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## Fruits of Labor brings a variety of food to Alderson, as well as a Mission of Recovery

By Angela McGill

On Tuesday, Aug. 31, Fruits of Labor held their grand opening at their new location in the Alderson Visitor's Center. The space has been transformed into a place where family, friends, and tourists alike can sit down and enjoy a variety of delicious food.

Fruits of Labor President Tammy Jordan got the idea for the company 20 years ago. She had a strong passion for agriculture, and for four years they have been invested in the farmer's market. Jordan also assisted her mother in making wedding cakes, floral designs, and has been in the catering business for nine

years. She founded Fruits of Labor in 2001 with a mission to not only provide the Greenbrier Valley and beyond with delicious goods, but to use her business as a way to support those going through recovery from addiction.

What makes this company so unique is that mission, as Jordan wants to focus on investing in other people and their well-being. She also gives back to the organization by not accepting a salary or dividends even though she is the president.

Fruits of Labor is faith-based, and she wanted the name to have an essence of their faith.

"I kept dreaming about it, one night it just came up. I dreamt of the name Fruits of Labor, I knew that this was the name, this is the fruit of our labor, this is the fruit of my life. This will be the fruit of our student's lives, their hands put to work, which creates this environment of moving forward and transformation," Jordan said.

She wanted people to advance in their addiction recovery with training, education, certification, and employment. They began by working along-



Fruits of Labor held a grand opening on Alderson Main Street last Tuesday. They are located in the Alderson Visitor's Center.



They serve a variety of food in-house and also cater events.

side the women's prison in Alderson and started partnering with the Greenbrier County Drug Force by conducting trainings to help individuals with that employment.

As they progressed, she wanted to continue to grow and help more people.

"I went to visit a lady in Alderson prison, and I saw the need for training when people left the prison. I couldn't get it out of my heart," said Jordan.

When Jordan is selecting employees to be on her team, she looks for specific qualities. For students, she wants them to be open to being trained and to be active in recovery, and to be open-minded to learning something different. Core staff has to be passionate about recovery, to come with something in their soul that is deeply rooted in seeing people transform, and know that their part is to be someone to help support others in recovery. Without the passion to help, the patience may not be there.

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Sandwiches are one staple on their menu, along with soups, salads, pastries, breads, and more.

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## Community invited to participate in Lions tribute to 9/11

On Sept. 11, 2001, 19 militants associated with the Islamic extremist group al Qaeda hijacked four airplanes and carried out suicide attacks against targets in the United States. Two of the planes were flown into the twin towers of the World Trade Center in New York City, a third plane hit the Pentagon just outside Washington, DC, and the fourth plane crashed in a field in Shanksville, Pennsylvania. Almost 3,000 people were killed during the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

As a tribute to those who lost their lives that day, the White Sulphur Springs Lions Club carries American Flags across three interstate bridges in White Sulphur and Lewisburg. Anyone wishing to join the

Lions to honor the victims is welcome beginning at 8:45 a.m. and continuing through the time of the last plane crash in PA (10:07).

This year marks the 20th anniversary of the attacks, and we have not forgotten. Please bring your flag to any one of the three overpasses (Rt. 311 or Kate's Mountain Road in WSS, or in Lewisburg on Sydenstricker Road off Rt. 60 West.) If you are driving on any of the interstates, please wave or blow your horn to honor the victims. Any questions, you may call Steve Clendenen in Lewisburg at 304-645-1359 or Lion President Mary Lee Buckland in WSS at 304-536-3259.



John and Doris Burns and Steve Clendenen (behind the flag)



Brad, Harley, and Linda Cox, veterans attending a previous years' ceremony.

## Man arrested in connection to murder of Joseph and Daisy Foster

On Saturday, Aug. 28, Jeremiah Bleu Powell, 32, of Marlinton, was taken into custody at his residence in Pocahontas County without incident. Powell was charged with two counts of 1st degree murder in connection with the deaths of Joseph (Danny) and Daisy Foster that occurred at their residence on Fullen Cemetery Road in Ronceverte on Thursday, Apr. 2, 2020.

Powell is being held at the Tygart Valley Regional Jail.

The investigation has been ongoing since the discovery of the crime and remains a very active investigation.

Anyone with additional information relative to this crime is asked to contact the Greenbrier County Sheriff's Office at 304-

647-6634 or Crime Stoppers of West Virginia at 304-255-STOP or email at [www.crimestopperswv.com](http://www.crimestopperswv.com). Information may be provided anonymously.

A \$10,000 reward is being offered by the WV State Fire Marshal's Office for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the perpetrator(s).

Lieutenant G.R. Workman and Corporal A. L. Workman, of the Greenbrier County Sheriff's Office, Sergeant N. J. Hersman, of the WV State Police, and Scott Rodes, of the WV State Fire Marshal's Office, are the investigating officers.

Trooper Petite of the Marlinton State Police Detachment assisted in Powell's arrest.

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## This Labor Day, WV Highway Safety Program reminds drivers: Drive High, Get a DUI

We know buzzed driving is drunk driving, but what about driving while drug-impaired? In West Virginia, it is illegal to drive while impaired by any substance, and this includes drugs. Leading up to and including the Labor Day weekend, the West Virginia Governor's Highway Safety Program (GHSP) is partnering with the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) for the annual Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over high visibility enforcement mobilization.

This year, the GHSP's impaired driving messaging efforts are focusing on drugged driving with the If You Feel Different, You Drive Different. Drive High, Get a DUI impaired driving awareness campaign, which runs from Aug. 18 through Sept. 6, 2021. In support of the law enforcement community's dedication to protecting the lives of residents in their communities, you'll see officers working together leading up to and including the Labor Day holiday weekend to take all impaired drivers, including drug-impaired drivers, off the roads. These expanded efforts to protect against impaired driving will be conducted in a fair and equitable way.

According to NHTSA, between 2009 and 2018, of those drivers killed in crashes and tested for marijuana, the presence of marijuana had nearly doubled. In 2018, 46% of drivers who were killed in crashes and were tested for drugs, tested positive. This is why it's so important we spread this lifesaving message: If You Feel Different, You Drive Different. Drive High, Get a DUI.

"It doesn't matter if you're impaired by alcohol or drugs, do the right thing and don't put yourself or other West Virginia road users at risk. Never drive impaired," Gov. Jim Justice said.

It doesn't matter what term you use: If a person is feeling a little high, buzzed, stoned, wasted, or drunk, he or she should not get behind the wheel. Think driving while high won't affect you? You're wrong. It has been proven

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## September is National Voter Registration Month

Since 2002, the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS) has recognized September as National Voter Registration Month to encourage eligible Americans to register to vote or to update their voter registration information. The WV Secretary of State's Office is proud to join NASS in this annual effort.

WV Secretary of State Mac Warner will use the entire month of September to work with County Clerks and high schools to encourage eligible West Virginians to register to vote. Warner is scheduled to visit more than 25 of the state's 55 counties this month to also encourage those already registered to be sure that their voter registration is accurate.

