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## Council moves to update park rental fees, approves ARPA funds designation to water plant

By Sarah Richardson

Lewisburg City Council met on Tuesday, Aug. 17, to hold readings of several ordinances, hear an update on the City Hall repointing and painting project, designate American Rescue Plan Act funds, and discuss winterizing the public restrooms at City Hall.

“You’ll notice on the outside of City Hall the paint job that’s been going on,” said City Manager Misty Hill. “It’s working beautifully. There’s been no real big hiccups that have come into play with that.”

A pay request for the first part of the project in the amount of \$57,327.90 was approved by council to the contractor, Schleiff Construction, LLC.

The city also reached

out to the Schleiff’s to ask that they submit a bid to winterize the public bathrooms located on the side of City Hall. Currently, the bathrooms are only equipped to be open to the public through the warmer months, and closed for the winter.

“We are in the middle of CARES Act Reimbursement with winterizing the bathrooms, so while he is already here we’ve asked him to give us an estimate for what he would charge to winterize the bathrooms for downtown. They are going to be painting

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Schleiff Construction has been working hard on the tedious brick repointing and painting project for all of City Hall in downtown Lewisburg. Repointing is an essential part of the historic preservation of the building, as it prevents water damage and other issues that come with aging brick and mortar structures.

## Greenbrier County Schools announces Back to School Plan

Greenbrier County Schools (GCS) is gearing up to open all 13 schools in the county for full-time in-person learning for all students. Grade 1 - 6 and 9 kick off the new school year on Monday, Aug. 30. Grade 1 - 12 will attend on Tuesday, Aug. 31. Pre-K and Kindergarten students begin school on Thursday, Sept. 9.

“We could not be more enthusiastic about welcoming students back to our classrooms for what we hope will be a much more normal school experience,” states Superintendent Jeff Bryant.

“We open this school year with a focus on collaborating with all stakeholders to accomplish a shared goal. That goal is to keep our schools open for learning, and our charge is to do what is necessary to keep our schools safe to achieve this goal. We understand we’ll have to remain flexible and ready to pivot as the COVID-19 and variant situation demands. Protecting the health and well-being of our students and staff will continue to be of the highest priority, with many of the preventive health protocols that we embraced last year remaining in place. This includes things like enhanced cleaning, daily checklist self-screening, managing traffic patterns in our hallways and at large gatherings, emphasizing good hygiene, contact tracing, quarantining, and facilitating vaccinations for those eligible to receive them,” continued Bryant.

To protect the school community, families, and community at large, school officials encourage vaccinations for those eligible to receive them. GCS has facilitated several in-school vaccination clinics in collaboration

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## Nature’s Way

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## Alderson dedicated to fixing ‘100 years of headaches’

By Angela McGill

The ongoing water plant project was discussed on Aug. 12 at the monthly Alderson Town Council meeting. The project includes updating water lines and extensions going around Riverside Rest, Glen Ray, and up to Stuarts Smokehouse, but the major undertaking is the replacement and relocation of the water plant. The bill would be \$6 to \$8 million for the line replacement, repairs, and upgrades.

“We are fixing about 100 years of headaches,” said Alderson Mayor Travis Copenhaver. “\$13 to 14 million dollars’ worth of water improvements is what we’re working on, and if we’re successful, 100 percent mitigation funds that won’t require any match from us. We’re working really hard.”

There is \$6 million dollars in construction planned for repairs and extensions, and the town is hoping to secure an \$8 million grant for the water plant.

A major issue the town is dealing with is repairs to the current water pumps, with Copenhaver stating, “They’re out of warranty, it has nickel and dined us to death.” He adds that he has been working “since last March” on replacing the pumps, but COVID caused delays. Funding remains leftover from recent wastewater treatment plant upgrades, and can be used to purchase the new and

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**2021 State Fair Comes to a Close**  
Today marks the last day of the 96th annual West Virginia State Fair. After the cancellation of the 2020 fair, crowds were eager to get back on the grounds and indulge in all the fair has to offer. The shows were well-attended, and vendors stayed busy through the days as visitors enjoyed rides on the midway, animal presentations, and browsing the WVU Building and under the Grandstand.

## Local Wal-Mart donates to Alderson clock project

James Bowyer, store manager for the Lewisburg Wal-Mart, met with Alderson Main Street President Judy Lohmeyer and Alderson Town Clock Project Marketing Manager Stacy Eskins to present

a generous donation toward the purchase and installation of the clock.

Bowyer said, “We really appreciate all the support we receive from our customers in this area and are happy to support a

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Lewisburg Wal-Mart Store Manager James Bowyer (left) presents Judy Lohmeyer and Stacy Eskins with a donation of support for the Alderson Town Clock Project.

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## Communities In Schools accepts school supplies donated by FDCC

Communities In Schools of Greenbrier County (CISGC) presented its dropout prevention program to the Federation of Defense & Corporate Counsel (FDCC) on Friday, Aug. 6. The FDCC is a national membership organization that hosts annual and semi-annual conferences in locations across the United States and chooses a community project in each conference district. "We were honored to be chosen for the FDCC's community project in Greenbrier County", CISGC's Executive Director, Brittany Masters said.

Members from across the U.S. came to Greenbrier County and participated in donating school supplies to local youth in need. "It was heartwarming to showcase what our program is doing in Greenbrier County to attorneys from all over the nation", said Masters. CISGC received 77 backpacks filled with school supplies along with additional boxes of supplies and monetary contri-

butions. Masters said "It was in perfect alignment with our annual Stuff the Bus campaign in which we collect donated school supplies for children in every public school in the county". "Stuff the Bus" is continuing now through Aug. 16. Those interested in donating can do so at Kroger in Rainelle, the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine's Student Center, Love Child, and Factory Connection. A registry has been set up at Walmart.com, called "CISGC's Stuff the Bus" and monetary donations can be made at [www.cisgc.org/donate](http://www.cisgc.org/donate) or P.O. Box 1188 Lewisburg, WV 24901.

Communities In Schools of Greenbrier County is a 501(c)3 and relies on the generosity and support of foundations and community members. CISGC could not carry out our mission "to surround students with a community of support, empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life" without partnerships such as this.

For more information about CISGC, please call 304-661-1018, email [director@cisgc.org](mailto:director@cisgc.org) or visit [www.cisgc.org](http://www.cisgc.org). You can also stay up-to-date through our Facebook page.

## 'Thank you' from Alderson 4th of July Committee

The Alderson 4th of July Committee would like to thank all of the individuals, politicians and businesses who so generously donated rubber duck prizes and who sold rubber duck tickets for our annual 2021 Alderson 4th of July rubber duck race that led to all 4,000 tickets being sold.

We would also like to thank the Alderson Volunteer Fire Department and Tri-County Fire Company for the magnificent fireworks and all of the law enforcement agencies for all of their assistance during the celebration.

A special thanks to Amanda Qualls at the Dollar General Store in Alderson and Terry McClung at The Market in Lewisburg, who sold a significant number of rubber duck tickets. Our celebration would not be what it is without the community's support.

## Fantasy

### Flashback

**Fantasy in Hollywood (1992). Tickets sales end Friday, Aug. 27 for Carnegie Hall's Fantasy in Black and White, which will take place Friday, Sept. 3, at 6:30 p.m. on the Colonial Hall Terrace at The Greenbrier. For tickets or more information, please visit [www.carnegiehallwv.org](http://www.carnegiehallwv.org), call 304-645-7917, or visit Carnegie Hall at 611 Church Street, Lewisburg. Fantasy in Black & White is sponsored by Greenbrier Physicians and The Schoolhouse Hotel.**



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improved pumps at a cost of roughly \$54,000.

Copenhaver explains that you can't just go and purchase any pump. "This is not simple; they have to be specific pumps that fit our pumps that are in the ground now and fit our connections. The one pump for station number two is \$13,456 and that's the cheapest one, the other pump for the other station is \$7,200."

On Aug. 18, he posted an update to the town's social media on the topic:

"Pump issues have plagued us with wastewater for the last couple of years. Despite a \$7 million improvement, it's a never-ending job. It's a costly one as well. From April of 2020 until today we have spent over \$52,000 fixing pumps for wastewater.

This isn't grant funds or money that was planned. We are working to spend some leftover project funds from that upgrade that, thanks to the issues from Covid last year, we are just now able to get price quotes from multiple sources with projected dates of delivery. If you haven't tried to buy one \$13,000 dollar pump (we need 6) lately you don't understand.

But Steve sent some good news to me this morning that made me smile, a lot.

"Hey, we got 1.18 inches of rain last night and #1 Lift Station is at normal level. 5 years ago it would been wide open for 24 hours or more. So, all that I-n-I work has really paid off!"

That lift station's pumps are the first priority on the list to replace. If those men hadn't done that work to stop unnecessary water from entering our system when it's raining and wet, we would have had a disaster this morning."

In other news:

• Holly Gore and Laurie Bennett presented a proposition for Little League to take over park maintenance. Recorder Betty Thomas said it would be tabled until the

delegation of duties is decided.

- Alderson Planning Commission acquired two new members, Justin Palmer and Angela McGill.
- The council voted to approve \$35,425 of general funds to be brought back in from the art funds to assist in stabilizing economic issues.

## Alderson Clock

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project so many of them care about."

What began as an idea of Eskins' has boomed into tremendous support by people from the Alderson area and beyond. Nearly 150 individuals and businesses have donated to this project. Many Alderson locals remember when a clock hung on the Hanger Jewelry Store building and are pleased about seeing a new clock in the same space.

Lohmeyer said, "I am so excited at how this project has resonated in Alderson. We really appreciate the broad support the project has received."

## Farmers Market temporarily moves to Courthouse Parking Lot

The Courthouse Farmers Market will be relocated to the Greenbrier County Courthouse parking lot (off Ar buckle 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.

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## PICK OF THE LITTER

### CYBIL

Cybil is a 1-year-old female mixed breed and weighs 40 pounds.



