 6 p.m., Lewisburg United Methodist Church, 214 E. Washington Street

**Aug. 31**, 12 noon - 6 p.m., Greenbrier Valley Church of the Nazarene, Skylar Drive Entrance for Fellowship Hall

• **Union:**

**Aug. 27**, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Monroe County Public Library, 303 South Main Street

## WV Helping Hands

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that every adult will be assigned duties throughout the building ranging from cooking, cleaning, lawn maintenance, and more.

"We will work with them daily on meeting their goals and getting them aligned with already existing programs to help them fill in the gaps and address whatever obstacle is keeping them from being successful. We will work every day with the ultimate goal being to get them through getting their GED, through education, through some kind of job training, and help mentor them and get them into a job as well as plans on saving money and transitioning into independent living. It's not a band aid. You can't do band aids anymore, band aids aren't working. Our approach is to put responsibility, accountability, and safety into the circle to ensure that they can transition independently."

However, before anything else, Hubbard says that the people they serve need to feel seen.

"The first step is to help people get their dignity back. Once they feel safe and are fed and they don't have to worry about the next day, change happens. Growth happens."

The facility will have classrooms and meeting spaces not just for educational purposes, but for support groups as well. They will also work with agencies to make sure everyone is able to receive See "WV Helping Hands"

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Heather Blake and sons Andrew, John and Brandt (left to right) read a library book together.

## Greenbrier County Public Library Book Sale is back

The Greenbrier County Public Library Book Bazaar returns Aug. 27-28 with bargains for book lovers.

Avid readers have become addicted to the annual book sale, calling the library to see if the sale would return this year after the coronavirus outbreak caused the cancellation of the event last year.

"Our family loves the book sale. I'm very glad it's back this year," said Heather Blake. She, husband Ryan and their three sons - Andrew, Brandt and John - are regular patrons.

"I see it as an opportunity to stock up on books to read throughout the year," Blake said. "I've always found there to be plenty of interesting titles. They have just about every type of book you can imagine. And the prices are very reasonable, too."

The book sale also draws Blake for other reasons. "I think the book sale is a really environmentally friendly way of acquiring more books because we're reusing them."

"We come to the library to look for books, probably every week or every other week. It's nice to be able to support them financially during the book sale. We love the library."

Adult fiction and nonfiction, children's fiction and audio/visual materials are featured in the sale. This year nonfiction is the biggest category, as patrons were particularly partial to fiction when the pandemic prompted the library for several months to leave a book cart with give-away books on the building's front porch as part of its community outreach.

The Blake family appreciated that gesture. "Even when the library was shut down, we would call and request children's books and come pick them up at the door."

The sale opens at 152 Robert W. McCormick Drive in downtown Lewisburg at noon Friday, Aug. 27, and runs until 6 p.m. On Saturday, Aug. 28, the sale starts at 9 a.m. and closes at 2 p.m. On Friday, books will be priced at \$2 for hardcovers and \$1 for paperbacks. Saturday shoppers can buy books for \$5 a bag. (The bags are supplied by the library.) The book sale accepts credit cards and checks, as well as cash.

Shoppers are advised there is no elevator service from the first floor to the book sale in the library's basement.

Masks are required for entry to the sale. "There's not enough room for social distancing," said Greenbrier County Public Library Director Ann Farr. "Everyone is going to be required to have a mask on."

This annual fundraiser is sponsored by The Friends of the Greenbrier County Public Library. The group started in 1979 as an organization dedicated to promoting awareness of services provided by public libraries. Proceeds from the sale support library activities, services and programs.

More information is available by calling the library at 304-647-7568.

## PICK OF THE LITTER

**KROME**

Krome is a 7-year-old silver lab and weighs 80 pounds.



**AVA & ALLIE**

Ava and Allie are both female domestic shorthairs and are 4 months old.



These and other animals are available at the Greenbrier Humane Society, located at 151 Holiday Lane off of Rt. 60 West in Lewisburg. They are closed Sunday and Monday, and are open from 11 a.m. through 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

Their cat adoption fee is \$65 and covers spay/neuter surgery, first kitty vaccinations, rabies vaccine, de-worming, toe nail trim and flea treatment.

Their dog adoption fee is \$85 and covers spay/neuter surgery, first dog vaccinations, rabies vaccine, de-worming, toe nail trim, flea bath and flea treatment.

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

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## West Virginians for Life/Greenbrier Co.

will hold their August meeting Thursday, Aug. 19 at 6:30 p.m. at the Emmanuel Community Church, Caldwell. greenbrierwv4life@gmail.com

## The Goodson Boys

will be performing at the Rupert Public Library Saturday, Aug. 21, from 3 to 6 p.m. Light refreshments will be served.

## Raise the Roof Youth Rally

There is a Raise the Roof Youth Rally scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 28 at 2 p.m. at the Greenbrier Sports Complex in White Sulphur Springs. All middle and high school students are welcome. Preregister for this free event online at the Raise the Roof Rally Facebook page or at <https://sites.google.com/view/raise-the-roof/home>. Speakers will be Emily Galford and Remington Propps. There will be worship bands, food and activities.

## Addiction Screenings available

If you or a loved one is struggling with substance abuse, take the first step towards overcoming addiction. Call 1-800-431-1754 for free addiction screenings or referrals. For more information visit <https://www.narcononnewliferetreat.org/blog/strange-side-effects-of-covid-19.html>

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help that is available from different sources.

“One of the holes in the system is people not being able to get the resources they are entitled to,” explains Hubbard. “Either they don’t know what they are, or they don’t have internet, or they don’t have transportation. There is a reason there are so many of these people out here - why is that happening? We need to find out what the holes are and what the obstacles are keeping them from moving forward.”

She differentiates this system from governmental programs by attributing their catalyst for change to their active hands-on-deck approach and daily involvement in the process from start to finish.

“With nonprofits there is a passion, and a desire for change and growth. With governments, the idea is there and they throw money at it without the passion. People have to know you care about them.”

The community has already started to show their support for this massive undertaking through donations, participating in fundraisers, and volunteering their time and efforts to the cause. A poker run held last week drew out 50 bikers and raised \$1,885. A pulled pork fundraiser, arranged with Taste of Eggcellence Catering, will be held Oct. 5 for businesses wanting to place an order for food delivery. A golf tournament is scheduled for October 22 and 23 at Valley View Golf Course in White Sulphur Springs, as well.

“We are 100 percent nonprofit, so everything that we are doing is contingent on the funds as we receive them,” Hubbard said. “We already secured one grant of \$10,000 for a computer lab, so that’s exciting. We have a lot of furniture including beds and dining room furniture that were donated by the owner, Mike Anderson. He has donated several of the items in the facility.”

A local business has also donated mattresses and box-springs, which are being kept in storage until the building is ready. While it may not look like it, the structure is actually more intact than it appears, making volunteer’s jobs easier when it comes time for cleaning day and renovations.

“The building is so structurally sound, it doesn’t look like it from the outside, but Mike has done an amazing job at keeping it current. All of the electric is current, the heater is current, the backup generator is current, the fire system is current. We don’t have to go in and tear down walls, it’s ready. It needs to be cleaned, it needs some TLC, but it is ready. It really is,” said Hubbard. “Once that building is open, it’s going to take all of us to get it cleaned and painted and loved on and furniture moved and everything done.”

She laughs as she says, “If everyone could bring their good wishes and their broom that will be the best help.”