"Voting is a right guaranteed to every eligible citizen. But you have to be registered first," said WV Secretary of State Mac Warner. "In West Virginia, we're making it easy, safe and secure to register online and in-person."

According to Warner, over the last four years by working closely with the state's County Clerks, more than 255,880 eligible West Virginians have been registered to vote. That number includes nearly 67,000 high school students.

"Those are incredible numbers given the small size of our state. Our efforts to make it easy to register and easy to vote in West Virginia have been recognized throughout the nation," Warner said.

Today, eligible voters can register online anytime by going to the WV Secretary of State's safe and secure website at [www.GoVoteWV.com](http://www.GoVoteWV.com). Warner said that eligible voters can also register to vote in person by going to their local County Clerk's office.

"Or, you can call your County Clerk to request that a paper Voter Registration Form be mailed to you. You can also find a County Clerk's Directory at [www.GoVoteWV.com](http://www.GoVoteWV.com)," Warner said.

National Voter Registration Day is Tuesday, Sept. 28.

## PICK OF THE LITTER

### DILL

Dill is a 3-month-old male domestic shorthair.



### CHARLIE

is a 3 year-old male Retriever. He weighs 51.8 lbs.



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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## Frontier Communications to hire 100 new employees in West Virginia to fuel company's growth plans

Frontier Communications (NASDAQ: FYBR) announced this week that it will hire 100 new employees in West Virginia by the end of 2021. The newly added roles will include cable splicers and outside plant technicians to support the company's expansion of its fiber network over the next three years.

Frontier is actively recruiting throughout the state, including in the Clarksburg, Charleston, Bluefield, Buckhannon, Huntington, Martinsburg, Parkersburg and Wheeling areas. The company is providing competitive sal-

ary and benefits, as well as access to state-of-the-art equipment, technology and paid training.

"Frontier is making substantial investments in fiber-optic technology, which requires hiring the best talent that will help us achieve our growth plans," shared Veronica Bloodworth, chief network officer, Frontier Communications. "West Virginia is a strategic location for our business, and we are pleased to expand our employee footprint and invest for the long-term throughout the state."

The company's hiring plans in West Virginia are part of a broader, nationwide effort to accelerate its fiber build-out to bring lightning-fast connectivity to 10 million locations by the end of 2025.

"Frontier is setting the standard for the future of fiber network connectivity, and we are building a team of field operations specialists well-equipped to lead the charge," added Bloodworth.

To learn more about Frontier's job opportunities, please visit <https://jobs.jobvite.com/careers/frontier/job>.

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## Fruits of Labor

Jordan also started a program, the Addiction Prevention Program, to assist youth with their recovery efforts. "It's about the openness of being able to have the space to talk about recovery," Jordan says.

Jordan and her team are all very excited about being in Alderson and to bring a new variety of food to town while remaining focused on their core vision.

"No matter how strong our mission is, we have to make sure our product has to be just as strong. We have trained talent that is certified through the American Culinary Federation, we are nationally certified, we are the only one in the state of West Virginia with a Certified Quality Program through the American Culinary Federation. It's our goal to be a culinary training experience, that is unique to our recovery."

the location at Alderson Visitor's center because of technical reasons, but also the charm. "This building was open, and Main Street has been amazing to work with. We have very specific requirements that we look at for in every community that we enter, this is one of three that we're opening in the next twelve months. It's wonderful, it has parking for the customers and the building

is historic, it brings charm and we kept a lot of the historic touches it has while renovating," Jordan explained.

If you happen to be looking for an atmosphere that has a historic charm with a genuine feel, and want to come smell the aroma of fresh bread, soups, meats and pastries in the air, come down and visit Fruits of Labor and support their vision.

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## Carnegie Hall Guild

will hold its first meeting of the 2021-2022 year Tuesday, Sept. 14 at 4:30 p.m. Please note that the meeting has been moved up 30 minutes for an earlier start time. Weather permitting we will meet on the Ivy Terrace of Carnegie Hall with social distancing. In the event of rain we will meet in the Board Room on the second floor near the elevator. If the Covid cases rise the meeting will be changed to a zoom call. Please contact Mary Leeb at 304-646-1450 a week prior to the meeting to confirm the location. Our guest speaker will be the new CEO of Carnegie Hall, Cathy Renard. She will update us on the upcoming performances and plans for Carnegie Hall. The public is invited. There will be an opportunity to socialize and meet guests and new members at the beginning of the meeting. Light refreshments will be served. The mission of the Guild is to promote interest in Carnegie Hall and to provide financial and volunteer support.

## Greenbrier Co. Extension Master Gardener classes

will be held Tuesdays, Sept. 7 through Nov. 9, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the WV State Fairgrounds. Call the Extension Office at 304-647-7408 for details and registration.

## WVSOM Board of Governors

will meet Sept. 10, via teleconference. The Academic Committee, Finance and Audit Committee, and Institutional Policy Committee will each meet at 9 a.m. To attend a committee meeting, dial 844-621-3956 toll free and use one of the following access codes:

Academic Committee: 2426 4761

Finance and Audit Committee: 2620 533 7085

Institutional Policy Committee: 2428 1762

The Board of Governors' regular meeting will begin at 10 a.m. To attend by phone, dial 844-621-3956 toll free and use access code 2623 457 9806. A copy of the agendas for all meetings is posted on the WVSOM website at [www.wvsom.edu/about/bog-2021-2022-meetings](http://www.wvsom.edu/about/bog-2021-2022-meetings) prior to the meetings and are available in the president's office. WVSOM board meetings are open to all who are interested, including the general public.

## 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.

### Historic Landmarks Commission

will meet Monday, Sept. 13, at 5 p.m. at City Hall, 942 Washington Street, West. Also available via teleconference. For information on how to participate on ZOOM, contact Marsha Cunningham at 304-645-2080 by 4 p.m. on Sept. 13. On the agenda:

- Approval of Minutes - Aug. 9, 2021
- Comments from the public
- Linda Dale, 455 Randolph Street - install generator on driveway side of the house concealed with shrubbery and/or lattice work
- Appalachian Headwaters, 122 Courtney Drive - install 3'x2' sign with the company's logo along with their name in text, mounted to wall
- Lewisburg Surf Shop, 121 Stratton Alley Suite 7 - requesting 1 small branded black metal sign to be affixed to the front door, a nylon flag hanging from the top of the door, a black-lit metal sign with logo printed on

front, paint main structure HC-190 Black and HC-27 for trim

- Paula Thomas, 782 Jefferson Street South - install 3'x2' sign on existing bracket
  - Montwell Commons, 990 North Jefferson Street - install Sun Setter Retractable Awning on the back side of Hill and Holler, 11'8" when open, color will be natural linen
  - Robert Strickland, 116 Preston Blvd - install 2 aluminum gates on existing brick wall in backyard, painted black, one 12'x8' on the north side of yard and the other 6' single gate on east wall
  - Kristen Cornett, 172 Davis Street - construct three car garage where a previous shed had been on the property
  - Bob Pollard, 471 Church Street - demolition of garage, replaced by 3 car garage, replace front porch roof with similar asphalt shingles, replace gutters, install fence in front yard and connect to neighbor's fence (similar) and install backyard fence made of wire, replace post light with a gas light
  - Comments from the Commissioners
  - Comments from the Planning and Zoning Officer
- The next scheduled meeting for the Lewisburg Historic Landmarks Commission will be held Monday, Oct. 13, at 5 p.m. with a deadline of Friday, Oct. 1.