### CHLOE

Chloe is a two-and-a-half year old domestic shorthair.



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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# Briefly

## 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.

## American Heritage Music Hall, Inc.

Located at 496 Island Park, Ronceverte. Open to the public, all welcome, handicap accessible. Listeners and tourists welcome. Admission \$7 Tuesday nights, \$10 Saturday - Audience provides food. Doors open at 7 p.m. Jam & Dance every Tuesday 7 to 10 p.m. Saturday dance Aug. 28 will feature the School House Band 7 to 10:30 p.m. For more information call the Music Hall at 304-645-4667; Bill Evans at 304-392-6079; Grace Poe at 304-992-5852. The Music Hall is available for weddings and parties.

## Community Block Party

presented by Race Matters will be held Saturday, Aug. 28, from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. at Dorie Miller Park, 451 Feamster Road, Lewisburg. There will be games, entertainment, and concessions. For more information, call 304-610-6834.

## 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.

## 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.

### Greenbrier County Commission

will meet Tuesday, Aug. 24, at 10 a.m. in Room 132. Live Stream from <https://www.facebook.com/gbrcourthouse/> On the agenda:

- Regular Business
  - Approve Minutes - Aug. 10, 2021 regular meeting
  - Settlements of Estates
  - Exonerations/County Splits/Consolidations
- Financial Approvals
  - Arts & Recreation Transfer
  - Budget Revisions
  - Line Item Transfer
  - Pay Bills
- New Business
  - Consider appointments of board members to Region 4 Planning and Development Counsel
  - Consider Draw Request #2 pertaining to the Greenbrier County Broadband Project
- Construction Project
  - Consideration of any necessary actions related to the design, acquisition, construction and equipping of the Greenbrier County Courthouse Project, specifically including, but not limited to, any aspects of the construction contract.
  - Consideration of one or more requisitions related to the Greenbrier County Courthouse Project.
  - Update on status of Greenbrier County Courthouse Project.
  - Consideration of any necessary actions related to the financing for the Greenbrier County Courthouse Project.
  - Consideration of any and all actions related to the foregoing.

## Greenbrier County Magistrate Court Convictions

Shannon Michelle Dunbar, Gap Mills, speeding, fine \$8  
 Leah Rose A. Gibson, Gloucester, VA, traffic violations in construction zone, NCP, fine \$20  
 Tristan L. Lane, Manquin, VA, vehicle entering highway from private road or driveway, GP, fine \$25  
 Abigail Rose Kelchner, Elizabethtown, PA, obstructing officer, NCP, jail 6 days credit 6 days  
 Jared O. Fowler, Covington, VA, driving revoked, GP, fine \$100  
 Jared O. Fowler, Covington, VA, no insurance, GP, fine \$200  
 Matthew W. Howard, Warrenton, VA, traffic violations in construction zone, fine \$20  
 Victor C. Bardas, Rochester Hills, MI, speeding, fine \$5  
 Traci Diane Gardner, Crawley, reckless driving NCP, fine \$100, jail 5 days - suspended and placed on 9 months unsupervised probation  
 Charles Dale Bowyer, Lewisburg, reckless driving, NCP, fine \$75, jail 5 days - suspended and placed on 9 months unsupervised probation  
 James Thomas Persinger, Sr., Lewisburg, speeding, NCP, fine \$10  
 Rebecca J. Legg, Renick, fleeing from an officer, fine \$50  
 Shannon Ashley Taylor Wills, Eaton, OH, speeding, fine \$5  
 Luis I. Alvarez, Miami, FL, driving too fast for road conditions, fine \$5

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## Yard Sale Reminder

The City of Lewisburg would like to remind city residents that the following rules govern yard sales or garage sales within the city. Each sale is restricted to be no more than 48 hours on the same lot and may be held no more than four times per year. A temporary ground sign advertising the sale is permitted on the lot where the sale is being held and can be displayed up to three days before sale event. If you have any questions please call Marsha Cunningham at 304-645-2080.

## City Council

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in there anyway, so we just asked him to go ahead and get us a bid to see what that addition would be.”

Hill explained that this would not be an annually-needed winterizing, but a permanent solution by adding a heater, solid ceiling, and insulation to prevent the water in the facilities from freezing and causing damage when the temperatures start to drop.

“This way we can keep the restrooms open for holiday traffic,” said Hill. “And now that we’ve had some more restaurants that have opened downtown, we have had to double the cleaning downtown in the bathrooms since we’ve seen some new businesses.”

The council also held the second reading of Ordinance 293, updating language within the coded ordinances, and Ordinance 294, rezoning an area north of town from industrial to a planned use development site. No comments were presented from the public for either open hearing.

The first reading of Ordinance 295 regarding public park rental fees was also held. This rate change affects the daily rentals of the shelters at Hollowell and Dorie Miller parks, and also changes the concession stand and ballfield reservations to “per season” rather than per “scheduled league activity.” Council said this bump in pricing is just to help break even with the cost of park cleanup and maintenance.

If passed, the new rate will run as follows:

- Lewisburg Parks Shelter Reservation: \$50/day
- Lewisburg Parks Concession Stand Use: \$10/day or \$100 per season
- Dorie Miller Ballfield Reservation: \$10/day or \$100 per season
- Hollowell Ballfield Reservation: \$10/day or \$100 per season

The ordinance would be made effective Jan. 1, 2022, if the second reading passes at the next council meeting.

Parks Commission Chairperson Sarah Elkins explained, “We have updated this to make them a little more competitive with other fees in the area, we are still the most competitive, I believe, of any municipality in the area as far as how much we charge per day use of the shelters. I think our concession fees say the same. I just want to acknowledge that Councilmember John Little did voice at Finance Committee that he really is uncomfortable with the idea that we have to charge for use of the park, and I want to acknowledge that we are sensitive to that and we will make sure that it is only covering the cost to clean the park and make sure it stays nice.”

In other news:

- Over \$840,000 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds was approved to be designated toward the updating of the municipal water plant.

“Following discussion of the importance of the city’s water supply built for its current residents and as a necessity for future growth, development, and stability, the Finance Committee recommended that the city allocate the entire received amount, \$840,081.66, in funding to the new water plant project,” reported Finance Committee Chair Arron Seams. The city passed the recommendation unanimously.

Councilmember Seams also noted that the Mills Group LLC is working on “wayfinding” signs to be placed in the city to help visitor’s locate public parking, restrooms, shopping, restaurants, and other places of interest. There will be an online version, as well, that is easy to update and download. The cost is not to exceed \$10,000.

• Planning and Zoning Officer Marsha Cunningham reported that after years of work, the Planning Commission is finally closing in on finishing the updated sign ordinances for the city. They hope to wrap up the project next month.

• Parks Chair Elkins said that they have been working on moving forward with some renovations of the pickleball courts at Hollowell Park thanks to the help of some interested citizens and CARES Act funds. The courts will be located adjacent to the skate park. The commission is working to install lights, which will run around \$5,600, and they plan to use the existing poles

there to keep costs down.

- Lewisburg Fire Department Chief Joseph Thomas recommended the city renew their automatic mutual aid agreement with the Fairlea Fire Department that has been instilled for “19 or 20 years.” With the terms of the agreement remaining the same, the council passed it unanimously.

## Back to School Plan

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with area health partners. Health experts agree that the vaccination is effective against the variants, can prevent hospitalization, and reduce the severity of the illness for people who become infected. Additionally, data shows up to 98% of coronavirus-related deaths are people that have not been vaccinated.

Greenbrier County Schools collaborates with community health partners to provide vaccination clinics to students and family members at upcoming high school Open House events. On Aug. 26, COVID-19 vaccines will be offered in addition to the T-dap and Meningitis vaccinations required for students entering grades 7 and 12. The clinic at Greenbrier East High School will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Clinic hours at Greenbrier West High School will be from 5 to 7 p.m.

“Frankly stated, if children and adults who are in the school setting have been vaccinated, they don’t have to quarantine if they become exposed to a COVID-positive individual. It protects students and keeps them in a classroom learning which is where we want them to be,” said Bryant.

As explained by GCS in a protocol infographic, masks are required in school facilities for all Greenbrier County students, staff, and visitors, regardless of vaccination status through September. After Oct. 1, the WVDHHR County Alert Map indicator for the previous day will determine mask-wearing protocol for the next school day. Effective Oct. 1, green or yellow map status will make masks optional on the next school day. Gold, orange, or red map status will make masks a requirement for all staff, students, and visitors on the next school day. The daily mask protocol will be communicated to students and staff by principals as part of their school-day announcements. Masks must be worn at all times while on buses or other school transportation per federal requirements, regardless of color-coded map status.

Lead School Nurse Paula McCoy addresses the decision to mask through September, explaining that, “By masking through September, we are allowing time for COVID-19 infections that may be circulating after the State Fair and the Labor Day weekend to dissipate. This also helps maintain a safer environment for our Pre-K and Kindergarten students who don’t start school until Sept. 9. Exercising caution early on will pay off in the long run in terms of limiting viral illness (including influenza and respiratory syncytial virus) among students and staff and ultimately help us keep schools open.”

Dr. Jennifer Bailey, a local pediatrician, supports the decision to mask, stating, “We have found that masking is a safe and effective strategy to decrease the spread of COVID-19 along with other viral infections that could lead to the loss of school days for our children. People often forget that getting flu or other viral illnesses can also lead to a student being out of instruction. We know from our trends last year that all illness spread was decreased through masking. I support children being in school full time. I also encourage everyone that can be vaccinated to be vaccinated. Our responsibility as a community is to do our part through vaccinations and masking to keep our community spread down. My focus for our children and adolescents is for this to be a recovery year where learning is the focus. Universal masking is a great strategy to help achieve this goal and avoid another full shutdown.”

Kathleen Martin, MD, a member of the American Academy of Pediatrics - WV Chapter and pediatrician at WVSOM, echoed the sentiment stating, “I strongly support in-person learning AND masking. The two have

to go together until our vaccination rates improve drastically.”