After everything is signed and finalized, she says it will be a priority to make a clean-up schedule so volunteers will know when and how they can help. One of the main helpers so far, however, has been the building’s current owner. Mike Anderson owns several nursing homes around the state, and has made a career out of serving those who need some extra assistance.

“Mike has been such an asset,” said Hubbard. “He is patient, he is cooperative, and he is understanding, but more than anything he is supportive of the vision. He is very in-touch with this type of work. He is also going to lease us the lot next to the building, and that whole area will be a community garden.”

As they prepare to take over the building’s ownership, Hubbard reflects on what called her to lead this in the first place.

“When I first started, 60 percent of my kids were in foster care. They are a vulnerable group, and when they turn 18 and age out of the foster care system, their services end. And a lot of the times, if they don’t have family willing to take them in, there is nowhere for them to go. That’s another gap that is hopefully addressed through this program.”

She sighs and says, “Sometimes you know stuff, and

## Public Meetings

### Gbr. Co. Farmland Protection Board

meets on the fourth 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.

### Lewisburg City Council

will meet Tuesday, Aug. 17, at 7:30 p.m. at City Hall, 942 Washington Street West. Also available via teleconference. For information on how to participate on ZOOM contact City Hall at 304-645-2080 by 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 17. On the agenda:

- Visitors’ reports (5 min. limit per subject not on agenda)
- Approval of Minutes - July 20, 2021 regular session
- Ordinances
  - Ordinance 293, updating Codified Ordinances, 2nd reading & public hearing
  - Ordinance 294, DNA Holdings, 11 to PUD rezoning, 2nd reading & public hearing
  - Ordinance 295, park rental fees, 1st reading
- Resolutions
  - Resolution 486, police vehicle lease
  - Resolution 487, police lease of mobile data terminals
- Communication from the Mayor
  - Fire Station Committee
- Communication from the City Manager
  - Water treatment plant maintenance repair list
- Communication from City Council members
- Communication from Boards and Commissions
  - Planning Commission Report
  - Parks Commission Report
- Communication from Police Dept. - Chief Teubert
- Communication from Fire Dept. - Chief Thomas
  - Mutual aid agreement with Fairlea Fire Dept.
- Communication from Council Committees
  - Finance Committee
    - a. Report from Aug. 10 Finance Committee meeting
    - b. City Hall repairs bid approval
    - c. Schleiff Construction, LLC - City Hall repairs pay request No. 1
    - d. Designation of American Rescue Plan funds
    - e. Mills Group LLC - way finding task order
    - f. Holiday Schedule
- Public Works Dept. - report from Director Legg

### Greenbrier PSD #1

will meet Friday, Aug. 20, at 7 a.m. at the District Office, 9035 Seneca Trail South, Fairlea. On the agenda:

- Approval of Minutes - July 23, 2021
- Financial Report
- Manager Report
- Field Report
- Engineering Report
- Rolling Hills & Brush Road extension projects:
  - a. Payment Resolutions
  - b. Other project-related business brought before the Board
- Consideration of acceptance of septic tank discharge
- Other business brought before the Board

life is so much happier without knowledge sometimes, because you can pretend these things aren’t happening within your community.”

However, despite it all, what keeps her moving forward is a thought of “I think I’m meant to do this,” seeing how everything is continuing to come together in support of this vision.

If you or your community group is interested in assisting West Virginia Helping Hands, please reach out via Facebook at WV Helping Hands, and make sure to follow their page for updates.

## Alderson Police Dept.

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will also come across traffic stops where you will get a little bit of possession here and there,” he says.

Johnson explained that one of their main goals has been monitoring areas of high activity.

“We have done several search warrants over the last several months, due to working cases on houses after watching the flow, seeing who’s coming in and out, and where word is getting out. The people that are distributing and making a business of this, we will put a stop to it.”

## Gov. Justice reactivates West Virginia Public Energy Authority

Gov. Jim Justice announced this week that he is officially reactivating the West Virginia Public Energy Authority (WVPEA). The WVPEA was created by the Legislature with a mission to foster, encourage, and promote the mineral development industry in West Virginia.

The Governor made the announcement at the West Virginia Coal Association’s 2021 annual conference.

“One thing we want to try to ensure is that West Virginia will continue to be an energy powerhouse for the entire world,” Gov. Justice said. “By reactivating the WVPEA, the State will maintain real time, firsthand knowledge of the status of each power plant, their life cycle, and whether there are concerns of household power supplies being disrupted.”

The WVPEA will also help coordinate the output of merchant plants with capacity needs of regulated plants. Additionally, the Authority will assist in developing the next generation of coal plants and long-term energy policies that use all of West Virginia’s resources.

As part of the reactivation, the Governor has appointed all-new membership to the WVPEA: Jeff Allen, Charlie Burd, Chris Hamilton, and Jeff Herholdt.

“In this country today, whether it be coal or gas, our energy industry has been under attack like you can’t imagine. But at the same time, there is more and more demand for electricity globally,” Gov. Justice said. “So, we surely need to do everything in our power to protect our baseload generation capacity.”

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## Greenbrier County Magistrate Court Convictions

Nathan Kyle Winebrimmer, Union, driving left of center, NCP, fine \$15

Brittany Nicole Gray, Alderson, petit larceny, jail 1 year - suspended and placed on 1 year unsupervised probation

Christian Stuart Lockridge, homeless, violation of Protective Order, NCP, jail 253 days credit 223 days - suspended and placed on 6 month 30 days unsupervised probation

Michael Shannon Pinnell, Alderson, speeding (country highway), NCP, fine \$20

Presley Renee Hardiman, White Sulphur Springs, possession of controlled substance, NCP, fine \$100

Hunter E. Pittman, Alderson, beer sales under 21, GP, fine \$25

Justin G. Morgan, Ronceverte, possession of controlled substance, NCP, fine \$100, jail 90 days suspended and placed on 12 months unsupervised probation

Samuel Curtis Walker, Spring Dale, shoplifting, NCP, fine \$10

Jerry L. Loudermilk, Lewisburg, no operators, fine \$25

Dakota Cal Ripley, Crawley, beer sales under 21, NCP, fine \$25

Danny Hundley, Charmco, improper solid waste disposal, fine \$100

Daniel Jesus Castillo Morales, Commerce, GA, 1) speeding in construction zone, fine \$10; 2) no operators, fine \$25

Kevin Eugene McCoy, Lewisburg, petit larceny, NCP, jail 45 days credit for 4 days - remainder suspended and placed on 9 months unsupervised probation

Michael J. Watson, Hurricane, no PFD, fine \$25

Dane Andrew Curtner, Charlottesville, VA, speeding, NCP, fine \$10

## Police Blotter

### Two arrested after attaching themselves to pipeline in Dawson

On Friday, Aug. 6, at approximately 5:42 a.m., members of the Greenbrier County Sheriff’s Department responded to a disturbance call in the area of Dawson. Upon arrival, the officers found two individuals had secured themselves to pipeline construction equipment using welded pipe and chains. Both individuals were located below the ground surface in a hole.

Repeated requests were made for the two people to remove themselves from the equipment and they refused to do so. Members of the Clintonville and Smoot Fire Departments were requested to respond to the scene to assist with the extraction. One of the individuals voluntarily climbed out of the hole once their attachments were removed. The second person refused to do so and was lifted out of the hole by members of the fire department utilizing a stokes basket.

The individuals were identified as Anna Grace Woolly, 19, of Viles, NC, and Thomas George Tackett, 25, of Jackson, MO.