## WVSOM students trained in use of naloxone to prevent overdose deaths

In a state noted to be among those most affected by the opioid epidemic, one medical school in West Virginia is taking a bold step in working to prevent drug overdose deaths.

As part of the White Coat Ceremony that marks the start of first-year students' medical school journeys, all 214 members of the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine's (WVSOM) Class of 2025 will receive the medication Narcan to carry with them in case they encounter an overdose victim in a nonmedical setting. Narcan is a brand of naloxone, a drug that can block the effects of opioids and potentially prevent the death of someone who is experiencing an overdose.

On Aug. 23, first-year students gathered in the Conference Center in the WVSOM Student Center to be trained in administering Narcan, which is required before an individual can receive the life-saving medication. Barbara Holt, education coordinator for WVSOM's Center for Rural and Community Health, led a presentation that illustrated how to recognize an opioid overdose, know when Narcan is appropriate and understand the responsibilities that come with administering the medication.

Holt said WVSOM is the only medical school in West Virginia to provide naloxone to incoming students during a White Coat Ceremony. She explained that while anyone can be trained to administer naloxone, educating medical students about its use can help reduce the stigma associated with the medication, which is an important part of addressing the epidemic from a public health perspective.

"I'm pleased that the students agreed to do this," Holt said. "Education helps people understand that the opioid crisis is a chronic disease issue, and that people with opioid use disorder have a problem with their opioid receptor due to the brain's reaction to opioid use. You have to save a life so that person can live long enough to get into recovery, and Narcan can help do that."

Narcan is available in three forms, and students were shown how to administer each. First-year students will receive a box containing two doses of Narcan in the



All first-year students attending WVSOM learned how to administer Narcan as part of their White Coat Ceremony. (Photo courtesy WVSOM)

form of a nasal spray, to be delivered through a single nostril.

Narcan and other naloxone medications can help a person stay alive long enough to be transported to the hospital for further help. Therefore, Holt told students, a person administering naloxone must call emergency services after a dose is given.

In West Virginia, a person who delivers an opioid antagonist in good faith to someone they believe to be experiencing an overdose is protected from criminal and civil liability, provided that emergency services are called and that no gross negligence takes place, Holt said.

Linda Boyd, D.O., WVSOM's vice president for academic affairs and dean, said the Narcan training and distribution are tangible examples of WVSOM's mission to serve the health needs of West Virginians.

## Gov. Justice appoints Jordan Maynor to 28th District seat in House of Delegates

On Aug. 19, Gov. Jim Justice appointed Jordan Maynor of Beaver to the West Virginia House of Delegates, representing the 28th District. The district covers parts of Monroe, Raleigh, and Summers counties.

"I am very confident that Jordan will do a fantastic job for the people of West Virginia," Gov. Justice said.

Maynor fills the vacancy created by the resignation of Jeffrey Pack earlier this month and will serve the remainder of the unexpired term.

"I'm honored and humbled to have this opportunity to serve the people of Raleigh, Summers, and Monroe counties," Maynor said. "I appreciate the confidence the Governor and others have placed in me. I will represent the people of District 28 honorably and look forward to helping move West Virginia forward."

Maynor is the owner/CEO of Maynor Consulting, which is located in Beaver.

A native of Mount Hope, Maynor graduated from Mountain State University in 2011 and earned an MBA in 2015 from West Virginia University.

Maynor lives in Beaver with his wife, Renny. They have four children.

## Rainelle Medical Center receives grant to educate youth about problem gambling

### Adolescents Are at Increased Risk of Gambling Disorder

The Problem Gambling Help Network of West Virginia, the group that operates the 1800GAMBLER helpline, has announced grant awards to several prevention groups. Rainelle Medical Center received one of these grants. They will use the grant money to teach middle school, high school, and college youth about the risks of problem gambling.

According to the National Council on Problem Gambling, youth are more than twice as likely as adults to develop a gambling problem. Studies show that by high school, most kids have gambled for money. In a recent survey done by West Virginia youth gambling prevention groups, about half the youth indicated they had gambled, with nearly one in five saying they have bet on sports. Youth who gamble are at risk for many other problems, including addiction and depression. Young people often make bets among themselves or within apps or video games. Many have access to their parent's credit card or mobile account and gamble online without their parents having a full understanding of the activities taking place.

Jennifer Davis-Walton, director of the Problem Gambling Help Network of West Virginia, says gambling addiction affects many people in West Virginia, and youth are not immune. She explained that convergence in gaming and gambling has increased the concern about youth gambling. She said, "Young people spend a lot of time playing games online, and many of these games

have gambling elements, such as loot boxes. At the same time, they see constant advertisements for mobile gambling, and many of those apps look like the games they play."

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# OPINION

## Nature's Way

By Karen Cohen

Master Gardener/Photojournalist/Artist

### Too Pooped to Pop

Friends of mine asked me about their raised garden box they bought recently and assembled. It stands about waist high and is filled with potting soil. The problem they encountered was that plants were dying in it, not out of it. The owner/gardener would plant a nice fluffy basil plant or two or a frilly parsley plant and within a short time the plants would shrink and take on a pathetic aura. Clearly something was wrong.

Not being an expert by any means, I made several conjectures. Bad soil perhaps treated with an herbicide? No, they had used a big bag of organic potting soil and their son had the same exact set up. His plants were flourishing. Hmm... too much shade, too much sun? Nope. Stymied, I confessed I did not know what their solution would be.

I have found that plants bought in the big box stores sometimes don't make it in my organic garden. I discussed this dilemma with another nursery man in the area and he said that often the big plant companies that drive up from North Carolina, for instance, will give their plants a big shot of fertilizer to keep them healthy for the long trip. When the shipment of live plants arrives, they look very full and fresh. I can attest to that since I used to be a buyer of plants for a retail shop in Charlotte, North Carolina. Within a few days after accepting shipment, no matter how much care was devoted to some of these plants, some would shrivel up and keel over. I was especially fond of maidenhair ferns and from my experience, they just don't grow in a household setting. (Tell me if you had any success with these ferns.)