Following school board approval of the 2021-222 Back to School Plan on Aug. 18, School Board President Jeanie Wyatt stated, “Our board considered input from students, parents, and staff, in addition to the recommendations of national, state, and local health officials. Almost everyone agrees that keeping our schools open for full-time in-person learning is critically important for our students, parents, and community. Our plan requires masks for the first month. Still, it is flexible enough to respond to our community’s infection and positivity rates so that, after Oct. 1 masks will be optional if our county is in the green or yellow category on the map.”

School officials encourage parents to visit the Back to School page at [greenbriercountyschools.org](http://greenbriercountyschools.org) for additional information and resources.

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# OPINION

## Nature's Way

By Karen Cohen

Master Gardener/Photojournalist/Artist

### Rise, Swell, Increase

My garden has been my refuge this past year and when I think of it, every year. It is green and cool, alive with bees and butterflies and crawly bugs amongst orange bursts of marigolds and cosmos. A place where all my thoughts and worries go bye-bye. It is like a deep meditation with the mantra being GROW.

And grow is what my garden does. Back in May and June when I dropped seeds and transplants into the ground, I could not imagine what my garden would become, though I had a pretty good idea that it would be a bit on the wild side. I am not an A type person, whatever that means. Am I unorganized, maybe a tad. I start that garden journal annually with a commitment to sketch out the beds and where things are planted. I buy a pretty, leather bound journal with a lather tie string and then use it a few times and it disappears. Then, always with dirty hands, I put off finding that pencil and book and tell myself, I'll just remember it all. And I do, sort of. I have over-planted a recent empty garden spot with spinach seeds followed up by lettuce seeds because I couldn't find those darn plant markers. I started with at least 50 of them, white and blank with a pointy end to push into the dirt. Where did they all go? But, I calm myself noting that lettuce and spinach will all go just fine mixed up in a big salad.

Do I push for organization? If you have a group of gardeners, then yes, please put your heads and thoughts together for a great garden design that will please everyone in your group. If you garden alone, maybe with a helper husband as I do, then I advise you to do as you please. Right now with so many restrictions and sometimes disagreements, why stir up more worries? Plant what you like PERIOD.

Need some inspiration these days? I urge you to check out plant catalogs either in print or online. Some fantastic flowers which you have never grown will call your name. My fantasy plant this year was Bergamot, wild Bee Balm. I ordered lovely packs of seeds with watercolor drawings of flowering purple feathers touted as a "must" for any garden. Well, sadly, I ordered three packs and nothing grew. I even put markers in the spaces I planted!

A successful newbie in my garden is chamomile. I worked on an organic farm many years ago in Jersey and chamomile grew in all the pathways between large flat walkway stones. It needed no care at all and flourished on its own. I have tried to coax this little delicate herb year after year. This year-success! Chamomile is a well known mild sedative, helpful as a tea to help you

## Letter to the Editor

### Response to Tuckwiller letter

Dear Editor:

I read with interest Frank Tuckwiller's letter in last week's *Messenger*. It brought back a less than pleasant memory of the night, 16 years ago, when the Greenbrier County school board held the mandated hearing regarding the closing of the Williamsburg school. I was serving on the board at the time and Frank was in attendance along with the sad citizens of Williamsburg who were pleading for their wonderful little school to remain open. We board members hated this duty. But the simple fact was that we didn't have adequate funds to fully staff and operate a K-6 school with an enrollment of 85 students. I, for one, silently grieved with those folks for I had visited WES several times and it could have been labeled a learning paradise. I was so impressed with the creativity of the teachers there that I took my daughter, also a teacher, there for a visit when she was visiting from Florida.

It was during this emotional meeting that Frank stood to address the crowd and declared that his good friend Sue King had assured him that this board had no intention of consolidating elementary schools. Indeed I had done just that, but I had not said that we would never close a school because lurking in the back of my mind had been the fear that this terrible task might be necessary at some time in the future. I was embarrassed and somewhat shocked that a person as savvy as Frank had not stopped to realize the difference in meaning of the terms consolidation and closure.

Now that I've gotten that off my chest I will explain why last week's letter surprised and upset me. I frequently shake my head in amazement when folks who are not educators and have not spent a day in the classroom seem to think they have all the answers to the complex issues facing today's teachers and administrators. As for Frank's questioning the goals of the Greenbrier County schools, I can hold my tongue no longer.

The quote from Nancy Hanna was taken out of context. Nancy is an exemplary educator as I knew she would be years ago when she was my student at GEHS. Her loving heart belongs to the students she taught and now supervises, particularly those who come to school burdened by the insecurity which results from the many complex situations that may victimize them and deter their learning ability. The article described a summer program funded by a grant that Nancy had written and which had been awarded to our schools. The program was open to all students but the many children who have no internet or inadequate internet service were targeted so that they could be given the one on one help they needed to be on an even playing field with others when the school year begins. The "little bit of reading and math" truly was secondary to preparing these students for lots of reading and math and other subjects during the regular term. Any caring teacher knows that a child's self-confidence must be built before he or she can be a successful learner. A wise college professor once told me to "teach the child, not the subject"! Oh,



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sleep or as a tummy settler. I will be making my own concoction this summer from the flowers steeped in hot water for 5-10 minutes, strained and cooled. I'll let you know the results. I may fall asleep right in the tomato patch!

Organization vs Inspiration. One conjures stress (at least in me) and the second word flowers like a bloom right in front of your eyes. Guess which I go with time after time? Do I have to apologize or feel guilty, nah. Quiet the voices in your head and in your home and say, "I will inspire MYSELF" then head to your garden and just grow, baby, grow. Oh, and look at the puffy, white, animal shaped clouds while you're at it!

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how the world needs more Nancy Hannas!

I am still puzzled that Frank chose to quote Board President Jeannie Wyatt who is now into her 16 year of service. Of course the test scores weren't as good as they usually are. How could they have been? What, during the pandemic, was/is normal? Our students have adapted better than many adults have, but the school year was turned upside down just like everything else. No one could be more dedicated to her awesome responsibilities than Jeannie and she has given of herself tirelessly to fulfill her very important responsibilities.

Senator Stephen Baldwin was exactly right when he said that virtual education has not worked. My many conversations with frustrated parents, teachers, and students have convinced me of that. But I really didn't need convincing. I have yet to see a computer screen that can dry a child's tears; give a friendly pat on the back or a hug; listen to a child's happy or sad story, look into a child's eyes and realize that he or she is sad and may need extra attention that day; the list goes on and on and the above mentioned are more important than ever in the world of today. Two totally virtual charter schools have to be the worst idea to come from the Legislature yet!!!! Heaven forbid!!!!

I end this lengthy epistle with my favorite adage: "100 years from now it will not matter what my bank account was, the type of house I lived in, or the kind of car I drove, but the world may be different because I was important in the life of a child."

Sue King,

White Sulphur Springs

### Commentary

## Petition to stop spring and summer chasing of WV black bear

By Eddie Fletcher

Did you know that the WV Division of Natural Resources allows resident bear hunters to use packs of dogs to chase bear year round? Sows and cubs are especially vulnerable in spring and summer months. Being chased by a pack of hunting dogs is one of the many stresses they may encounter at this time. When chased, sows with young cubs can be separated, resulting in orphaned or killed cubs.

Please go to [www.change.org](http://www.change.org) "Give Cubs a Chance," and sign and share!

I am 60 years old and I've been a squirrel hunter for the past 55 years. I am not anti-hunting. I am a West Virginia native and I love WV and have always eaten wild game as a healthy choice. The act of chasing sows and cubs with packs of dogs for "sport" or "pleasure" in spring and summer is wrong and needs to stop. Please sign and share this petition.

## The Back Pew

By Stephen Baldwin



### People are Dying

For the past 17 months, it's been my great honor to serve on the local COVID Task Force. Local leaders from all walks of life - health care, business, government, nonprofits, churches, first responders, and more - work together so that we can better respond to the real world effects of the pandemic.

Why do we do it? Because lives are at stake. People are dying. In Greenbrier County, 66 people died from COVID during the pandemic. In Fayette County, 86 people died. In Monroe County, 18 people died. In Summers, 23 people died. In West Virginia, 2,997 people died. In America, over 624,000 people died.

Those are the stakes. People's lives are on the line. That's why our response to the pandemic matters. Because we want to save as many lives as possible. Each of you reading this knows a family who has lost a loved one. COVID is real. The pain it causes families is real. The sickness it brings on those it infects is real.

With that context in mind, I read Delegate Todd Longanacre's column in which he refers to the COVID pandemic as a "scamdemic." He also called on citizens to, "Shake off the brainwashing." Such political parlor tricks are the principal reason we still can't get this virus under control. Casting doubt on our medical leaders, who tell us vaccines and masks are the best tools we have to fight this virus, is as unprofessional as it is unhelpful as it is unthinkable.

Perhaps most egregious, the Delegate goes on to belittle those charged with keeping our community safe when he wrote, "All of us must keep a close eye on what our County Commissions, City Counsels (sic), elected School Boards, and County Health Officials are doing lest they too shall lead us astray." We should be thanking our public health leaders, not ridiculing them.

Health departments in particular are facing enormous pressures right now. They cannot win in the court of public opinion. So they just keep doing their jobs - trying to protect us from ourselves. We owe them our gratitude and our best effort to stay safe.

The vast majority of West Virginians agree we should listen to our doctors and trust them to give us sound medical advice. For our families, for our schools, for our churches, for our businesses, and for our communities. We all want to be able to live as normally as safely possible. We can do that by following the advice of our medical leaders.

In these trying times, we need to extend grace to each other, rather than riling people up with hysteria and rhetoric. We need to work together. We need to listen more. We need to remember that the medical profession's first rule is, "Do no harm."

Our health departments, nurses, doctors, EMTs, and medical community are our better angels in the fight against COVID. When you see them at the store or at church, thank them for all they're doing to protect us. They have earned our respect and our gratitude.