Both individuals were charged with trespassing, obstructing an officer, and conspiracy. They were arraigned before a Greenbrier County Magistrate.

Members of the WV State Police provided on scene assistance.

Corporal B. J. McCormick and Deputy D. L. Vaught, of the Greenbrier County Sheriff’s Office, were the arresting officers.

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# OPINION

## Nature's Way

By Karen Cohen

Master Gardener/Photojournalist/Artist

### CHANGE is in the Air

Ch-ch-ch-changes. You know the David Bowie song about Changes. The line about turn and face the strange.

Strange things are happening on this planet. No doubt about it, whether it's aliens, a foreign power, karma, a plan, or just people. If I hear, "there's a reason for everything" one more time... let's examine what's going on here, close up and personal, and start to deal with it. Isn't it time we paid attention to that great universal teacher, Mother Nature?

I am reading old issues of Organic Gardening, a magazine founded almost eighty years ago. I found these in a box with dishes that came from my mother-in-law's stash of goodies.

Growing strictly without chemicals has been that magazine's and my mantra since I started growing my own food way back in the late '70s. I worked at an organic farm in New Jersey and learned how to coax everything we prize from our gardens, successfully and without chemicals.

Weeds. Hand-pulling works, granted it is back breaking job. Pay some kids to pull weeds and get them off the "screens" and into the fresh air and sunshine. I heard that exercise is on the back burner. Look around and it shows. We have been successful in knocking out all the invading weeds that grow in between our bricks on the patio by using plain old vinegar. You can add a bit of dish detergent to make the vinegar stick to the plants but straight from the bottle works just fine. The acid in vinegar sucks out the water from plants and they simply dry up. Poof. Gone.

Bugs. Do you know what bugs eat? Weeds are good, too? I leave a wall of weeds around my vegetables and I am not ashamed of it. It draws in the flea beetles so they can munch away on something other than my eggplants. Worms enhance the soil by drilling into soft dirt and coming back out with a mouthful of "worm compost." Bees are nature's pollinators. Why else are they called busy bees! Introduce pesticides and poof, bugs are gone, and your garden suffers.

Let's talk about chemicals in the garden. Is poison required to make things grow? Isn't that an oxymoron? Chemicals in minute quantities can remove bugs and weeds but anything that kills those can kill bigger things, too. Makes sense to me. Lately, I keep hearing about how glyphosate exposure may be a "risk factor" in the development of Parkinson's disease. Oops, didn't many folks consider certain weed killers were safe, one

## Letter to the Editor

### Legal aid available for renters

#### Dear Editor:

My name is Amanda Holliday, and I am a member of the Legal Aid of West Virginia (LAWV) Board of Directors and its Constituent Committee and serve as Secretary for the Board.

On October 3rd, the CDC's moratorium on evictions, which applies in most West Virginia counties, will end. Many renters who are behind in their rent because of COVID-related job issues may lose their homes when this protection ends.

I believe housing is a basic necessity for safety and success in life. We all need a safe place to call home.

If you are a renter who is struggling to pay rent or utilities because of financial hardship due to COVID, you may be eligible for assistance. Our state has the Mountaineer Rental Assistance Program (MRAP), which helps renters and their landlords get financial assistance.

## Letter to the Editor


### Let's talk about money. Big money.

#### Dear Editor:

I'm guessing most West Virginians got those very welcome stimulus checks from the government this year. Those checks that went right into our folk's empty pockets. Neighbors who didn't know how they were going to pay the rent, buy food for their kids, or survive without a job. Hard working men and women who got extra unemployment that saved their family from financial ruin. I bet a lot of people don't know all that money got to us because Democrats voted for the stimulus checks. Nobody else voted for those checks.

It may be a surprise to learn that not one Republican voted to send those checks to you and me. Straight "no" votes for every one of them. If you don't believe it, ask your Senator or Congresswoman how they voted.

But wait, here's the really big money. West Virginia got \$4 billion in direct funding from The American Rescue Plan. This plan provides money for multiple projects including assistance for local and county governments, funding for our schools, and covering state Covid-19



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in particular starts with the letter R....

Didn't we assume herbicides were safe, just like when children used to run after the mosquito spraying trucks that drove through neighborhoods leaving a thick fog as a trail. We later found out through many sicknesses and deaths, that these trucks were spraying DDT.

Ah, so what do we learn and what do we do after we learn. Do we repeat mistakes or wait until something bad happens to you or a family member? Do we look at the statistics produced in studies and draw our own educated conclusions? Do we pretend we know more than the highest level of educated citizens across the globe? Do we acknowledge it is time for some ch-ch-changes and go for it.

## Letter to the Editor Virtual High School Education, Fall of 2020

#### Dear Editor:

What are the priorities of the Greenbrier County Board of Education? I have always thought it was imparting desired information from Teachers and Books to Students. However, this does not appear to be the case as revealed by Greenbrier County Educators.

On 30 July 2021, the *WV Daily News* quoted the Associate Superintendent Nancy Hanna; "We want them to come back to school and feel enriched and a place to belong and establish that relationship with at least one caring adult," ... "That's really what makes a difference in a kid's life. Plus a little bit of reading and math. ... If you don't take care of the social and emotional and the feeling and the connection and the sense of belonging." I understand the emotional, but shouldn't this be imparted over years so that all grades above the first should have learned this, with reinforcement each year thereafter. The little bit of reading and math imparts an understanding of the poor grades on standardized tests during a normal school year.

In March of 2021, Board President Jeanie Wyatt said about the year's previous nine weeks, "You know they've adapted well ... Yes, the scores aren't perfect, but they shouldn't be. ... with many of the schools seeing massively decreased testing scores." "The SOLE program was created quickly by the Greenbrier County school system in order to combat these negative results primarily by getting students in-person teacher with a teacher..."

On 3 March 2021, Senator Baldwin wrote in *WV Daily News*, "Despite near unanimous agreement from students, parents and teachers that virtual education has not worked...." virtual Charter Schools were proposed and approved by the Legislature. However, unknown to Senator Baldwin, Greenbrier East and West High Schools listed names of more than 40% of their students who achieved Honor Roll status for Fall of 2020, using remote (virtual) education. Senator Baldwin also stated that virtual Charter Schools were bad news monetarily and academically. However, with 40% of Greenbrier East and West High School students making the Honor Roll, they demonstrated in real life their ability to excel at Remote Education; which is very much like virtual Charter Schools? Senator Baldwin appears to be incorrect in assessing the value of virtual education as demonstrated by the 40% who made the Honor or he and the schools overlooked very easy testing or Google use to get answers during remote testing.

An additional benefit to virtual charter schools would be Teachers with significant additional time, energy, and money to spend on improving the education of the remaining 60%; as measured by standardized tests.

So was remote education during fall of 2020 a success or a failure? Freedom of the Press is wonderful.

Frank W. Tuckwiller  
Lewisburg

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# Reunions

## Hodges / O'Brien

The descendants of James H. Hodges and Jeremiah O'Brien have scheduled a reunion for Sunday, Aug. 22, at Ronceverte Island Park, Picnic Shelter #1. We will gather at noon with dinner set for 1 p.m. Bring pictures, family tree information, past reunion information, and other memorabilia to share. Also bring addresses for family members that have moved of who you want to add to our mailing list. The descendants are dying and we, the reunion committee, need you and your families to continue the rich tradition. Please bring anyone and come enjoy the fine food and good fellowship. Come and catch up on the family news and reminisce about the good old days/times. Please share this announcement with family members and relatives who may not be on our current mailing list. If your address has changed, we need your new address for our mailing list. Please call Nancy Hodges at 304-647-3451 for changes in your address. Hope to see you there! Our rain location is First Church of God of Ronceverte Fellowship Hall, Ronceverte and North Avenue, Ronceverte.