So, after healthy, well fed flats are bought from the plant dealer and set out in a shop/store for sale, daily watering is required since the hot sun is quickly drying out the little black pots they arrive in. Daily watering, according to my nursery-grower friend, ultimately washes out the small pots of plant and soil and the nutrients go down the drain. Hence, the plants suffer from malnourishment and shrivel up. This seems like a probable theory to me.

Solution: feed your garden with compost and also grow green manure crops to give certain plots of your garden a rest for a season and then turn that plant matter into the soil to nourish it.

You can use three ways to feed your plants:

- foliar feeding: make and spray a liquid fertilizer directly on the plants.
- side dressing: distribute rotted compost or granular organic fertilizer around the base of plants, not touching the stems.
- soil drenching: use compost tea that you make or buy organic liquid fertilizer and water at the base of each plant every few weeks.

Here's an easy DIY compost tea recipe:

Five gallons of non chlorinated water (spring or rain water is best)

2 cups fully rotted organic compost (it will have a good smell to it)

1 tablespoon of unsulfured blackstrap molasses (can be omitted)



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1 tablespoon of liquid kelp fertilizer (or make your own from kelp meal or real kelp from the ocean)

1 teaspoon liquid fish fertilizer (make your own from a fish you caught!)

Mix it up, let it set overnight to "brew" and then scoop a cup of the broth for each of your plants. Or strain it well and put it in a spray bottle and foliar feed your plants; these treatments are best done in the morning before the hot sun dries up everything. Another advantage to using organic matter as fertilizer for your plants is that the nutrients are low in concentration. That means they have less of a tendency to "burn" your plants when applied.

My friends who have the mystery plant box problem have decided to add some home made compost and see if that helps their plants to grow. With container planters, even plant pots, the soil nutrients in the soil can be used up within a few weeks or months and the plants will suffer. Plants have needs that vary from plant to plant. It's all a fine balancing act, isn't it? Use the good stuff that nature offers, grow your plants from seeds if you can, and Mother Nature will reward you!

*(Karen Cohen is a resident of Greenbrier County, Organic Grower, Master Gardener, DJ, and photojournalist)*

## Commentary

### American Legion 9/11 Annual Flag Disposal

Submitted by Barbara Burdette

When I was in the 10th grade walking down the hall at the high school I attended toward my next class, the voice over the intercom rang in my ears that the President of the United States of America had been shot and killed. I can even remember the dress and the color of it I was wearing on that fateful day. The same unforgettable memories ring true for that horrific disastrous on September 11, 2001.

For those of us who watched the news on that fateful day of September 11, 2001, we often recall what and where we were when tragedy struck. I was at work when one of the other employees came and told me what was happening. I thought it was some kind of ruse. It couldn't possibly be true. I returned to my office and watched what was happening on the TV. How could such a catastrophe as this be happening in America? It was like watching a science fiction movie not something real. Now 20 years later we pause from our everyday activities and look back. Did it really happen? Were 2,977 really killed that day? Some memories, just like a hot branding iron, are forever indelibly etched in our minds.

After the events of 9/11, the American Legion Greenbrier Post 26 Ronceverte started holding our annual flag disposal services. We actually take American Flags and dispose of those which are worn, faded, tattered and torn flags and dispose of them by burning. Just as the flames of the twin towers burn in our memories, we dispose of the worn and tattered flags of our country that flew diligently and bravely across our country on that day and every day across America since. It reminds us that no matter what might "hit" us or try to defeat or destroy us as a county we will prevail and never be annihilated. Fresh new flags will replace the worn and torn to fly bravely over wherever they may be displayed reminding us WE ARE HERE.

Freedom is never free. There will always be someone or some nation who may try to imprison our Country or take away our freedoms and see us destroyed. But we are here and proud to display the symbol of our profound freedoms.

American Legion Greenbrier Post 26 Ronceverte's and Post 69 of Lewisburg together will participate in our annual flag disposal service. The event will take place at the Ronceverte Island Park Amphitheater on Saturday, Sept. 11, beginning at 2 p.m. The public is welcome and will be our honored guests and helpers.

You may contact Commander Burdette by phone at 304-661-4979 or by email at [bburdette3@frontier.com](mailto:bburdette3@frontier.com) for further information about this event.

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## Commentary

### WV AG warns consumers of promotion scam

West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrisey warned of a promotion scam that deceives consumers and lures them into providing cash or personal information in exchange for fraudulent discounts, upgrades or billing credits.

Those perpetrating the scam often claim to represent an established utility, service provider or other familiar company, such as satellite or cable television providers.

The Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division has received word of the scam circulating throughout West Virginia, including Berkeley, Cabell, Greenbrier, Kanawha, Logan, Raleigh and Wetzel counties. In one instance, a consumer reportedly paid the impostor more than \$5,000 in gift cards.

"Everyone wants a discount or the latest upgrade, however, consumers must be cautious with any unexpected offer," Attorney General Morrisey said.

The scam typically involves a surprise, unsolicited call. The impostor will entice consumers with a fraudulent promotion and then, oftentimes, ask for credit card numbers, bank accounts and other information falsely claiming a need to confirm the account holder's identity.

Those who fall victim have been known to mail checks and purchase gift cards in addition to having provided

personal information.

The Attorney General urges anyone receiving such calls to follow these tips:

- End the call.
- Be wary of any unsolicited offer, even if the caller has one's actual account information.
- Call the company's legitimate phone number to verify any promotion.
- Stay calm and do not feel pressured.
- Never pay in advance via cash, check, wire transfer, gift cards or numbers associated with a credit/debit card or bank account.

- Never share personally identifiable, financial or otherwise sensitive information without verifying the legitimacy of the recipient.

- Beware of call spoofing. Scammers can mimic a legitimate phone number to lure consumers to believe the incoming call comes from a recognizable business.

Anyone who believes they have been the victim of a promotion scam should contact the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division at 1-800-368-8808, the Eastern Panhandle Consumer Protection Office in Martinsburg at 304-267-0239 or visit the office online at [www.wvago.gov](http://www.wvago.gov).

## Labor Day Driving

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that THC can slow reaction times, impair cognitive performance, and make it more difficult for drivers to keep a steady position in their lane.

"One of the many ways law enforcement officers serve our communities here in West Virginia is by keeping citizens safe. Many people don't realize that enforcing traffic laws - which includes impaired driving laws - is part of keeping communities safe," said GHSP Director Bob Tipton.

"The bottom line is, it doesn't matter if it's drugs, alcohol, or prescription medications, if it has impaired you, you should not be driving, period. We want everyone to enjoy a safe and happy Labor Day holiday weekend. We ask that you commit to never driving impaired. Keep yourself and your neighbors safe during not only the Labor Day holiday weekend, but every day," Tipton added.

"Driving impaired is a choice, and it's a bad choice that could have deadly consequences," Tipton continued. "Make the right choice and find a sober ride home. Keep yourself and those in your community safe; otherwise, if you drive high, you'll get a DUI."