People are dying. The stakes are high. But do not allow yourself to fall victim to our lesser demons. The American story is one of triumph. Just when it seems there isn't a way, we summon our better angels and find a way.

Now is the time to hold out hope and summon our better angels. We will get through this. Together.

(Senator Stephen Baldwin is the Minority Leader and a local pastor. Reach him at 304-357-7959 or [stephen.baldwin@wvsenate.gov](mailto:stephen.baldwin@wvsenate.gov). Follow him on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram @BaldwinForWV)

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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 or 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.

## Hunter

The Hunter Family Reunion will be held Sept. 4 at 11 a.m. at Smoot Ruritan Park (beside Smoot Fire Department). Family and friends are welcome.

# CLUB & CHURCH

## Girl Scouts stay busy through summer months



At the Fort Chiswell Animal Park: Alexandra Desmond (left), Sorinea Harris, Tonya Martin, Ember Huffman, Luna Huffman, Iris Huffman, and Jessalyn Desmond

Girl Scout Troop 37400 has had an awesome summer. The troop watched Dora and the Lost City of Gold as well as Angry Birds 2 at Lewisburg Cinemas 8, bridged two of their members at Brad Paisley Park, earned their council's Outdoor Summer Challenge Awards, had a taco Tuesday themed meeting, and visited the pool in White Sulphur Springs.

Three members were honored at their councils annual Diamonds are

Forever event, which was held this year at the WV Wildlife Center for high achievements in the scout program. A couple girls attended scout day camp at the Greenbrier State Forest, and one girl attended scout twilight camp at Little Beaver State Park.

The troop also cleaned their local cemetery and decorated graves with new flowers. Recently, the troop traveled to Fort Chiswell Animal Park where they took a safari tour

and visited with and fed several animals. The trip to the zoo was paid in full by the troop with proceeds from last year's annual fall product and cookie sales. The troop would like to remind everyone that they will begin selling nuts, chocolates, and magazines on September 30. The troop is saving up to attend their council's camp in Wheeling next summer with part of this year's sales.

## Marie Leist Foundation accepting grants

The Marie Leist Foundation would like to announce that its deadline for accepting grant requests is Sept. 1.

The Marie Leist Foundation was established in 2005 for the general purpose of making grants for charitable, religious, scientific and educational purposes to benefit the communities of Greenbri-

er and Pocahontas Counties.

If your nonprofit or government organization would like to apply for a grant, please send your letter request to The Marie Leist Foundation, P.O. Box 591, Lewisburg, WV 24901. Also include a copy of your 501(c)(3) tax exemption letter with your request.

## Marguerite Kemp-Sherman interns for Carnegie Hall Kids' College

Every summer Carnegie Hall hosts Kids' College, a summer arts and science day camp for young children. The majority of the planning for the camp takes place during the prior winter and spring. Education Director Leah Trent, Education Associate Harmony Flora, and Volunteer Coordinator Teri Hartford, work to prepare for the classes, hire the teachers, make the brochure, develop the online registration form, secure and train the volunteers, process scholarship applications, and order all the supplies needed for the classes.

Once summer arrives, Carnegie Hall hires a summer intern to help with the camp. Marguerite Kemp-Sherman was hired for the month of July to help with the 2021 Kids' College. Marguerite is well acquainted with Kids' College, since she attended as a child from 2002-2009, served as a volunteer in 2012, and was the summer intern in 2016.

Before the first day of Kids' College in July, Marguerite made nametags for each child, listing all their classes for the day. Then she made and posted signs on the doors of each room in Carnegie Hall identifying which classes would be held in each studio or classroom. She also made signs for each class, which she

stapled to tall sticks to allow students to gather in the correct class groups. Since the students take up to five classes each day, all of these steps are important for Kids' College to run smoothly.

Once Kids' College started, Marguerite helped check in up to 60 students each day. She assisted with setting up the snacks, generously provided by the Greenbrier County Schools, which are distributed during the recess times. She helped supervise the children during their outdoor lunch and recess breaks. She assisted the teachers during the classes if a volunteer was absent. Before the end of each week, she labeled the art bags, donated by IGA, so each student would have a convenient way to carry home all their creations. Marguerite also matched up the T-shirts, sponsored by the Greenbrier County Commission, with the size requested on the students' registration form.

"This is a big task, when you have over 190 students, teachers, staff, and volunteers involved with Kids' College," according to Carn-



Marguerite Kemp-Sherman

egie Hall Development Director Leah Trent. "We are very thankful that Marguerite served as the intern for our 2021 Kids' College. To say she was helpful and crucial to the smooth operation of Kids' College is an understatement. Thank you, Marguerite!"

Carnegie Hall WV is a nonprofit organization supported by individual contributions, grants, and fundraising efforts such as TOOT and The Carnegie Hall Gala. The Hall is located at 611 Church Street, Lewisburg. For more information, contact Education Director Leah Trent at 304-645-7917.

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# OBITUARIES

## Tiffany Davis

**Cintonville**-Tiffany Davis, 31, passed away Monday, Aug. 9, 2021.

She is the daughter to Greta Davis and the late Buddy Davis.

Tiffany is the loving sister to April Davis, Rod Davis, Debbie Crosskell, and Tonya Lenz.

She is a niece to Meredith Livesay, Donald Whittington, Ronald Whittington and Shannon Whittington, and the aunt of Ashley Johnson, Colby Johnson, and Jakob Flack.

Tiffany attended Greenbrier East High School and New River Community College where she earned her Associates Degree in Fine Arts, where she excelled in watercolors.

Tiffany viewed life in ways many people don't. She was a talented, artistic, and free-spirited woman who enjoyed being in nature and capturing its beauty through photography. Tiffany loved laughing and being in the presence of her family and friends. She lived life to the fullest and was an adventurous young woman who will be greatly missed by many who cherished and loved her dearly.

Funeral services for Tiffany were held Sunday, Aug. 15 at the Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Lewisburg where Brother John Stroud officiated. Interment followed at the Jeremiah O'Dell Cemetery on O'Dell Town Road, Nettie, WV. The family received family and friends Sunday at the funeral home before the service.

Donations of sympathy may be made to Bethesda Church, 232 Bob White Lane, White Sulphur Springs, WV 24986.

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**Zelda Maria Harris**

He was born June 25, 1927, in Monroe County, and was the son of the late Edgar Spencer and Emma Honaker Weikel.

In his younger years, Calvin served in the United States Army and toured in World War II. He also worked on the railroad before working with Vercellio and Grogan. Calvin served as Pastor of the Fairlea International Pentecostal Church of Christ for 40 years and held different positions in the church conference such as District Overseer. He was a loving husband and father, and a devout Christian who always put others before himself.

Calvin was preceded in death by his parents; an infant granddaughter, Betty Ann Dixon; his daughters, Yvonne Ester Dixon and Nancy Carol Weikel; and his nine siblings, Inez Holiday, Lola Baker, Leta Baker, Zelma Weikel, Eva Weikel, Roy Weikel, Seibert Weikel, Hobert Weikel, and Virgie Weikel.

Calvin was the last surviving member of his immediate family. Left to cherish his memory are his wife of 73 years, Elouise Morgan Weikel; his son, Charles and Susan Weikel; his daughter, Kimberly and Randy Kirk; his grandchildren, Sandra Dixon, Joseph and Jean Kirk, Randy and Jayne' Kirk, Lauren and Tyler Lundy, Cassie and Owen Weikel, and Jaden Kirk; and several nieces

and nephews and great-grandchildren.

Public viewing services were held at Fairlea International Pentecostal Church of Christ in Fairlea on Sunday, Aug. 15, with funeral services following. A graveside service was held at Bethel Pentecostal Holiness Church Cemetery, Morgan Cave. Justin Dixon, Joseph Kirk, Randy Kirk, Jimmy Lucas, Billy Morgan, and Greg Weikle served as pallbearers.

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Patsy was born at home on the Christian family farm in Keister by the Greenbrier River in West Virginia and attended a one-room schoolhouse until she moved to "the city" to attend her alma mater, Lewisburg High School. Lewisburg would remain her home and community for the most of her life until retiring to Florida. Patsy remained active in both the Lewisburg House & Garden Club and Sarasota Garden Club and served as a nationally accredited Flower Show Master Judge Emeritus, a member of the Old Stone Presbyterian Church's Women's Circle, and an avid golfer with a Hole-in-One to her credit.

She began her professional career at The Greenbrier and worked primarily in the Publicity Department in the Mad-Men Era of business. She had the pleasure of meeting and interviewing many famous individuals in that role but her fondest one was with Pearl S. Buck, Pulitzer and Nobel Prize winning author. But most importantly, she made lifetime friends and met her future husband at the resort. Together she and Walter mortgaged their home to the SBA and sold her U.S. savings bonds to create Walter H. Wingo - Fine Jewelry which serviced the needs of hotel guests through the late 20th century.

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Greece, the Dalmatian coast, and Italy with her son, his wife, Rachel, and their daughter, Kearney, as her last great traveling adventure.

While only having one child with Walter, Patsy was also a mother figure for her stepson, Walter H. Wingo, Jr. (Butch), and a grandmother to Gregg's four children, Helvetia, Adele, and Celeste of Switzerland, Kearney and his stepson, Korey, both of Lewisburg. She was also a great-grandmother of Floyde and Livio of Switzerland; however, long before that she was Grand Patsy to Walter's grandchildren, Chuck, Scott, Andy, Jennifer, Chris, David, Justin, Dylan, Ransom, and Sarah. She was, of course, also Great Grand Patsy to their 14 sons and daughters. Her home was often filled with the laughter and playfulness of children of all ages.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, Aug. 28, at noon at the Old Stone Presbyterian Church in Lewisburg, with a reception following immediately afterwards. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Lewisburg Foundation's Flowers Forever fund in Patsy's name. Donations should be sent to the Lewisburg Foundation, 674 Church Street, Lewisburg, WV 24901. The foundation can be contacted at 304-647-3520 to answer questions concerning their community beautification mission.