## Scott, Judy, Baldwin

The Scott, Judy, Baldwin Reunion will be held Sunday, Aug. 15, at the Williamsburg Community Building. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. Dinner will be served at approximately 12:30 p.m. All family and friends are invited to bring a covered dish and join us. Plates, napkins, utensils will be provided.

# CHURCH

## Holliday Family Reunion

The Holliday Family held its family reunion Saturday, July 24, 2021, at the Quality Inn Banquet Center in Lewisburg, West Virginia. Parents: Clyde and Launa Holliday, Charmco. There were 11 children (seven living): Sarah, Richard, Linda, Russell, Brenda, Bruce, Kenny,

Marilyn, Mark, Denny, and Donald. Sixty-six family and friends joined in the festivities. There were attendees from nine different states, with the longest distance travelled being several from the Phoenix, Arizona area. There were five generations represented, with the youngest attendee

being 4 years old and the oldest, a soon to be 95-year-old WWII/Korean War veteran. Picture and memory tables were enjoyed by all, with stories told by many. Some interesting antidotes were revealed by some. A 300+ picture slide show was made by Brad Holliday. There were some amazing

pictures, all recalling fond memories among the viewers. The staff at the Quality Inn, from Melissa Furlong the General Manager, Chef Abel, and the entire staff, all did a great job making us feel welcome and well attended to the entire time.



The Clyde Holliday, Jr. children



The first cousins from William Clyde, Sr.'s children



The entrance table

## EMT-B class offered this August

New River Community and Technical is offering EMT-B classes in Ghent, Summersville and Lewisburg starting Aug. 23, 2021.

The cost for the EMT-B class is \$600, and registration is required by Aug. 16, 2021. Visit <https://www.newriver.edu/workforce/> for information on upcoming classes or to register for the course, or contact Gloria Kincaid (304-793-6101, [gkincaid@newriver.edu](mailto:gkincaid@newriver.edu)).

The EMT-B class prepares successful students to work as Emergency Medical Technicians. Students will gain the skills and knowledge necessary to provide emergency medical care at a basic life support level with an ambulance service or other specialized services. After completing the course, students can continue their education at New River CTC in the paramedic certificate of applied sci-

ence program. The cost for the EMT-B class is \$600, and registration is required by Aug. 16, 2021. Visit <https://www.newriver.edu/workforce/> for information on upcoming classes or to register for the course, or contact Gloria Kincaid (304-793-6101, [gkincaid@newriver.edu](mailto:gkincaid@newriver.edu)).

New River CTC's Workforce Education Division provides community education classes and employable educational opportunities including noncredit courses, workforce development programs and customized training.

## State's oldest standing Catholic Church site of August 15 Special Mass

The oldest Catholic Church in West Virginia still in use will be the site of the Mass of the Feast of the Assumption on Sunday, Aug. 15, at 6 p.m.

St. John, the Evangelist, Catholic Church in Sweet Springs, northeastern Monroe County, was built as early as 1839 and

was in full use as a part of the Diocese of Richmond by 1859. It was built by slaves on the Lynnside Plantation, owned by the Virginia Governor John Floyd, Jr. and his wife Leititia Preston Floyd, and was served by priests stationed in Wytheville, VA.

Father Harry Winters, OMI, the last resident priest in Monroe County (1982-91) plans to return to Sweet Springs to officiate at the Mass on Aug. 15 and to hold book signings in the area for his recently published book, "Clouds of Wilderness: The Floyd-Lewis Chronicles." A limited number of books See "Special Mass" P.9



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# OBITUARIES

## Ava Jolene Callahan



**Alderson-** Ava Jolene (Stacy) Callahan, 84, passed away unexpectedly at her home Thursday, Aug. 5, 2021.

She was born in Renick on Dec. 19, 1936, the daughter of the late Oscar and Iona Madeline (Dolin) Stacy.

After graduating high school and attending Davis & Elkins College. Jolene went on to be an administrative assistant for the WV Department of Highways with 20 years of service. She was a beloved member of the Johnson Memorial United Methodist Church, where she served as a delegate for the annual Conferences. She will be remembered for her love of traveling, taking long walks, and striking a conversation with anyone, but most of all, the love for her friends and family, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Jolene is survived by her loving husband of 23

years, Kenneth Eugene Callahan. She is also survived by her son, Dale Kidd, of Alderson; her daughter, Dawn Painter and husband Billy, of Alderson; her stepson, Kenneth Callahan, Jr. and wife Vicky of Covington, VA; her stepdaughter, Cristy Wall, of Covington, VA; her grandchildren: Lindsey Ormsbee and his companion Jessica Richards of White Sulphur Springs, Morgan Brooks of Alderson, Hannah Ormsbee of Alderson, and Franklin Ormsbee and his fiancé Madison Allen of Alderson; and several loving great-grandchildren.

Anyone who knew Jolene loved her because of her cheerful and smiling nature. She will be deeply missed by everyone.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Johnson Memorial United Methodist Church, 104 N Monroe Street, Alderson, WV 24910.

In keeping with her wishes, Jolene will be cremated. A graveside service will be held at the Alderson Cemetery on Saturday, Aug. 14, at 1:00 p.m., with Pastor Jeffrey Kanode officiating.

Online condolences and memories may be shared with the Callahan family at [www.lobbanfh.com](http://www.lobbanfh.com).

## Leonard Wayne Lewis



**Frankford-** Leonard Wayne “Buck” Lewis, 61, passed away Friday, Aug. 6, 2021, at his home surrounded by his family.

Born Mar. 21, 1960, in Spring Creek, WV he was the son of the late Shelby and Minnie Grey Brown Lewis.

Mr. Lewis was a plumber throughout his life.

Survivors include his loving companion of 42 years, Nancy Joanne Hale; son, Leonard Wayne Hale (Nicole) of Maxwelton; daughter, Ashley Nicole Hale (Matthew Wellman) of Frankford; brothers, David Lewis (Alice) of Alexandria, VA, and Allen Lewis (Kim) of White Sulphur Springs; sisters, Sharon Ellis (Donnie) of Renick, Lessie Lewis of Frankford, Linda Lewis of Alexandria, VA, and Judy Lewis (Scott) of Renick; grandchildren, Parker and Tucker Hale and Wyatt, Kayden, and Kameron Wellman.

Visitation was Monday, Aug. 9, at the Morgan Funeral Home, Lewisburg. The funeral service was held on Tuesday, Aug. 10, at the funeral home. Burial followed in Morningside Cemetery, Renick, WV.

Online guestbook may be signed at [www.morganfh.net](http://www.morganfh.net).

## Margaret Victoria Hofer



**Lewisburg-** Margaret Victoria Hofer, 89, passed away Tuesday, Aug. 3, 2021, at Greenbrier Health Care Center in Lewisburg.

She was born May 9, 1932, in White Sulphur Springs, a daughter of the late Lafayette Lee and Victoria Corron Kirk.

She was a homemaker and an art hobbyist and was advanced at crocheting quilts and clothing for others. She was a selfless person and her children and grandchildren were her life.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her first husband and father of her children, Maynard

Howard Simmons, and second husband, Kurt Hofer. She was preceded in death by two sons, Maynard Quain Simmons and Howard Franklin Simmons; step-daughter, Heidi A. Hofer; and Margaret's siblings, Mary Kirk, Irene Kirk, Joseph Kirk and wife Thelma, Jimmy James Kirk, Ernie Kirk and Lafayette Kirk.