West Virginia has been a Drug Evaluation Classification (DEC) state since 2013. That allowed for law enforcement officers to have the opportunity to become a Drug Recognition Expert (DRE). Officers who are DREs are specially trained to conduct detailed evaluations of individuals suspected of driving while impaired by illegal drugs or impairing prescription medications. DREs are an integral part of keeping drugged drivers off West

Virginia's roadways.

Violating West Virginia's drug-impaired-driving laws will lead to a DUI, which includes fines and possibly jail.

Remember these safety tips as you prepare for the holiday, and spread the message to your friends and family members:

- It is illegal to drive while impaired by any substance, whether illegal or prescribed. If you have used an impairing substance such as marijuana or certain prescription medications, do not drive. Passengers should never ride with an impaired driver. If you think a driver may be impaired, do not get in the car.

- If you have used an impairing substance, get a sober driver to safely drive you to your destination. Like drunk driving, it is essential that drug-impaired drivers refrain from driving a vehicle. It is never okay to drive while impaired by any substance.

- If available, use your area's sober ride program.

- Do you have a friend who is about to drive while impaired by drugs? Take the keys away and arrange to get them home safely. Don't worry about offending someone - they'll thank you later.

- If you see an impaired driver on the road, contact local law enforcement.

For more information, visit [www.nhtsa.gov/risky-driving/drug-impaired-driving](http://www.nhtsa.gov/risky-driving/drug-impaired-driving). For more information about the WV Governor's Highway Safety Program, visit [www.dmv.wv.gov/ghsp](http://www.dmv.wv.gov/ghsp) or call 304-926-2509.



# CLUB & CHURCH

## Revival at Mount Vernon UMC



The old rough sawn tabernacle at Mt. Vernon United Methodist Church will be the revival site during Sept. 12-14.

The old tabernacle was constructed during the depressions of the 1930's to provide seating for huge crowds during summer revival services. Each summer the tabernacle provided space for services until the mid-1950's when services were discontinued. In the early 1980's, maintenance

was performed on the tabernacle and annual revival services were started again.

This year's revival will begin at 7 p.m. each night on Sept. 12, 13 and 14. The speaker on Sept. 12 will be Sam Groves with Lucy Raney providing the music. Mt. Vernon minister Rev. Jeffrey Kanode will

deliver the message on Sept. 13 with Tim McNair providing the music. Minister and Appalachian historian John Wyatt will speak on Sept. 14 with Shannon Vance providing the inspiring music.

Join the congregation of Mt. Vernon for the service of God. Come expecting to be blessed.

## Help tackle the need by giving blood with the Red Cross

Get in the fall spirit - come to give for a new Red Cross campfire mug Sept. 3-7.

As fall approaches, the American Red Cross urges eligible donors to help end the ongoing critical need for blood and kick off the season with a blood donation. The Red Cross needs donors of all blood types to give now and help ensure lifesaving transfusions are on the sidelines for those who rely on them.

While summer winds down, the Red Cross is concerned that the rise in COVID-19 cases due to the delta variant and a potentially active hurricane season may further chal-

lenge the ability to collect and meet hospital demand. In recent weeks, the Red Cross has seen blood donor turnout decline by nearly 10% while hospital demand continues to outpace donations. This decline is believed to be due to multiple reasons, including the continued effects of the pandemic on blood drive cancellations and donor availability as well as back-to-school preparations for many families.

Make a game plan to donate - patients are relying on the kindness of blood and donors for their continued treatment. Schedule an appointment to give blood by using the Red

Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org, calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enabling the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device.

As a thank-you, those who come to give Sept. 3-7 will receive a new, 16-ounce Red Cross campfire mug, while supplies last.

Upcoming blood donation opportunities include:

- Frankford - Sept. 13: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Henning Church of God, 3599 Vago Road
- Lewisburg - Sept. 10: 12 noon to 5 p.m., WVSOM Alumni Center, 400 Lee Street.

## WVDEP accepting submissions for the 2022 'Roadsides in Bloom' calendar until Sept. 8

**Photos must be taken in West Virginia and only three entries can be submitted per person**

The West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection (WVDEP) is now taking submissions for the 19th Annual West Virginia Operation Wildflower 2022 "Roadsides in Bloom" calendar contest. The deadline for entries is Wednesday, Sept. 8.

The following rules for the contest apply:

- Photographs must be taken in West Virginia;
- Entries must be submitted as an 8"x10" color print and must be landscape orientation (Portrait orientation will not be accepted). A

high-resolution digital copy MUST be submitted on a CD or flash drive at the same time. Entries that do not contain a digital copy will not be considered;

• Flowers must be growing along a road and the road must be prominently visible in the photo. They may be growing naturally or in an Operation Wildflower bed planted by the West Virginia Division of Highways. Pictures of cultivated species planted in arranged beds, such as marigolds, pansies, etc., do not qualify;

• Name, address, phone number, e-mail address (if you have one) and a short description of the photo, including location and county of where the photo was taken, must appear in the upper left-hand corner on the back of the photo. Photos be-

come property of the WVDEP and will not be returned;

- No more than three entries per person. Only one winning photo will be selected from any photographer's entries. Winners will be required to submit a digital copy of their photo;
- 12 winners will be selected to represent the months of the year. A grand-prize winner will be chosen to appear on the calendar cover.

Entries can be submitted via email to DEP.AAH@wv.gov or regular mail to:

WV Operation Wildflower  
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WV Department of Environmental Protection/REAP  
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## Church Bulletin

### Pie and Ice Cream Supper

There will be a Pie and Ice Cream Supper at Mount Vernon United Methodist Church on Saturday, Sept. 11, at 5 p.m. The church is located between Fort Spring and Sinks Grove on Mt. Vernon Road. The menu will consist of pork barbecue, hot dogs, various side dishes, several types of desserts, including pie and ice cream. Proceeds will be used for the church ministries. Excess food items, including pies, will be auctioned after the meal.

### Neola Baptist Church Fall Revival

is scheduled for Sept. 6 through 10 at 7 p.m. nightly. Pastor Ralph Hubbard. Special singing each night: Monday- Randy Gilliam; Tuesday- Jim Mitchell; Wednesday- Andy Hefner; Thursday- Lowell O'Dell; Friday- Sam Felton. The church is located 14 miles north on Rt. 92 outside of White Sulphur Springs. Come expecting a blessing!

### Open House for Life Recovery Program

Shuck Memorial Baptist Church will host an Open House for their Life Recovery Program Wednesday, Sept. 8, from 6 to 8 p.m. at their Annex Building located at 133 Burdette Lane, Lewisburg, (behind the Humble Tomato). There will be a free meal provided for all, information about the Life Recovery Program and a chance to meet volunteers from the group. Life Recovery is a faith-based addiction support group that follows a Biblical approach to the 12 steps. This group meets every Wednesday at 6 p.m. at the church Annex building and is open to anyone walking through any type of addiction. For more information, please contact Pastor Jonathan Turner at 304-645-6130.