Patsy will be interred with her husband and eternal dance partner, Walter, in the Sarasota National Cemetery this fall on a date to be determined.

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## Kedrick Allen Buster



**Ronceverte**-Kedrick Allen "Al" Buster, 86, passed away Saturday, Aug. 14, 2021, at the Brian Center in Low Moor, VA.

Al was born Sept. 17, 1934, in Powellton, WV, the son of the late Homer and Jessie Workman Buster.

He was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Ronceverte. Al was a retired TSGT with the U.S. Air Force. He, also, was a retired supervisor with ABB. After retirement from ABB, Al became a starter on the golf courses at The Greenbrier Hotel. He loved to fly fish with the flies that he created and tied.

Most importantly was his family, whom he adored and enjoyed the

time that they spent together.

Other than his parents he was preceded in death by two sisters, Emma Jane Munsey and Rosa Lee Williams.

Surviving are his wife, Carmen Montgomery Buster; daughter, Danith Flanagan and husband Ty of Earlysville, VA; son, Mark K. Buster and wife Glenda of Mt. Crawford, VA; grandchildren, Molly Flanagan, John Kedrick Flanagan and Aaron Mark Buster; his special niece, Paulette McNeely and her daughters Josie and Katie and their daughters Evie and Ruby.

Funeral services for Al will be held Friday, Aug. 20, at 11 a.m. at the Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Lewisburg with Dr. Joseph Geiger officiating.

Interment will be at 2 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 20, with military honors at Montgomery Memorial Park in London, WV.

The family will receive family and friends Friday at the funeral home from 10 a.m. until time of services.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests that memorial contributions be made to Trinity United Methodist Church, 373 Pocahontas Avenue, Ronceverte, WV 24970 or to Greenbrier County Emergency Ambulance Service, 257 3rd Street, Lewisburg, WV 24901.

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## Carl Keith LaRue



**Lewisburg**-Carl Keith LaRue, 73, passed away Thursday, Aug. 12, 2021, at Greenbrier Valley Medical Center.

Born Apr. 15, 1948, in Ronceverte, he was the son of the late Paul Edgar LaRue and Mary Virginia Adwell Winger.

Carl was a US Army Korean War Veteran. He was a Master Electrician and had worked for Mulligan Lumber and Total Plant Maintenance. He was all around very talented in music, writing, drawing, painting, and glass etching.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a daughter, Cindy Hanna and a sister, Martha Sue LaRue.

Survivors include his loving wife of 52 years, Beverly Dawson LaRue; daughter, Angie Huffman (Greg) of Lewisburg; brothers, Edgar Lee LaRue (Linda) of Lewisburg, and Gary LaRue (Gary) of Ft. Lauderdale, FL; sisters, Donna Eames (Brad) of Warrenton, VA and Bonnie Ramsey (Kirby) of Lewisburg; grandchild-

dren, Nicole Bumgarner, Justin and Jason Huffman, all of Lewisburg, and Ashley Hanna of Frankford; great-grandchildren, Tanner Dowdy, Payton and Tristan Hughes, Laci and Wyatt Huffman; as well as three nephews.

It was Carl's wish to be cremated. A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 21, at the Morgan Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Frank Jones and Pastor Jim Johnson officiating. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service Saturday at the funeral home.

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

## Jerry Lee Harris



**Alderson**-Jerry Lee Harris, 69, passed away surrounded by his family on Tuesday, Aug. 11, 2021, at the Peyton Hospice House in Lewisburg.

He was born on Sept. 30, 1951, in Ronceverte, a son of the late G. Hugh and Alice Mae (Moten) Harris.

After graduating Greenbrier East High School in 1969, Jerry served his county during the Vietnam Conflict. He proudly worked for the WV Department of Highways as a bridge engineer for 37 years, after retiring he worked for TRC contracting. Jerry was involved in the community and many organizations, he was a member of the Old Greenbrier Baptist Church in Alderson, Masonic Lodge #70 AF&AM, The Grand Chapter Royal Arch Mason of WV #21, Greenbrier Commandery #15 Knights Temple, Beni Kedem Shrine, and the Alderson Order of Eastern Star #119.

Jerry will be remembered for his love of farming, hunting, enjoying the great outdoors, but most of all, he enjoyed spending time with family and friends.

He is survived by his loving wife of 19 years, Julia (Crawford) Harris. The couple married on Dec. 30, 2002. He is also survived by daughters, Leslie and husband Dr. Jacob Cayanus of Detroit, MI, and Monica Walker of Alderson; his brothers, Garland Hugh Harris and wife Sharon of Alderson and David Harris and wife Barbara of Morgantown; his sister, Sheila Harris of Alderson; his brother-in-law, John Crawford of Alderson; his grandchildren, McGuire Reid, Noah Reid, and Avery Reid of Detroit and Jaydon Carter and Adairean Walker of Alderson; his uncle, Earl Ray Moten and wife Wanda of Peterstown; as well as many loving nieces, nephews, and cousins.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded

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# SCHOOL

## Day of Service prompts 204 WVSOM students to volunteer in Greenbrier County



Students plant flowers at the entrance of Eastern Greenbrier Middle School. (Photo courtesy WVSOM)

Students at the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine (WVSOM) discovered the rewards of giving back to their community during a volunteer event. Known as the Day of Service, the outing was organized by the school's Office of Student Affairs. Each year at the close of orientation week, first- and second-year students participate in community

service projects at various locations in and near Lewisburg.

This year, 204 students gathered at 18 sites in Lewisburg, Fairlea, Ronceverte, Frankford, Maxwellton and White Sulphur Springs to help with tasks involving physical labor. Students painted, cleaned, swept, hung banners and performed landscaping and gardening work, among

other assignments. Eleven WVSOM faculty and staff members participated as well.

Anosh Akbar, a first-year WVSOM student, was one of about 10 volunteers who picked up garbage at Dorie Miller Park in Lewisburg. She said she values the school's dedication to producing future physicians who care about their communities.

"Community service is at the heart of being a medical student, and a commitment to helping others will make us better doctors one day," Akbar said. "It was nice to talk with peers as we worked together, and it gave us the opportunity to meet people from the area we hope to serve."

First-year student Wyatt Grimm, who helped sweep out barns and wipe down bleachers on the grounds of the State Fair of West Virginia in Fairlea, said he was pleased to contribute to the cleanup effort.

"Community service gives us opportunities to have an impact on the place we live," he said. "While volunteering at the fairground, I met new people and worked with them to make our environment better. Community service can help build a rapport that makes patient care better for both parties."

Organizations benefiting from the volunteer work included the City of Lewisburg, the State Fair of West Virginia, four area elementary and middle schools, and a number of churches,

nonprofit agencies and businesses.

Students who take part in the Day of Service earn hours through the WVSOM Student Government Association's Translating Osteopathic Understanding into Community Health (T.O.U.C.H.) program, which recognizes those who reach a predetermined number of volunteer hours in a given academic year. During the 2020-21 academic year, students completed a combined total of more than 6,000 T.O.U.C.H. hours.

Belinda Evans, WV-

SOM's director of student life, said the event serves as a bridge between local residents and the osteopathic medical school.

"It's an opportunity for the community to connect with our students," Evans said. "The people in Lewisburg and the surrounding areas play an important role in supporting our aspiring physicians, and the Day of Service is one of the ways we're able to return the favor. It's a chance for WVSOM to show it truly cares about those who give our students a wonderful place to live."

## Micah Farr of Meadow Bridge named to Lee University Spring Dean's List

Lee University congratulates Micah Farr of Meadow Bridge on earning Dean's List honors during the Spring 2021 semester.

Dean's List recognition is earned by full-time, on-campus students with a semester grade point average between 3.7 and 4.00.

Lee University is a private, comprehensive university located in Cleveland, TN, in the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains. Lee has emerged as a leader in higher education in the southeastern region. The university's reputation as a quality institution can be seen in the high caliber of faculty, students, and friends who are drawn to the campus.

Over the past two decades, Lee has become one of the largest Christ-centered private universities in the nation. During that period, the university has undergone a remarkable transformation that has included significant growth in academic programs, athletics, student enrollment, faculty expertise and diversity, as well as an expanded sense of mission and vision.

## New River CTC uses federal funds to pay off student debts

New River Community and Technical College has used federal stimulus funds from the "American Rescue Plan" to forgive more than \$145,000 in student debt to the college.

"We realize that the past 17 months have been difficult for many of our students," explained New River CTC President Dr. Bonny Copenhaver. "We wanted to ensure that financial hardships did not keep our students from completing their program of study at New River CTC."

Students with unpaid balances from the previous five terms, spring 2020, summer 2020, fall 2020, spring 2021 and summer 2021, were eligible to have their balances paid off. New River CTC began notifying students that the financial holds on their accounts had been removed earlier this month to allow students to register for fall 2021 classes.

Since 2020, New River CTC has distributed more than \$688,000 in emergency grant funds directly to college students.

Visit [www.newriver.edu](http://www.newriver.edu), email [admissions@newriver.edu](mailto:admissions@newriver.edu), or call 1-866-349-3739 for more information about New River CTC.

## CDL trainings planned for fall at NRCTC

New River Community and Technical College is offering a CDL learner's permit class along with Class A and Class B CDL courses at the college's Advanced Technology Center in Ghent this fall.

Class A CDL classes will start on Aug. 30 and Nov. 1. The six-week courses provide 180 contact hours of training to prepare students for the driving test, and students can test on-site in the college's truck on the last day of class.

Class B CDL class is scheduled to begin on Oct. 18. The four-day course gives students an opportunity to complete training and seat time to obtain the Class B CDL license with the school bus and passenger endorsement.

CDL A and B courses are held Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. with testing available on-site on the last day of class.

The CDL learner's permit class will be offered on Oct. 25, to prepare eligible students to take the CDL learner's permit exam.

CDL students must have a valid-unrestricted driver's license for a minimum of two years and obtain a Class A or B CDL learner's permit at least two weeks prior to the start of class.

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.