Those left to cherish her memory are daughters, Minthia “Mindi” Rockafellow (Jim) of Pennsylvania, Delsie A. Simmons and Billie Jane Simmons, both of Richmond, VA; step-granddaughter, Leslie Johnson; and a multitude of grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

As per her wishes, she will be cremated and no services are planned at this time.

Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Lewisburg is in charge of arrangements. Please send online condolences by visiting [www.WallaceandWallaceFH.com](http://www.WallaceandWallaceFH.com)

## Thomas Winfield Hanson



**Ronceverte-** Thomas Winfield Hanson, 55, passed away Saturday, Aug. 7, 2021, at Beckley Appalachian Regional Hospital in Beckley.

Born Oct. 6, 1965, in Norco, Louisiana, he was a son of Clara Kay Pierce Duckett of Baton Rouge, LA, and the late Rufus Eugene Hanson, Jr.

He was a house painter and was of the Baptist faith. He enjoyed long trips on his motorcycle with his wife and friends.

Survivors include his wife of over 16 years, Cathy Ann Forren Hanson; two sons, Tyrese Forren and Thomas C. Hanson; two daughters, Tessa Hanson and Tisha Forren; two sisters, Melinda Hale and Tracy Ferguson; and four brothers, Charlie Ferguson, Arthur Orwig, Mark Duckett and Tim Duckett.

Funeral service was held on Tuesday, Aug. 10, at Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Lewisburg, where Pastor Joey Morgan officiated. Burial followed in Mount Vernon Cemetery, Fort Spring.

The family received friends Tuesday before the service.

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The 10-week class will

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The cost is \$500 plus the cost of the book, and

registration is required by Aug. 23.

Visit [www.newriver.edu/community](http://www.newriver.edu/community) for information on upcoming classes or register for the course or contact Gloria Kincaid (304-793-6101, [gkincaid@newriver.edu](mailto:gkincaid@newriver.edu)).

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## Advancing technology in WV allows businesses to focus on job creation, not burdensome paperwork

The WV Secretary of State's Office announced a record-setting year for online filings and timely compliance with reporting deadlines by West Virginia businesses. The state's increases in online options allow businesses to complete applications and filings quickly and accurately, allowing the companies to focus on business rather than paperwork.

As of August 2021, more than 1 million transactions have been conducted through the Secretary of State's

WV One Stop Business Portal by West Virginia corporations and LLCs. The average time it takes users to complete a filing is less than 5 minutes, and the immediate availability of information increases transparency and accuracy for those West Virginia businesses.

“Over 99% of annual filings are now done online, thus saving businesses time and money. Online filing also allows information from these businesses to be available to the public quicker than it has

ever been in our state's history,” said Secretary of State Mac Warner. “At the West Virginia Secretary of State's Office, we mean business.”

In addition to corporations and LLC's filing in a timely and transparent fashion, the state's new online licensing features have expanded immensely over the past four years. UCC filings are now executed 100% online. Recently over the past year, online filing capacity expanded to include marriage celebrants, notary public

applications and renewals, athlete agents, scrap metal dealers and private investigators.

“Since making these licensures available online just one year ago, now 90% of all licenses from the WV Secretary of State's Office are executed online,” said Secretary Warner. “Delivering services to the customer in the easiest, most accessible and transparent manner possible is our mission. Doing so gets state bureaucracy out of the way so businesses can See “Technology” \_\_\_ P. 9

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## A Look Back



By William "Skip" Deegans

The recent political turmoil in Haiti brings back memories of Haitians who came under duress to West Virginia. In the 1970s and 1980s, Haitians fled the oppressive regime of Haiti's president Francois ("Papa Doc") Duvalier and their country's extreme poverty. Many left by boat for Florida's coast to seek asylum in the United States. President Jimmy Carter permitted most of them to remain in the United States. However, after the 1980 election, President Ronald Reagan's administration imposed harsher policies. Haitians were detained as illegal aliens and incarcerated.

Fifty-two women were

separated from their families and sent to the Federal Correction Institution (FCI) in Alderson. In an interview with AP reporter, Strat Douthat, one woman described her perilous journey in a leaky boat from Haiti to the United States. They ran out of food and water. It was so crowded that she couldn't lie down or stretch her legs. When she reached this country, she was badly dehydrated and starving. The women arrived in Alderson with only the clothes on their backs. Inmates at the prison and local churches donated money and clothing.

The Haitians at FCI had no legal counsel or money for lawyers. Believing they were treated as

criminals and forgotten, they held two hunger strikes that garnered national attention to their plight. Finally, in June 1981, a federal court ruled the detained Haitians should be released. The Episcopal Church funded a program to send staff to FCI to help the women find family and sponsors. In August 1981, the first two women left Alderson after 10 months of detention.

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Sources: Strat Douthat, *Detain and Punish: Haitian Refugees and the Rise of the World's Largest Immigration Detention System* by Carl Lindskoog; *Washington Post*; *U. S. Policy Toward Haitian Boat People 1972-1993* by Christopher Mitchell.

## Dear Recycle Lady,



Dear Recycle Lady,

Does aluminum foil need to be flattened before it can be recycled? I always crumple up mine before putting it in the recycle bin.

Foil Recycler

Dear Foil Recycler,

Aluminum is a valuable material. It can be made into new aluminum products in only 60 days. Aluminum can be recycled either flattened or crumpled. It really doesn't matter. However, crumpling it will prevent it from blowing away, as foil is very light. Before recycling, be sure the foil is dry and clean. Remove any paper that is stuck to the foil. If the paper or other types of materials can't be separated from the foil, throw it away as foil mixed with other materials is a contaminate. Holes or burns are okay to recycle. One important thing to remember is that aluminum foil is recycled with aluminum pans and not aluminum cans. Interestingly, aluminum foil used to be called tin foil, but aluminum foil and tin foil are the same product. According to earth911, all foil has been made of aluminum since World War II.

Dear Recycle Lady,

Last week you said that TerraCycle recycles oral use items such as toothbrushes. What is Terra Cycle?

Wants to Know

Dear Wants to Know,

According to [www.terracycle.com](http://www.terracycle.com), TerraCycle is an innovative recycling company that has become a global leader in recycling hard-to-recycle materials. They offer a wide range of easy-to-use free recycling programs that are funded by manufacturers and retailers around the world. Primarily run as a volunteer-based recycling platform, TerraCycle collects non-recyclable pre- and post-consumer waste in cooperation with corporate donors or municipalities. They turn collected waste into raw materials for making new products. Their web site says that over 202 million people in 21 countries have helped to collect and recycle nearly 8 billion tons of waste and raise over 44 million dollars for charities around the world. They offer free shipping labels that can be downloaded to send your waste for recycling. Additionally, there is a rewards program available for your school or favorite nonprofit.

Dear Recycle Lady,

You asked for ideas on reusing, repurposing, and recycling. Here's one. When people run out of biodegradable dog poop bags, they can put an empty plastic shopping bag over their hand to pick up the poop. Then they can turn the bag inside out and tie a knot in it to keep the poop in the bag. Dispose of the bag in the trash. I use the same method to pull small poison ivy plants out by the roots.