## Greenbrier Artists' annual meeting



"Locked Out of Carnegie"

The Greenbrier Artists held their annual planning and organizational meeting on Thursday, Sept. 2. The group met in Carnegie Hall in the Kellar Studio on the third floor.

During the meeting, the artists discussed their upcoming exhibit at the Visitors' Center in October, and members were encouraged to bring a piece or two of their summer paintings in for "show and tell."

Please note that since this is the first time the group has met in Carnegie since the virus shutdown in March 2020, they want to keep everyone safe from Covid. To that end, vaccinations will be required for participation in the weekly meetings.

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Fall starts early in the mountains of Tucker County, West Virginia with the city of Davis's annual Leaf Peepers Festival. From September 24th-26th, immerse yourself in fall color and explore an indoor craft show with creators of all types.

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# MOUNTAIN STATE SPOTLIGHT

## The feds gave WV \$260M for rental assistance - the state has only spent \$15.6M

By Emily Allen for Mountain State Spotlight

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State housing officials have tens of millions of dollars to help renters and landlords weather the pandemic's economic disruption, but they've only given out a fraction of the money to those who need it.

About 193,600 West Virginia households are renters. Although there has been a fairly broad federal moratorium on evictions since September 2020, many of those renters are still falling behind on payments. And this means once the moratorium is lifted, they could owe thousands of dollars and risk losing their homes.

"I have seen it come up in a lot of different ways," Legal Aid of West Virginia attorney Kathryn Marcum said. "Someone gets sick because of COVID and is forced to quarantine, or they're not able to work for a period of time ... For an hourly worker, that's a significant portion of their paycheck."

But even though the Mountaineer Rental Assistance Program (MRAP) has been around for months, most of the money is still unspent. As of last Wednesday, officials had given out \$15.6 million from the fund.

Officials for the West Virginia Housing Development Fund, which is overseeing MRAP, say more people will be served soon: staff are still processing applications for more than \$24.2 million in requested assistance, but the applications usually take three to five weeks or longer to process.

"It's just a painfully slow process," said Jennifer McQuerrey, a South Charleston landlord and the director of the West Virginia Landlords Association. "They're saying they're getting out this money, but it's not flowing through to us."

### Why isn't this money reaching people?

Officials in the U.S. Treasury Department have said that for rental assistance programs across the country, including West Virginia, the need is outpacing action. The U.S. Census Bureau estimated in its Household Pulse Survey that more than 4.6 million Americans were behind on their rent or mortgage payments in July.

The same survey queried 62,000 West Virginians, and estimated 60% were behind on their rent

or mortgage payments and facing eviction (though the actual number statewide could be much higher or lower).

But so far, only about 6,400 West Virginians have applied for help through the Mountaineer Rental Assistance Program.

No one has any clear answers as to why the program has spent so little, four months in. Those who helped form the program emphasize that it's the first of its kind in the state. This has come with some growing pains.

"When we first started, we made jokes about trying to fly a plane while you build it," said Christy Kinder, program director for the Southwest-ern Community Action Council in Cabell County.

Agencies like hers normally collect federal dollars for aid, and connect them to low-income community members. MRAP is using these 16 community action councils across the state to help process applications - some locations are offering in-person help to prospective applicants.

While there's still much to be allocated, local advocates for housing access say the fund has the potential to make a real difference where existing programs lack the resources.

"There really aren't a lot of rental assistance programs, especially in our area," said Kinder. "[Rent] is a really expensive form of assistance to provide."

In Kanawha County, Covenant House - a non-profit working to address homelessness and connect people with rapid rehousing - already is overwhelmed by an increase in need this year.

Director Ellen Allen said they've sent out their own forms of assistance for rent and utilities to people 1,388 times already this year - outpacing what they had sent in rental and utility aid by this point last year by about 10%.

"We thought we'd see a reduction, but it actually increased," Allen said.

### The application process

To qualify for the Mountaineer Rental Assistance Program, West Virginians must have one household member who qualifies for unemployment benefits or has experienced a reduction in household income, new significant costs or a financial hardship tied to the coronavirus outbreak.

All applicants must earn less than 80% of the area median income.

The application is available online, but it comes with a list of records that applicants need to submit by scanning them, uploading a photograph or sending copies over mail. Officials estimate the application takes up to two hours to complete.

Many of the applications that haven't been fully processed are incomplete, according to WVHDF communications administrator George Gannon.

"We have been in contact with these applicants encouraging them to complete their applications and receive help," Gannon said in an email.

As of Wednesday, MRAP had denied 5.6% of its applicants, and Gannon said they're sending out about \$1 million each week. Processors were still working through roughly 3,300 requests for roughly \$24 million in assistance.

Assuming all of that would be awarded, roughly \$220 million still remains.

### 'Promising practices'

The U.S. Treasury Department has noted that most states are struggling to keep up with their renters' needs. Like West Virginia, states with similarly structured rental assistance programs did much better in May than they had earlier in 2021, giving away 60% more payments than they had in the previous month, according to the U.S. Treasury.

By August, West Virginia was doling out more than double what it had allocated to renters at the end of June.

Still, the federal agency noted in July that states like West Virginia have to do better and work faster. They released a plan offering clear steps states can take to try to get more help to the people who need it.

Some of the Treasury Department's "promising practices" are ideas Gannon said WVHDF has tried to implement. For instance, MRAP's application is available entirely online, and the organization has partnered with local community action agencies to offer in-person help where needed.

Gannon said MRAP

also is working on another Treasury Department suggestion: to consider what similar social services applicants already qualify for, and use that information to inform their MRAP application. For example, many West Virginians who are eligible for MRAP assistance already get help from the Temporary Aid for Needy Families program (although getting TANF benefits doesn't affect your eligibility for MRAP help).

But West Virginia isn't implementing all of the department's recommendations. Others include "robust data systems and real-time reporting," which the U.S. Treasury Department said would inform housing officials in their "continuous improvement efforts" and keep members of the community informed on the program's availability and accomplishments.

For example, Charlotte, North Carolina, has created an online dashboard, while Harris County, Texas, is building out a map of which communities are the most vulnerable and in need.

The U.S. Treasury Department also recommends collaborating with the entities who will ultimately receive these funds: landlords and utility companies. That could include proactive outreach to landlords to engage their clients, and collaborating with landlords who might also have access to the paperwork tenants need to prove employment and housing.

While West Virginia landlords are encouraged to inform their tenants of MRAP, and to make lease-related documents available to renters, they're not formally a part of the process until they have to certify their tenant's need at the end of the application.

McQuerrey, the South Charleston landlord, said she wishes MRAP would give landlords a more official role.

"If the government wanted to pay rent, then great," McQuerrey said of MRAP. "But that's not what's happening."

McQuerrey said she's just now receiving checks from tenants who first applied in March.