## Renick Ruritan Club presents Scholarships

On Thursday, Aug. 5, Renick Ruritan President David Ramsey presented two \$1,000 scholarships at the club's annual family picnic. The 2021 Matthew Gabbert scholarship recipients are Ozell Brown, daughter of John and Danielle Brown of Auto, and Kendra Bostic, daughter of Archie and Natasha Bostic of Renick.

Ozell will be attending New River Community & Technical College in Lewisburg this fall, while Kendra will be attending West Virginia University in Morgantown.



David Ramsey, president of Renick Ruritan Club, presenting a \$1,000 Matthew Gabbert Scholarship to Kendra Bostic.



David Ramsey, president of Renick Ruritan Club, presenting a \$1,000 Matthew Gabbert Scholarship to Ozell Brown.

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in death by his brothers, James Earl Harris and Larry Joe Harris; his adopted sister, Melinda Bogges Bowden; and grandchild, Corbin Walker.

Funeral services were held on Monday, Aug. 16, at the Old Greenbrier Baptist Church in Alderson where the Reverend Roger Adams officiated. Burial followed in the Old Greenbrier Memorial Cemetery in Alderson, with military funeral honors and Masonic graveside rights conducted by Alderson Masonic Lodge #70 AF&AM.

Friends called Sunday evening, Aug. 15, at the Old Greenbrier Baptist Church in Alderson, and one hour prior to services at the Church on Monday.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that memorial donations be made to the Peyton Hospice House, 1265 Maplewood Ave., Lewisburg, WV 24901.

Lobban Funeral Home is honored in being entrusted with the arrangements.

Condolences and memories may be shared with the Harris family online at [www.lobbanfh.com](http://www.lobbanfh.com).

### Virginia Carol Pettigrew Miller



Virginia Carol Pettigrew Miller, 83, took the hand of her Savior and crossed over into God's beautiful garden Monday, Aug. 16, 2021, with her family at her side.

Raised in Alderson, Carol was born to the late Dyer and Violet Virginia Miller Pettigrew on Aug. 31, 1937.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her son, Barry Levan Miller, and brother,

Charles (Bill) Pettigrew.

She graduated from Alderson High School in 1955 and then went on to attend Greenbrier College for Women in Lewisburg.

The epitome of the perfect wife, mother and homemaker, Carol dedicated her life to the care and well-being of her family. Rising before the sun and working until the job was complete, she spent her time cooking, cleaning, washing, and even making clothes for her children. With a love for the Lord and His church, Carol taught her children to understand the power of prayer and the need for study, fellowship, and worship. There could be no better home than the one Carol exemplified with love throughout her life for her children.

Time spent outdoors relishing in God's beautiful creation brought peace and contentment to Carol. Actively involved in various garden clubs throughout her life, there was no better way to experience nature than to work in her own garden preparing the soil, caring for plants, and waiting for the beautiful blooms in due season. Carol's hands were just an extension of her heart. Her skill sewing and her artistry as a painter brought to life many beautiful creations, which she shared her gifts with those she loved. A handmade item or a canvas full of color was the perfect gift for any occasion, and you consid-

ered yourself fortunate to be among the recipients.

Carol is survived by her husband of 63 years, Ward Miller; children, Michael L. Miller and wife Marla, Debra Sue McInerney and husband Tony, and Sarah Jane Lopez-Calleja and husband Mario; daughter-in-law, Teresa Miller; grandchildren, Kevin, Lauren, Mark, Michael, Megan, Nicholas, Matthew, Emma, Erica, and Leah; and great-grandchildren, Kaley and Winston. She is also survived by her brothers, Robert Pettigrew and Danny Pettigrew.

The family received friends Thursday, Aug. 19, at Walnut Creek Free Will Baptist Church in Goldsboro, NC, followed by a service to celebrate Carol's life in the sanctuary where Rev. Tony McLamb officiated.

The family will also greet family and friends Saturday, Aug. 21, from 1 to 2 p.m. at Lobban Funeral Home in Alderson, followed by a graveside service at 2:30 p.m. in the Alderson Cemetery with Pastor Randy Burdette officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations be made to Walnut Creek Free Will Baptist Church, Goldsboro, NC and/or Flat Mountain Missionary Baptist Church, Alderson, WV.

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



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# Sprouting Farms Mobile Markets



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Sprouting Farms Mobile Markets are in full swing! Sprouting Farms is bringing fresh produce from local farmers to a location near you. Monroe County Markets are every Wednesday at Lindsie Senior Center from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and Greenville Farm Kitchen in the old Greenville High School Cafeteria from 2 to 5 p.m. The markets in Summers County are every other Friday (Aug. 27, Sept. 10, Sept. 24, Oct. 8, and Oct. 22) at the Summers County Council on Aging parking lot from 12 noon to 2 p.m. and the Hilldale Dollar Store parking lot from 3 to 5 p.m.

They accept SNAP EBT, Senior Vouchers, and offer Senior and SNAP Stretch Discounts. Stop by and eat local!

# The Schoolhouse Hotel names new Executive Chef

The Schoolhouse Hotel is thrilled to announce the newest member of our team, Executive Chef Adeyemi "Day Day" Allen. Chef Allen comes to White Sulphur Springs via the popular Ballantyne Luxury Hotel in Charlotte, NC, where he has served as the Executive Banquet Chef since 2018.

Chef Allen is no stranger to White Sulphur Springs or The Schoolhouse Hotel. He walked the halls of the school as a student years ago, and graced its basketball court in league games. He is also worked under Chef Peter Timmins at The Greenbrier and served as Lead Chef at The Greenbrier for four years.

"Working at The Greenbrier and other upscale hotels taught me a lot about hospitality and food service needs," says Allen. "Things like learning what guests like or need before they arrive, always addressing them by name, and building a portfolio around that guest - those are the things that will take us to the next level and make everyone feel welcomed at The Schoolhouse Hotel."

Chef Allen says that when his mother passed away a few years ago, he left the region while most of his siblings stayed somewhat close. When the opportunity to open The Schoolhouse Hotel came along, he decided it was time to come back.

"I prayed on it and it just felt right," he says. "After touring the place, it brought back a lot of memories. I feel



**Executive Chef Adeyemi "Day Day" Allen** (Article and photo courtesy of [theschoolhousehotelwv.com](http://theschoolhousehotelwv.com))

very blessed to have this opportunity to come home and do some exciting things with this hotel."

"We are thrilled to have a White Sulphur Springs native come home to join our team at The Schoolhouse Hotel!" exclaims General Manager Cindy Bennett. "As the food scene in White Sulphur continues to grow Chef Allen's fresh, innovative style combined with his love of regional cuisine will make him someone to watch for sure."

Chef Allen says that guests should expect an upscale southern approach to his menu. "We will have something that pleases everyone. But if it's a burger or steak you're ordering, it's going to be the best burger or steak around!"

The Schoolhouse Hotel will begin taking room reservations this fall. They are already in the middle of a giveaway of \$25,000 to the first few lucky couples that book a wedding for 2022. A Job Fair will be held Sept. 10-11. For more information about the hotel and wedding giveaway, visit [www.TheSchoolhouseHotelWV.com](http://www.TheSchoolhouseHotelWV.com).

# UScellular turns on additional 5G Network for Beckley, Lewisburg customers

UScellular customers in the greater Beckley area now have additional access to the company's 5G network. New 5G equipment in Beckley, Hinton, Fayetteville, Lewisburg and Summersville, to Elkins and beyond offers additional coverage through West Virginia. Beckley joins multiple communities like Beckley and Martinsburg.

"UScellular customers in Beckley will have access to even faster data connection speeds for a better experience on city streets, country roads and in their homes," said Nakeita Stewart, director of sales for UScellular in the Mid-Atlantic "We encourage our new and current customers to check out the growing number of 5G smartphones and connected devices in our portfolio so they can benefit as we expand our 5G network."

The multi-year network expansion for 5G in West Virginia is a result of previous

network investments to modernize equipment and software. In 2020, UScellular invested \$8.6 million in 5G upgrades to enhance the network experience for West Virginia residents.

This initial 5G network deployment is on the company's 600 MHz spectrum and will provide customers in West Virginia communities with faster data speeds, seamless video chatting and a more responsive mobile experience. The company has a growing portfolio of 5G smartphones from Apple, Google and Samsung, connected devices and IoT solutions with a range of price points for everyone to experience 5G.

A 5G coverage map is available at <https://www.uscellular.com/coverage-map>. This will be updated as more 5G network coverage is added. For more information about UScellular's 5G network, please go to [uscellular.com/5G](http://uscellular.com/5G).

# 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 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 licenses, to do so using the Enterprise Registration and Licensing System. Both systems are available 24/7 at [www.sos.wv.gov](http://www.sos.wv.gov).

For more information or assistance, business owners may also call the WVSOS Business & Licensing Division at 304-558-8000.

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**Personal Property Forms – October 1st, 2021**

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EXDIET

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FILTER

Fatly  
AMERGE

Gear  
CHATTER

TODAY'S WORD

## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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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:** ◆◆◆

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◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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### HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Bow is larger. 2. Hedge is missing. 3. Pants are different. 4. Base is missing. 5. Arm is showing. 6. Fence is shorter.