Pooper Scooper

Dear Pooper Scooper,

Thanks for a good suggestion. I especially liked the fact that you are using biodegradable dog poop bags. They are my preference also and there are several brands of biodegradable dog bags available online. When biodegradable bags are not available, single-use shopping bags are a good alternative. Another alternative would be to use the newspaper sleeves in which newspapers are delivered. They can be used in the same way as all the other bags.

**RECYCLE WORKSHOP** - Friday, Aug. 27, any time from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Information, discussion, and demonstrations on recycling at the Greenbrier Recycling Center, Monroe Avenue, Ronceverte. Come join us. We would love to see you!

Have questions about recycling, or interesting information about recycling? Send questions or requests to [recyclelady@greenbrier-swa.com](mailto:recyclelady@greenbrier-swa.com). Dear Recycle Lady is sponsored jointly by the Greenbrier Recycling Center and Greenworks Recycling.

## MRVA Works Initiative takes on economic development



Work projects are always more fun with a team, so MRVA is leading a series of community clean-up events. Through light, exterior maintenance projects (lawn mowing and weed eating, painting, window washing, debris collection) around public and commercial

properties, we can do our part to beautify the Meadow River Valley. It's about supporting about community and growing our economy.

On Saturday, Aug. 21, join us at the Meadow River Community Park in Charmco from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for clean-up and beautification

projects. We will be ready with a list of jobs. Bring your outdoor equipment such as weedeaters, trimmers and leaf blowers. Trash bags will be provided. Lunch is on us (served at 1 p.m.). Don't forget your sunscreen, bug spray, hat, mask, gloves, and water.

## Community Block Party August 28

Race Matters has joined with local leaders in Greenbrier County to present a unique celebration of community - "The Block Party" on Saturday, Aug. 28, at Dorie Miller Park. The park is located at 451 Feamster Road, Lewisburg. The fun begins at 11 a.m. and runs to 11 p.m.

The event will consist of a traditional selection of food, family entertainment, games, music and educational/medical booths. A live auction will take place at 7 p.m. Come dance with

your community friends and neighbors to the music of Marshall Petty and other local musicians (TBA).

Race Matters is a minority-led organization, and its membership includes Black Indigenous People of Color and non-BIPOC allies. The organization's focus is on amplifying the voices and leadership of BIPOC within our communities, aligning themselves with the moral imperative to dismantle white supremacy at its core, and committing to support and

uplift BIPOC's leadership. Through their ongoing work in solidarity with those oppressed, they hope to build a better future where minority needs and voices are represented by the majority in education, policy, government, and our collective world.

If one wishes to volunteer to assist on the day of the event, contact [lorettayoung26@gmail.com](mailto:lorettayoung26@gmail.com) or call 304-610-6834. Funding (to date) has been provided by the Greenbrier County Health Alliance, Naomi and Harvey Cohen, Carli Mareneck, The

Black Box, West Virginia Rivers Coalition, Lauren Wadsworth and Jeff Kessler, Loretta Young, Factory Tire, Tractor Supply, Ferguson Rental Properties, Bob Foster and Mary Leb, Fathom Realty, Greenbrier Real Estate, Jim and Sarah Umberger, Magic's Computer Repair, Nancy Bulla, Dr. Jeanne Wahl, and Barnwood Builders.

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The proposed increased rates and charges will become effective November, 1, 2021, unless otherwise ordered by the Public Service Commission, and will increase revenue approximately \$31,500,000 annually, an increase of approximately 34.3%.  
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The increases shown are based on averages of all customers in the indicated class. Each class may receive an increase greater or less than stated here. Individual customers may receive increases that are greater or less than average. Furthermore, the requested increased rates and charges are only a proposal and are subject to change (increases or decreases) by the Public Service Commission in its review of this filing. Any increase in rates and charges will not become effective until authorized and approved by the Public Service Commission. If a hearing is conducted, notice will be given of the time and place of hearing.  
A complete copy of the proposed rates, as well as a representative of the Company to provide any information requested concerning it, is available to all customers, prospective customers, or their agents at the following offices of the Company:  
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A copy of the proposed rates is available for public inspection at the office of the Executive Secretary of the PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION at 201 Brooks street, Charleston, West Virginia.  
The Rule 30-C procedure is designed to provide a procedure for changing rates charged to customers by natural gas distribution utilities based exclusively on the cost of purchased gas. Consequently, protest should be limited to the reasonableness of such costs and the method by which they are calculated. Anyone desiring to protest or intervene should file a written protest or notice of intervention within twenty-five (25) days following the date of this publication unless otherwise modified by Commission order. Failure to timely intervene can affect your rights to protest any rate increases and to participate in future proceedings. Requests to intervene must comply with the Commission's rules on intervention set forth in the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. All interventions must be mailed or hand-delivered and be addressed to Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, WV 25323. Protests may be filed online through the Commission website using the "Submit a Comment" link or may be mailed to the Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, WV 25323.



# Events upcoming at Alderson Artisans Gallery

The Alderson Artisans Gallery is pleased to announce a showing of paintings and works by guest artisan, Lynn Davis. Opening night will be held Aug. 17, from 6 until 8:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. Original works will be available for viewing and sale in the gallery.

Lynn's work will be on display from Aug. 17, through Sept. 30. Gallery hours are Tuesday from 3 to 6 p.m., Friday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Alderson Artisans Gallery is a cooperative non-profit organization. Visit our website at <http://www.alder-songallery.com> for a list of current artists, online shopping, and events.



## Special Mass

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will be available at the Sweet Springs church as well as copies of Mary Williams of Paint Bank, VA, newest book on the Sweet Springs resort and Valley.

For Aug. 15, the church will be open at 4 p.m. for those who wish to tour the church and there will also be an ice cream social on the grounds following Mass.

The annual Mass attracts worshippers from throughout West Virginia and Virginia and as many as six priests from four dioceses to concelebrate the Mass.

To travel to Sweet

Springs from the west, take I-64 to the Crows, VA, exit and VA 311 to the intersection with WV 3 in Sweet Springs. From the south, take US 219 north to Union and WV 3 east to Sweet Springs intersection with WV 311.

From the east, take I-64 to the Callaghan Exit and VA 159 south to VA 311 South to the intersection with WV 3 in Sweet Springs.

For further information, telephone the Office of the Catholic Churches of the Greenbrier Valley 304-536-1813 or the GV Knights

of Columbus 304-645-1373 and leave a message.

The Aug. 15 observance at St. John, the Evangelist, and Chapel is hosted by Father James Conyers, pastor of St. Charles Borromeo Church in White Sulphur Springs and St. Catherine of Siena Church in Ronceverte, Greenbrier Valley Council 8689 Knights of Columbus, and the Altar and Rosary Society of St. Catherine of Siena Parish.

Casual dress is advised for those attending this special service.

## Technology

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focus on creating jobs and strengthening our economy."

Registering a nonprofit corporation online as a charitable organization is also now available. These filings often require over 100 pages of documents, so filing online substantially reduces the paper-laden burdens on both applicants and the state. Currently, over 50% of charitable organization applications are filed online, saving the nonprofits and charities time and money with less paper waste and shipping costs.

Secretary Warner encourages businesses to take advantage of the WV One Stop Business Portal for registration of new businesses, changing current business information, and annual report filing. He also encourages those seeking licenses from the office, or members of the public seeking review licensees, to do so using the Enterprise Registration and

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**SCRAMBLERS**  
Unscramble the letters within each image to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the poem.