## Dear Recycle Lady,



Dear Recycle Lady,  
Can Ziplock plastic bags be recycled?

Bagger

Dear Bagger,

Yes. Ziplock plastic bags can be recycled at Kroger or Wal-Mart, but not at the Recycling Center.

There are several other similar type bags with different brand names that also can be recycled. As with all recyclables, be sure the bag is clean and dry. Also, be sure any food particles or dirt have been removed. Remove any paper is glued or stuck on the plastic. Ziplock bags are made of low-density polyethylene film (LDPE) and are made from fossil fuels. It takes 500-1,000 years for these bags to decompose. According to a study by the University of Newcastle in Australia, plastic bags decompose into micro plastics that are 5 mm in size and hardly noticeable. The study further indicates that humans consume the equivalent of a credit card of micro plastics per week. All though these bags are very handy and have many uses, you might want to consider using eco-friendly alternatives to these bags. Bees Wraps, Stasher reusable silicone bags, Lunch skin paper sandwich bags, and ECO-FLESH silicone reusable bags are all available. Also available are reusable, and eco-friendly cloth bags, and glass or steel containers.

Dear Recycle Lady,

Lately, I have received letters from several charitable organizations that included a return envelope that is bright red or orange on the outside, but white on the inside. I know that red and orange paper is recycled with magazines, but what about these envelopes with the white lining? Where do they recycle?

Puzzled About the Color

Dear Puzzled About the Color,

Good question. To determine whether these envelopes recycle with magazines or with office paper you need to make a tear in the envelope. If the inside of the tear is white, indicating that the fibers are white, the envelope recycles with office paper. If the inside of the tear is red or orange, the envelope recycles with magazines.

Dear Recycle Lady,

My hair dryer just quit working. Can it be recycled?

Curious

Dear Curious,

Yes, several parts of your hair dryer are recyclable. Like any small appliance with a cord, the cord can be cut off and the copper in the cord is recycled. As much as 50% of the parts inside the hair dryer are metal and can be recycled with metal. Metal is reusable and, when melted down, can be made into other metal products. When you bring the dryer to the Recycling Center enter the door marked aluminum cans and press the button. Someone will come to assist you

Thanks to everyone who stopped by the Recycling Table at the Recycling Center last Friday. We had some lively discussions, excellent questions, and new ideas for recycling. Everyone who came received a TreeSmart pencil made from newspapers. Do hope they have been used and enjoyed.

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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# OBITUARIES

## Eckels Gary Glover



**Lewisburg**-Eckels Gary Glover, 71, passed away Tuesday, Aug. 31, 2021, at his home.

Eckels was born July 6, 1950, in White Sulphur Springs to Irene Robinson Glover.

Eckels worked in the construction industry. He enjoyed his work, spending time with family and helping others. He was an avid golfer and spent a lot of his time in retirement playing golf.

He is preceded in death by his mother Irene and his brothers, James Glover, John Glover, Henry Glover, Phillip (Buzz) Glover, and Albert Glover.

Eckels is survived by his two sons, Anthony Glover (Melinda), and Gary Glover (Meredith); three grandchildren, Jennifer Fadare (Samuel III.), Mason Glover, and Robert Glover; four great-grandchildren, May Meho, Tobias Glover, Josephine Fadare, and Samuel Fadare IV; his brother, Nickie Glover; and several nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 4 at the Mapledale Cemetery with Reverend Bobby McClintic officiating.

Friends may call from 7 - 9 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 3 at the funeral home.

Please send online condolences by visiting [www.wallaceandwallacefh.com](http://www.wallaceandwallacefh.com)

## Madeline Louise Martin

**Lewisburg**-Madeline Louise Martin, 93, formerly of Rainelle and Landisburg, passed away Monday, Aug. 30, 2021, at the Season's Place in Lewisburg.

She was born Nov. 24, 1927, in Landisburg, the daughter of the late Daniel

and Ettie Belle Pitsenbarger Hanshaw.

Mrs. Martin was a member of the Kingdom Hall of the Jehovah's Witness.

She was the last surviving member of her family.

Surviving are numerous nieces, nephews and great-nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Mrs. Martin will be at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 5, at the Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Lewisburg with Elder Imre Penter officiating. Interment will follow at Wallace Memorial Cemetery in Clintonville.

The family will receive their family and friends on Sunday, Sept. 5, from 1 p.m. until time of services.

For those unable to attend the service, you may visit our website the day of the service and join our live stream.

In consideration, please wear your mask and social distance.

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## Thomas R. Voss



**Lewisburg**-Thomas R. Voss, 76, passed away peacefully Thursday, Aug. 12, 2021, on the first day of an event that he loved with all his heart, the State Fair of West Virginia.

Tom was born Oct. 30, 1944, in Baltimore, MD, a son of Edward A. and Naomi L. Voss. He completed high school in Cincinnati and graduated from the University of Cincinnati.

He had hoped to teach math and science at his own alma mater, Anderson High School in Forestville, OH, but there were no openings. While visiting Lewisburg, friends suggested he check with the

Greenbrier County Board of Education. The superintendent asked what he could teach. When Tom answered math and science, the superintendent asked if he could start the next day. He did, and never regretted his choice.

Tom, or as he was known to many, "Mr. Voss," spent 32 years teaching math and science in several county schools in the area-first Williamsburg, then Lewisburg Junior High School, and finally Eastern Greenbrier Middle School. Through the decades, Tom taught multiple generations of citizens of the Lewisburg community to love his chosen subjects as he did and to tackle problems with patience and logic. Many of his students remembered and kept in touch with him long after they left his classroom, and he was proud of the many students who found success in their lives after graduation.

In the summers of all of those decades Tom was a key "cog" of the State Fair of West Virginia. He started selling tickets and soon rose through the ranks to be a key assistant to manager Ed Rock. Tom meticulously and carefully and precisely did just about all Mr. Rock asked of him and more to help make the Fair what it is today. Perhaps though most important to Tom were all the relationships he developed with so many directors, employees, vendors, and attendees. In his last years as he battled Alzheimer's, he often lived in the world of THE FAIR each day.

In addition to his profound impact on his local community, Tom brought joy, laughter, and learning to his nieces, Jennifer and Natalie, his sister Lori, and sister-in-law Brenda. He was preceded in death by his parents, to whom he was devoted, and his brother, Edward Charles.

Tom was a long-time beloved member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Ronceverte. The State Fair honored his passing in their regular church service Sunday, Aug. 15 on the fairgrounds.

A celebration of his life will be held Saturday, Sept. 11, at 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary of the Trinity United Methodist Church in Ronceverte, following proper Covid-19 protocol, masks are requested. Following the service, there will be a reception at the church with light refreshments.

After the reception, there will be a private internment of Tom's ashes, for family and close friends.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Building Fund at Trinity United Methodist Church, 373 Pocahontas Avenue, Ronceverte, WV 24970 or to the State Fair of West Virginia Endowment Fund, P.O. Drawer 986, Lewisburg, WV 24901.