# A Look Back

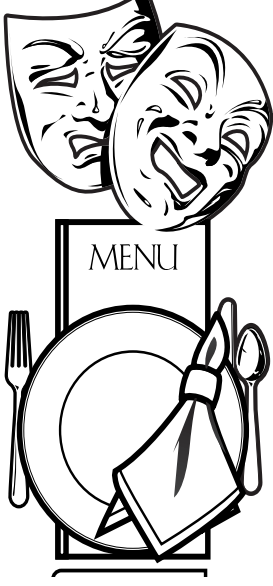
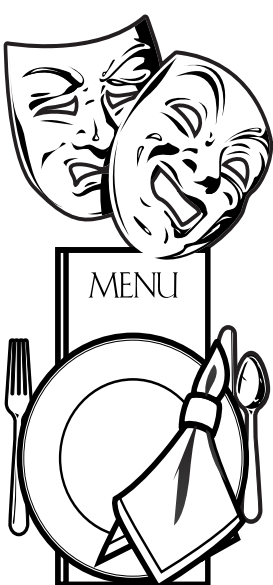


Courtesy of Greenbrier Historical Society

**By William "Skip" Deegans**  
Nearly 100 years ago, E.A. (Eugene) Tuckwiller and S.S. (Slater) Tuckwiller opened Lewisburg Motor Company, a Ford dealership on Washington Street, where Lewisburg's Food & Friends restaurant is located. In 1929, The *Greenbrier Inde-*

*pendent* described the enterprise as "possibly the best-known automobile dealer is Greenbrier County." That year, they offered a Ford Fordor Sedan for \$625 plus shipping costs from Detroit. In 1937, Marion and Lula Pitsenbarger signed a note, possibly to finance a car, for \$202

with the Tuckwillers doing business as Lewisburg Motor Company. The note was secured by one roan cow and black calf, one black bull, one two-year old red heifer, and one four-month old red calf. The Pitsenbargers agreed to feed and take care of the animals.



## Super Crossword

CONTRIBUTOR EDITOR

**ACROSS**

1 Puck surface  
4 Transparent  
9 Nick of "Weeds"  
14 Urged (on)  
19 Source of bean curd  
20 Figure skater Sonja  
21 Luau "hello"  
22 Thousand: Prefix  
23 Soft leather sewn over fabric tears?  
26 Poker entry fee  
27 Elevate  
28 USMC rank  
29 Tabby that's a national government's mascot?  
31 Peace Nobel  
32 Sounded like a cow  
34 Antarctic penguin  
35 Enticingly beautiful mugs?  
40 Braininess  
43 How distant stars shine  
44 White-rayed flower  
47 Trevor of "The Daily Show"

**DOWN**

1 Emanates  
2 Duo  
3 Lashes' base  
4 See 87-Down  
5 Shoved off  
6 Rocker Brian  
7 Use a fan on  
8 Steinbeck novella, with "The"  
9 "Platoon" war zone, in brief  
10 Snowman in "Frozen"  
11 Box in an opera house  
12 Silents star Bara  
13 Mollified  
14 Mummify  
15 Former New York City mayor Rudy  
16 Antifreeze compound  
17 Kazan of film  
18 By — (owing to)  
24 God, to Henri  
25 Baldwin of "Still Alice"  
30 Apt., e.g.  
32 Brunch quaff  
33 "My man!"  
36 Roman 401  
37 Quirky habit  
38 Brake part  
39 Male title of respect

**48** Port on the Gulf of Mexico  
**52** Poet Doolittle who did all of her writing in her boudoir?  
**55** Caspian Sea feeder  
**56** "Don't leave!"  
**59** Easily spread cheese  
**60** Put decorations on your phone, then dial someone's number?  
**66** Ticked by  
**71** Warrant  
**72** Wearing a fancy crown  
**74** Verdi opera  
**75** Maker of Galaxy phones  
**77** Crustacean that's most active just before sunup?  
**79** "Exile" New Age artist  
**81** Falco with four Emmys  
**82** Notion, in Nantes  
**83** Black hole sucking in everything around it?

**90** People lamenting  
**93** \$\$\$ spitter-outers  
**94** Like clipped sheep  
**95** Consumers  
**97** Tooted  
**100** Smug know-it-alls shoplift?  
**106** Having its petroleum imported, as a nation  
**109** Cosmic path  
**110** "My treat!"  
**111** Subtract the cost of an adhesive roll?  
**115** Bruin Bobby  
**116** Red-eyed songbirds  
**118** Actress Donovan of "Clueless"  
**119** Shopping containers holding more sinful items?  
**122** Salk of the Salk vaccine  
**123** Modify  
**124** Cliff nest  
**125** Luau gift  
**126** Viewpoint  
**127** Insolent  
**128** Norwegian money  
**129** Reno-to-L.A. dir.

**41** Smidgen  
**42** "— Na Na"  
**45** Bawl  
**46** Days of old  
**48** Lipstick units  
**49** Action venue  
**50** Female title of respect  
**51** Ancient Roman lower class  
**52** Via automobile  
**53** Director Forman  
**54** Moor shrub  
**57** It blasts  
**58** Take — (swim or bathe)  
**61** Given a hint  
**62** Singer Loggins  
**63** "Rules — rules"  
**64** Worker filling a cargo hold, say  
**65** Spearhead  
**67** Great risk  
**68** Begin to fail  
**69** Bugs buggler Fudd  
**70** Ninnies  
**73** Imbiber's hwy. offense  
**76** P.E. places  
**78** Most recent "Makes sense now"  
**83** Chitchat  
**84** Map no.

**85** Editing  
**86** Adoption of a cause  
**87** With 4-Down, cooking reality series  
**88** Uno tripled  
**89** Prefix with spore  
**91** Dadaist Jean  
**92** Prefix with thermal  
**95** Toni Braxton's "— My Heart"  
**96** Swizzle stick  
**98** Totally cover  
**99** Speck  
**101** Yank who wore #13  
**102** Wine stopper  
**103** Genuflects  
**104** Overplays it  
**105** Actress O'Shea  
**107** "— the best of times ..."  
**108** Boxer Ali  
**111** — vu  
**112** University in North Carolina  
**113** Agts.' cuts  
**114** Just makes, with "out"  
**116** Narcissistic  
**117** "Makes sense now"  
**120** Suffix with cook or mock  
**121** "My man!"



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# STEPPIN' OUT

## Ivy Terrace Concert Series continues with Steel Pterodactyl



Steel Pterodactyl

Local rock and reggae group Steel Pterodactyl will take the terrace for Carnegie Hall's upcoming Ivy Terrace Concert on Thursday, Aug. 26, at 7 p.m. The concert will take place outside on Carnegie Hall's Ivy Terrace as attendees watch from the expansive lawn in front of New River Community and Technical College. Concert goers are encouraged to

bring a lawn chair or blanket and pack a picnic to enjoy live music. All Ivy Terrace concerts are free, open to the public, and alcohol free.

Formed in 1992, Steel Pterodactyl has performed at venues and festivals across West Virginia, Virginia, and Maryland with such groups as JGB, Ekoostic Hooka, Rasta Rafiki, The Recipe, and many more.

In 2020, the band added a horn section, and now includes members Chris Baker (guitar/vocals), Casey Cantrell (drums), Chris Clemons (bass), Jeff Eisenbeiss (acoustic guitar/percussion/vocals), Rick Leatherman (Sax), Philip McLaughlin (guitar/keyboard/vocals), Steve Metzler (trombone), and Brennan Wood (trumpet).

The remaining Ivy Terrace schedule is Seldom Free (original groove/rock) on Sept. 9, Jack Grace Band (original alt-country) on Sept. 23, and Chance McCoy (indie folk) on Oct. 7.

So mark your calendars and get excited about this summer in Lewisburg. The 2021 Carnegie Hall Ivy Terrace Concert Series is a "must do" for visitors and locals alike and is sponsored by City National Bank. For more information, please visit [www.carnegiehallwv.org](http://www.carnegiehallwv.org) or call 304-645-7917.

## 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.aldersongallery.com> for a list of current artists, online shopping, and events.

## Carnegie Hall Kids' College a success



2021 Kids' College group photo

The 28th annual Kids' College hosted children from California, Maryland, Minnesota, Montana, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Virginia, and West Virginia as they enrolled in up to five different arts and science classes each day. From July 12 through July 30, more than 139 children in grade 2-8 attended the day camp. Every room and studio in Carnegie Hall, including the auditorium and kitchen, were filled with children learning, creating, and discovering new things.

Kids' College is a summer day

camp where children expand their artistic horizons in a safe and nurturing environment. Nineteen teaching artists assisted by 23 volunteers taught classes in archaeology, basket weaving, cooking, fashion design, fiber arts, ki aikido, music, origami, painting, pottery, tie-dye, and more! Several new teaching artists joined the Kids' College staff this summer including Sarah Shepherd and Harmony Flora who taught the morning Kids in the Kitchen classes, Thomas Ruggiero who taught Fabrics to Fashion, Lynn Creamer who taught Fiber Arts, and

Susan Adkins who taught Harp.

Carnegie Hall would like to thank the United Way of Greenbrier Valley and several generous individual donors who gave money so that we could provide scholarships to 19 children from five different counties in West Virginia. We also want to thank Uncle Larry's Fund for their support, the Greenbrier County Commission for sponsoring the Kids' College T-shirts, IGA for the large paper bags, and the Greenbrier County Schools for providing drinks, snacks, and fresh fruit during recess times.

Next year's Kids' College will be held on July 11-15 and July 18-22, 2022. Registration begins in Apr. 2022. If you are interested in teaching a class at the next Kids' College, teaching proposals are due in November 2021. We also need adult and young volunteers to help with the classes. Contact Harmony Flora, education associate, or Leah Trent, education director, for more information at 304-645-7917.

## Trillium to begin Dance classes

Trillium School for the Performing Arts dance classes with Hannah Morningstar-Stout will begin Monday, Aug. 30 and Wednesday, Sept. 2. Classes are for age 3 and up and will include tap, ballet and jazz, as well as an adult tap class. There is open registration on Thursday, Aug. 26, 4 to 7 p.m. at the historic Lewis Theatre. Please enter through the stage door at the back. More information and a complete schedule is at [trilliumperformingarts.org](http://trilliumperformingarts.org).

Trillium Performing Youth with Carli Mareneck will begin Tuesday, Sept. 7. This is a modern dance company for age 14-18. This year there are two tracks, one is Tuesdays only and the other is a more intensive Tuesday and Thursday track. Interviews and auditions are Tuesday, Aug. 31, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Lewis Theatre. Please enter through stage door at the back.

Both groups are fun and have many opportunities to perform both live and through video recordings. Scholarships are available.

Health protocols will be followed with masks being worn in class at this time. This will be reevaluated on a regular basis.