Shew **SHAH**   
Concede **IDELY**    
Berate **CLODS**   
Remove **TEELED**

"A what? Who you kidding, dear?  
Rivers don't have \_\_\_\_\_."

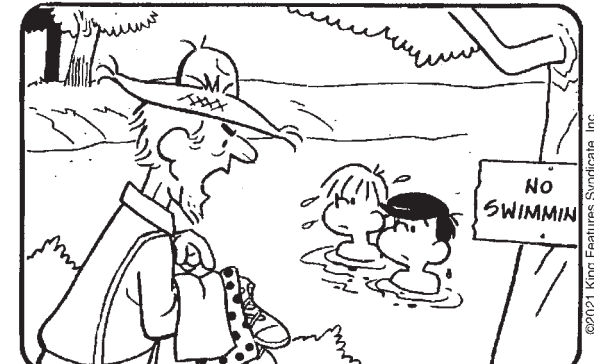
**TODAY'S WORD**

## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Suspender is different. 2. Shoe lace is missing. 3. Sign is lower. 4. Drop of water is missing. 5. Hand is showing. 6. Leaves are added.

## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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		5		2				4									
2					9					1							
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		3			4		2										
8			5							7							
	9			6		1											

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦**

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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## PUZZLE ANSWERS PAGE 5

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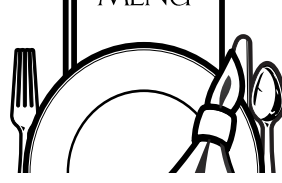
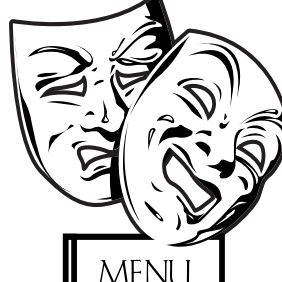
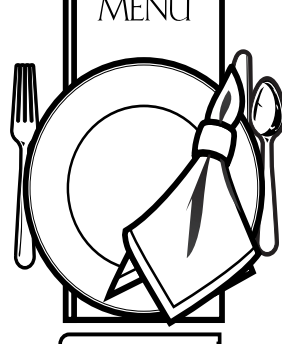
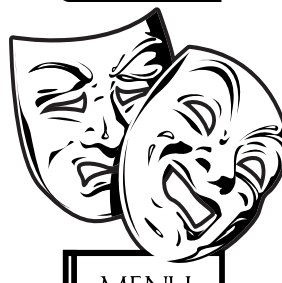
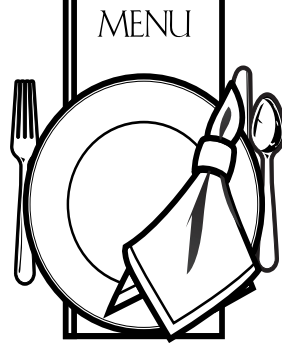
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## Super Crossword

### E-Z DOES IT

- ACROSS**
- 1 Not dozing
  - 6 Rock band boosters
  - 10 Make of the XK-E, in brief
  - 13 Leading nun
  - 19 Adage
  - 20 Irrational suspicion
  - 22 Dark-haired man
  - 23 Cracker consumed to become a fraternity member?
  - 25 Against: Prefix
  - 26 Dry stretch
  - 27 Sessions with mediums
  - 29 Vidalia, e.g.
  - 30 Cochlea site
  - 33 Comment when pointing out your aunt's child?
  - 35 Ducky insurance company?
  - 40 Bloody — (cocktails)
  - 44 Wee child
  - 45 Spanish pronoun
  - 46 German poet who founded a ketchup company?
  - 50 — Minor (Little Bear)
  - 53 Keyless, in music
  - 54 Marilyn of old movies
  - 55 Was a snitch
  - 59 Kindly
  - 61 Shoplifts or embezzles
  - 63 Three-horse wagon
  - 64 Lead-in to byte
  - 66 Cap required to be worn to gain entry?
  - 68 Author Nin
  - 72 Be liable to
  - 74 Big antelope
  - 75 Teal relatives
  - 76 Impudent actress who played Cleo?
  - 81 — bad example
  - 83 Furtive observation
  - 84 Having some replacement parts?
  - 86 Hybrid citrus
  - 91 Perilous stuff to skate on
  - 93 Lethargy
  - 95 Nomadic sort
  - 96 Iraqi, say
  - 97 Walk just beyond a northern Austrian city's border?
  - 99 Pick, with "for"
  - 102 Stir-fry tidbit
  - 104 Dumbbells
  - 105 Many-time golf champ Nick
  - 106 Small squirt of a zero-calorie drink?
  - 111 With 37-Down, fin-footed mammal
  - 113 "Tiny Dancer" singer John
  - 114 Road show groups
  - 118 Uncrowded
  - 124 Sadness
  - 126 Classic figure-skating painting?
  - 129 Sculpted torso, maybe
  - 130 White rat's condition
  - 131 Chavez of labor
  - 132 "Plus" qualities
  - 133 Vote "for"
  - 134 The whole nine yards
  - 135 Additional
  - 6 Fitting 7 — tai
  - 8 Whizzes
  - 9 Of right mind
  - 10 Wrist or hip
  - 11 Letter after G, spelled out
  - 12 Eye steadily
  - 13 It airs "The Connors"
  - 14 Witch's "vehicle"
  - 15 Bugs is one
  - 16 Lure
  - 17 Watery, as a membrane
  - 18 Unit of lyrics
  - 21 Gp. backing guns
  - 24 Had a bite
  - 28 Heavily built
  - 31 "Better Call Saul" airer
  - 32 Chicago mayor — Emanuel
  - 34 Some low clouds
  - 35 Melville captain
  - 36 Grand party
  - 37 See 111-Across
  - 38 Oscar winner Hathaway
  - 39 Event for artisans selling wares
  - 41 They follow pis
  - 42 Gossip spreader
  - 43 Fathered, as a foal
  - 47 Nastase near a tennis net
  - 48 Chomsky of linguistics
  - 49 1983 Woody Allen role
  - 51 Beef dish in a sour cream sauce
  - 52 Make right
  - 56 Spirit
  - 57 Wrings (out)
  - 58 Astonish
  - 60 Gator cousin
  - 62 IRS form info
  - 65 Spin — (emulate Spider-Man)
  - 67 Raw beef fat
  - 68 Assist in evil
  - 69 Have a bite
  - 70 High peaks, in Italian
  - 71 Menzel who voiced Elsa in "Frozen"
  - 73 Fixes text
  - 77 He drew Li'l Abner
  - 78 Rioter's haul
  - 79 How a loss may be marked
  - 80 Nada
  - 82 Root for poi
  - 85 "Far out!"
  - 87 Grand party
  - 88 Old film actor Jannings
  - 89 Give for a bit
  - 90 Tinty pasta
  - 92 Roger of film review
  - 94 Dull routines
  - 98 Mao — -tung
  - 99 City in west Texas
  - 100 Aviators
  - 101 Aquarium favorites
  - 103 Windpipe
  - 107 Rich dessert
  - 108 Animal nose
  - 109 Actor Peter O'—
  - 110 Fitness program with Latin music
  - 112 Hearth waste
  - 115 — gow (casino game)
  - 116 City of central Sicily
  - 117 Actress Loretta
  - 119 Tempo
  - 120 TV's Trebek
  - 121 Corrode
  - 122 Sky twinkler
  - 123 Biblical prophet
  - 125 Craven of horror films
  - 127 Prefix like "equi-"
  - 128 Celebrity gossip site







## Planning to camp at the State Fair of West Virginia? Here's what you need to know

With dramatically dry conditions in our area, we are asking that you bring your fresh water storage tanks full before arriving at the State Fair of West Virginia. We also ask that you be conscious of your water usage while here.

- No fires of any type will be permitted.
- Please use designate bins for trash.
- The campground will open Wednesday, August 11, at 7 AM for dry camping.
- Generators must be turned off between the hours of 11 p.m. and 6 a.m.

## State Fair of West Virginia COVID-19 Health & Safety

The safety of our guests, staff, and community is our number one priority. As we look toward the 96th Annual State Fair of West Virginia, we are working with the Greenbrier County Health Department, as well as following guidance developed by the CDC and any executive orders from the office of Governor Jim Justice.

While visiting the 2021 State Fair of West Virginia:

- MASKS WILL NOT be required for fully vaccinated individuals when outdoors
- All individuals, regardless of vaccination status, should wear a mask indoors

Additional Covid-19 Measures:

- Vaccinations will be available daily at the State Fair of West Virginia, at the WVSOM booth under the Grandstand
- One-way traffic patterns will be implemented in high-traffic areas
- State Fair staff will be roving the facility with increased sanitation efforts
- Signage with COVID-19 protocols will be located across the facility

-All guests will be reminded of COVID-19 measures and expectations in pre-event communication and PA announcements.

- Increased sanitization in the carnival midway

Building Mandates:

- WVU Building: Masks must be worn to enter. Capacity limits will be enforced
- WV Lottery Building: Capacity limits will be enforced
- Grandstand Market Place: Counter-clockwise traffic pattern

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**State Fair of West Virginia Height Requirements 2021**

A child under 36" may ride the following rides **ONLY WITH AN ADULT**:

- \*Bear Affair
- \*Central Park
- \*Classic Carousel
- \*Dizzy Dragon
- \*Fire Chief
- \*Kiddie Carousel
- \*Teacup

**\*SEATS ONLY NO CHILDREN UNDER 36" CAN RIDE THE HORSES.**

**Parents: For your enjoyment, children under 36" may ride for free when accompanied by a paying adult (18 or older) with the appropriate carnival ride tickets.**

Kiddie Rides	Adult Rides
<b>Automania:</b> 36" minimum with an adult 42" minimum without an adult	<b>Classic Carousel:</b> 42" minimum without an adult
<b>Bear Affair:</b> 36" or more unless with an adult	<b>Dutch Wheel:</b> 42" minimum without an adult
<b>Central Park:</b> 42" or more unless with an adult	<b>Full Tilt:</b> 42" minimum
<b>Circus Train:</b> 36" minimum	<b>Gondola Wheel:</b> 42: minimum without an adult
<b>Dizzy Dragon:</b> 36" minimum unless with an adult	<b>Himalaya:</b> 42 minimum with an adult 52" without an adult
<b>Drive-In:</b> 32" with an adult 36" without an adult	<b>Magic Maze:</b> 36" minimum with an adult
<b>Fire Chief:</b> 36" minimum unless with an adult	<b>Orbiter:</b> 48" minimum
<b>Fun Slide #92:</b> 36"- 42" minimum with an adult 42" minimum without an adult	<b>Pharaoh's Fury:</b> 48: minimum
<b>Helicopter:</b> 36" minimum	<b>Racing:</b> 47" minimum with an adult 51" minimum without an adult
<b>Hot Wheels:</b> 36" minimum as a passenger 44" minimum as a driver	<b>Rampage:</b> 48" minimum with an adult 51" minimum without an adult
<b>Iron Dragon:</b> 42"- 48" minimum without an adult	<b>Ring of Fire:</b> 48" minimum with an adult 52" minimum without an adult
<b>Jump Around:</b> 36" minimum	<b>Scooter:</b> 42" minimum as a passenger 52" minimum as a driver
<b>Kiddie Carousel:</b> 30" minimum unless with an adult	<b>Sizzler:</b> 42" minimum with an adult
<b>Kiddie Scrambler:</b> 36" minimum; 48" maximum	<b>Starship 3000:</b> 42" minimum
<b>Lolly Swing:</b> 36" minimum	<b>The Beast:</b> 55" minimum; 77" maximum.
<b>Mini Himalaya:</b>	<b>Tidal Wave:</b> 42" minimum without an adult
<b>Planes (Bounce):</b> 40" minimum; 70" maximum	<b>Tilt-a-Whirl:</b> 46" minimum without an adult
<b>Space / Wheelie:</b> 36" minimum; 48" maximum	<b>Tornado:</b> 60" minimum
<b>Spiderman:</b> 36"-42" with an adult 42" minimum without an adult	<b>Typhoon:</b> 42-48" minimum with an adult 48" minimum without an adult
<b>Speedway:</b>	<b>Vertigo:</b> 48" minimum
<b>Star Command:</b> 36" minimum unless with an adult	<b>Wild Mouse:</b> 42"- 48" minimum with an adult 48" minimum without an adult
<b>Teacup:</b> 36" minimum without an adult	<b>YoYo:</b> 42" minimum
<b>Truck Stop:</b> 36" minimum without an adult; No passengers	<b>Zipper:</b> 48" minimum
<b>Wacky Worm:</b> 36"- 42" minimum with an adult 42" minimum without an adult	

**State Fair OF WEST VIRGINIA**

**DAILY SPECIALS**

<b>THURSDAY, AUGUST 12</b> ALL DAY (9 AM Opening Day) ADMISSION \$6.00 (Ages 11+) RIDE SPECIAL \$20.00 (2 PM - 11 PM)	<b>TUESDAY, AUGUST 17</b> AFTERNOON SPECIAL (11+) ADMISSION \$7.00 AFTER 4 PM
<b>MONDAY, AUGUST 16</b> ALL DAY (9 AM Opening Day) ADMISSION \$8.00 (Ages 11+)	<b>WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18</b> EARLY BIRD SPECIAL ADMISSION \$1.00 BEFORE 12 NOON ONLY
<b>MONDAY, AUGUST 16</b> ALL DAY RIDE SPECIAL (ALL AGES) \$20.00 + WV SALES TAX	<b>WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18</b> AFTERNOON SPECIAL (11+) ADMISSION \$7.00 AFTER 4 PM
<b>TUESDAY, AUGUST 17</b> SENIOR DAY (55 & Above) ADMISSION \$7.00	<b>THURSDAY, AUGUST 19</b> MILITARY DAY (MUST HAVE VALID ID) ADMISSION \$7.00
<b>TUESDAY, AUGUST 17</b> ALL DAY RIDE SPECIAL (ALL AGES) \$15.00 + WV SALES TAX	<b>THURSDAY, AUGUST 19</b> AFTERNOON SPECIAL (11+) ADMISSION \$7.00 AFTER 4 PM

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WVSOM is partnering with the Greenbrier County Health Department, the Robert C. Byrd Clinic and Rainelle Medical Center to offer free COVID-19 vaccinations and blood pressure readings during the State Fair of West Virginia.



Stop by the WVSOM booth under the grandstand for free COVID-19 vaccinations, blood pressure readings and health-related information.

**FREE COVID-19 VACCINATION HOURS**

Thursday, Aug. 12	10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Friday, Aug. 13	10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 14	10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Sunday, Aug. 15	10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Monday, Aug. 16	10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Tuesday, Aug. 17	10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Wednesday, Aug. 18	10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Thursday, Aug. 19	10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Friday, Aug. 20	10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 21	10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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