For more information you can call the Trillium office at 304-645-3003 or like their page on Facebook at Trillium Performing Arts.

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# Freshwater Folk Festival set for September 11



Jim Snyder



Richard Hefner & Blaine Sprouse by Cheryl Mansley

On Saturday, Sept. 11, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., the Freshwater Folk Festival will take place at the White Sulphur Springs National Fish Hatchery. It'll be a day of fun for the whole family with live music by The Black Mountain Bluegrass Boys, Jim Snyder, and The Rust Brothers, plus food, crafts, exhibits and hands-on educational activities designed to foster understanding, appreciation and conservation of freshwater resources. It also celebrates the rich culture and natural history of West Virginia.

Live music will kick off with The Rust Brothers at 10 a.m. The Rust Brothers are George Piasecki on bass, Jim Wright on guitar and vocals, and Bob Ducharme on vocals, guitar and gaitjo. The Rust Brothers perform music ranging from oldies to folk and pop with a bit of rock 'n roll and blues tossed in, and they do it in a back porch, good-time kind of way. As DuCharme says, "Fun first, and lastly!"

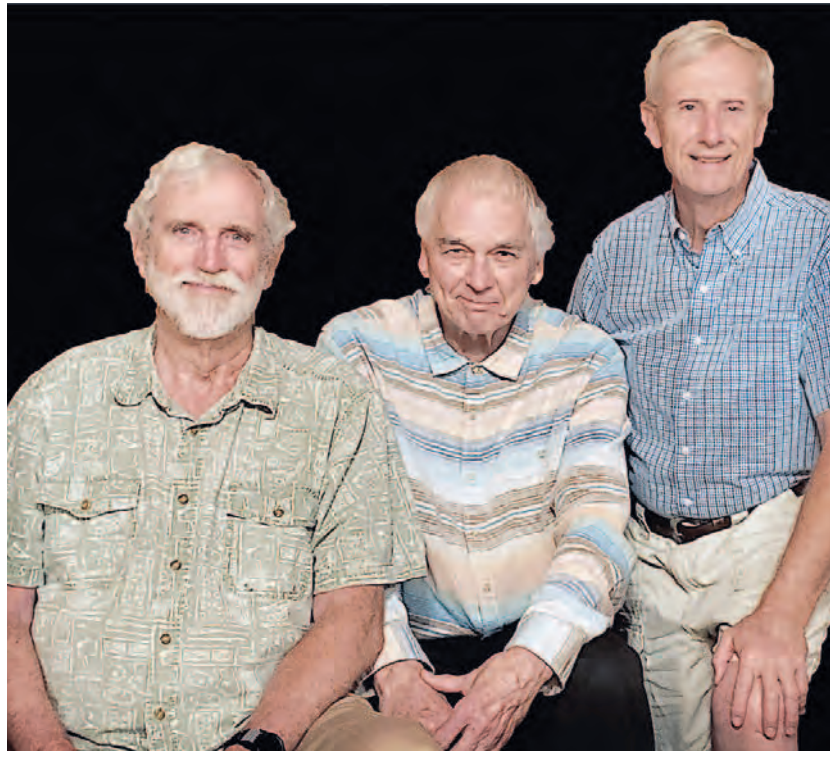
At 11 a.m., singer-songwriter Jim Snyder will take the stage. His music runs the gamut from folk, rock, and gospel to blues and bluegrass. Besides being a performing artist, he is also the Director of the WV Winter Music Festival, the D Street Art & Music Series and Colesmouth Concerts. He'll be joined by bassist Bob Riggleman and percussionist Scott Logsdon.

From 1 to 3 p.m. legendary banjo player Richard Hefner will be onstage with his band The Black Mountain Bluegrass Boys. Hefner is known for his high lonesome tenor, lead vocals and dynamic banjo style that is much like that of Ralph Stanley, Earl Scruggs and Don Reno. The band's fiddler, Blaine Sprouse, is one of the top fiddlers in the US today. Sprouse began his career at the age of 17, playing with the "King of Bluegrass," Jimmy Martin. Since then, he has played and recorded with top Bluegrass artists including the Osborne Brothers, Bill Monroe, The Dreadful Snakes featuring Bela Fleck, Peter Rowan and many more.

Roy Moose from the Cranberry Mountain Nature Center will be there with his "Snakes of West Virginia." Displays and demonstrations ranging from wildlife presentations and scientific phenomena to educational exhibits that celebrate the rich culture and natural history of West Virginia will be presented by groups such as the US Fish and Wildlife Service, Hanging Rocks Raptor Observatory, the US Forest Service, WVSOM students, Sigma Xi Scientific

Research Honor Society, The Grotto, and the West Virginia Cave Conservancy. Tours of the fish hatchery will also be available.

Please join us on Sept. 11 at the White Sulphur Springs National Fish Hatchery, 400 E Main Street. Admission is FREE! For more information, call 304-646-0602, visit [www.freshwaterfolkfestival.org](http://www.freshwaterfolkfestival.org), or Freshwater Folk Festival on Facebook.



The Rust Brothers by Cheryl Mansley

## Jamie Lester featured at Old Stone Room Gallery



"Bird Girl" Bronze Sculpture by Jamie Lester on display in Carnegie Hall's Old Stone Room Gallery.

Carnegie Hall's August/September Exhibits are underway and run through September. The Old Stone Room Gallery not only features paintings by Deborah Diane Lester, but also showcases sculptures by her son, Jamie Lester of Morgantown.

Jamie Lester was born in 1974 in Oceana, WV, a small

mining town in Wyoming County. After graduating from West Virginia University in 1997 with a Bachelor of Fine Arts, he formed Lester Sculpture, specializing in figurative works through sculpture, paintings, and other art mediums.

His professional career began post-graduation and he has been successfully self-employed for over 25 years. Pivotal moments in his career include designing the

obverse side of the West Virginia State Commemorative Quarter, sculpting over 40 larger-than-life monumental figures, and thousands of bas reliefs.

Lester's award-winning bronze sculpture has shown in galleries in West Virginia, Baltimore Maryland, Wales, and The Society of Fine Arts and Crafts in Boston, Massachusetts. He is a member of the Portrait Society of America and the National Sculpture Society.

His experience in the monumental bronze industry is specialized in portraiture and figurative sculpture. Since 1997, Jamie has sculpted thousands of bas-relief portraits and has completed a multitude of largescale bronze statues. His bronze figures possess a dynamic sensitivity with exquisite detail.

Lester spent five weeks studying figurative sculpture in Jingdezhen, Xian, and Beijing, China in 2011, while teaching as a guest artist at Jingdezhen Ceramics Institute. In 2015 Jamie completed a two-week course of study in Rome, Italy, focusing on the figurative sculpture of Gian Lorenzo Bernini.

The Brooklyn Wall of Remembrance at Keyspan Park on Coney Island is one of the most well-known and widely viewed works produced by Jamie Lester. The six-foot-

tall figures were commissioned in 2002 to commemorate the 105 firefighters from Brooklyn who lost their lives in the attack on the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001.

In addition to his nationally recognized works Lester has completed over 30 monument-sized sculptures for the Boy Scouts of America in just 4 years.

Lester's experience in portraiture positions him as one of the finest portrait sculptors in the nation. Though his portrait work is admired by many all over the United States, Lester also sculpts and creates abstract designs as well. Inspired by Robert Indiana, Lester has produced comparable renditions of this style for private collectors and public art.

Carnegie Hall August/September exhibits are on display Aug. 6 through Sept. 24. The exhibits are free and open to the public Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, please visit [carnegiehallwv.org](http://carnegiehallwv.org), call 304-645-7917, or stop by the Hall at 611 Church Street, Lewisburg.

Carnegie Hall programs are presented with financial assistance through a grant from the WV Department of Arts, Culture and History and the National Endowment for the Arts, with approval from the WV Commission on the Arts.

## Dear Recycle Lady,

**Dear Recycle Lady,**  
I used the last of a roll of aluminum foil and was going to recycle the box in with cardboard. However, I noticed that the cutting edge for the aluminum foil was metal. Must this metal edge be torn or cut off before putting the box in the recycle bin?

*Aluminum User*  
**Dear Aluminum User,**  
Yes, the metal edge that cuts off pieces of aluminum foil must be removed before recycling the box with cardboard. If the metal edge is not removed, it can contaminate a bale of cardboard. The tube inside the box can also be recycled with cardboard.

**Dear Recycle Lady,**  
The top on the bottle of water that I purchased today said to "recycle bottle with cap on." I always heard that tops must be removed before recycling the bottle. Can bottles now be recycled with the caps on?

*Recycles Bottles*  
**Dear Recycles Bottles,**  
In a big city that has lots of equipment your bottle could be recycled with the cap on. However, locally we do not have this equipment, so caps must be removed before recycling the bottles. Bottle caps are made with plastic fibers that are different from the plastics that bottles are made with. Plus, caps on bottles are a hazard for our workers when the bottles are being compacted for baling.

**Dear Recycle Lady,**  
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*New Word for Me*  
**Dear New Word for Me,**  
According to [www.activesustainability.com](http://www.activesustainability.com), bioplastics are biodegradable materials that come from renewable sources and can be used to reduce the problem of plastic waste. However, an

article in Environment International says that bioplastics are just as toxic as other plastics as over 80 percent of the bioplastic products tested contained more than 1,000 different chemicals. According to <https://norwegianscitechnews.com>, the use of bioplastic packaging is still uncertain and the consequences of their use for the environment and people's health are under study. More research is needed to determine the use, safety, and sustainability of bioplastics.

**Good News:** Bureo, a company that collects and recycles old fishing nets into usable nylon, has a new fabric. Called NetPlus, this new fabric is made by gear-maker Patagonia. Nylon jackets made from recycled fishing nets are a great example of how old unusable products can be recycled into new useable products. Kudos to Bureo and Patagonia!

Come join us at the **RECYCLE WORKSHOP** - Friday, Aug. 27, any time from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

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.



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