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## Lemonda Fox



**Alderson**-Lemonda "Richard" Fox, 54, passed away on Wednesday, July 28, 2021, as the result of a sudden health issue.

He was born in Beeville, TX, to Richard Fox, and Shirley (Miller) Fox, on Apr. 27, 1967. He grew up in San Antonio TX, where he began his work career in the family sign business. He was blessed with an entrepreneurial work ethic. He owned and worked at numerous businesses from, sign painting, retail, food services, remodeling, security, and many more. He was also known for his being involved in civil and community projects to help improve the lives around him.

He is survived by his mother, Shirley Fox of Alderson; two stepdaughters, Elizabeth and Rachel of Virginia; sister, Jeanette Biggers and husband Curtis Biggers of Williamston, NC; brother, Staran Fox, and wife Jeanett Fox of Rainelle; four nephews, David Biggers of Virginia, Daniel Biggers of Florida, Nathaniel Fox, and Liam

Fox of Rainelle; he was also blessed with many grandnieces, grand-nephews, and cousins.

The family wishes to extend our sincere thanks to the doctors, nurses, and staff at Greenbrier Valley Medical Center, and Raleigh General Hospital, who took care of him in his last hours of a life that was too short.

Due to the current COVID situation, no services are planned at this time.

For more in-depth information, condolences, well wishes, or to mail cards or letters, they may be sent to P.O. Box 181, Rainelle, WV 25962, or call 304-667-6839.

## James Huffman Pyne



**Fairlea**-James Huffman Pyne, 96, passed away peacefully at his home following a short illness, on Wednesday, Aug. 25, 2021.

Born in Zenith, WV, on Oct. 23, 1924, he was the son of the late Reverend Otis Hampton Pyne and Macy Maude Wallace Pyne.

"Jim" was a member of the Fairlea Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church and had served as a Deacon. He was a retired autobody technician. Owning and operating his own shop, The Poor Boy Body shop, for many years. He also retired from the WVSOM as a Security Guard. Jim was a proud World War II Veteran and Purple Heart recipient. He served with the Big Red 1 during the D-day invasion from Omaha Beach to Aachen, Germany, where he was wounded in action. He loved gardening, hanging out at the Senior Center, cruising, dressing sharp and staying busy.

In addition to his parents Jim was preceded in death by his first wife, Violet Francis Martin Pyne and second wife, Catherine Wickline Dixon; grandson, Eric McCallister; and great-granddaughter, Dulce Ramirez. He was also preceded in death by ten brothers and sisters, Ruth Amos, William Pyne, Nelva Raines,

Minnie Cole, Mildred "Lucille" Amos, Naomi (Eleanor) Radford, Otis Hampton Pyne, Jr., Jean Knight, Virginia Bradley, Sylvia Annalee Pyne, and half-brothers, Joseph Pyne, Thomas Pyne and sister, Vernie (Ilene) Dillon.

Jim is survived by his nine children, Larry Pyne of Caldwell, Mike Pyne at home, Annette Pyne of Muddy Creek Mountain, Gary (Connie) Pyne of Fairlea, Janet (Charles) Shelton of Fairlea, Drema (John) Boone of Covington, VA, Donna (Barry) Hoke of Fairlea, Tim (Tammy) Pyne of Ronceverte, Barry Pyne of Fairlea and step-daughter, Brenda Dixon. He is survived by nine grandchildren, Lara (Casey) Crane, of Aiken, SC, Christopher (Tonya) Massey of Daniels, WV, Jeff (Kacey) Massey of Fairmont, Heather Pyne of Fairlea and Amanda (Victor) Ramirez of Fairlea, April Kirk, Sampson (Misty) Kirk Jr. of Lewisburg, Brent (Jessica) Pyne of Lewisburg and Brye Pyne of Ronceverte. He is also survived by step-granddaughter, Becky Stephenson, and step-great-grandchild, Ian Witt. He is survived by five great-grandchildren, Avery and Emmy Crane of South Carolina, Jaxon Massey of Daniels, Caden, Aaron and Bella Massey of Fairmont, Violeta and Maya Ramirez of Fairlea, Skylar Groves and Jaylin Marshall of Lewisburg, Jada and Logan Kirk of Lewisburg, Gavin, Mason and Ella Pyne of Lewisburg; and three great-great-grandchildren, Nya, Jaylin Jr., and Kahlany Marshall of Lewisburg.

Visitation was held on Sunday, Aug. 29 before the funeral services at the Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Lewisburg, where the Rev. Ike Hughes officiated. Burial followed at Swope Cemetery in Lindside, WV.

Pallbearers were Gary Pyne, Tim Pyne, Barry Pyne, Brent Pyne, Christopher Massey and Jeff Massey.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to the Fairlea ARP Church.

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What used to take up to ten days to open a new business in West Virginia can now take less than two hours thanks to a multi-agency commitment and the modernization of the state's business and licensing process.

Under the direction of WV Secretary of State Mac Warner and with support from the WV Legislature and the Justice Administration, the WV One Stop Business Center (the WV One Stop) opened its doors in February of 2018. It is the only five-agency, single-location, business and licensing center in the nation.

The WV One Stop Business Center and its use of technology and

inter-agency cooperation to expedite new business start-ups garnered the attention of the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS) earlier this year. Back in February, NASS members voted to make the WV One Stop Business Center one of just four national finalists for the association's 2021 IDEAS Award. IDEA is an acronym for Innovation, Dedication, Excellence, and Achievement in Service.

The four national IDEA finalists for 2021 were featured by NASS at the organization's annual meeting held in Des Moines, IA on August 15. Secretary Warner and Chris Alder, the Director of the WVSOS Business & Licensing Division, provided a comprehensive presentation to a

national audience on the formation and success of the WV One Stop.

"It is always nice to be recognized and featured at the national level," Secretary Warner told those in attendance at the NASS conference. "But it has been the positive response of the West Virginia business community and the entrepreneurs that we serve that has been the most rewarding."

For the 127,000-plus businesses in West Virginia, nearly 99% of all

annual report filings and new registrations are completed online through the WV One Stop Business Center's online portal. In August, the online portal experienced its one-millionth online transaction.

"We're here to do everything we can to facilitate business creation and expansion. The registration process in West Virginia is no longer an impediment to entrepreneurs and business owners," Warner said.

## Job Fair announced for September 10 and 11 by The Schoolhouse Hotel

The Schoolhouse Hotel will host a Job Fair this Sept. 10 and 11 as it begins to prepare for its 2022 opening. This 30-room boutique hotel in White Sulphur Springs, with a restaurant, rooftop bar, and ballroom, will employ up to 50 people when it opens its doors.

The two-day event will be held in the White Sulphur Springs' Community Center Gym located behind Emmanuel Methodist Church, across the street from the hotel's location along Schoolhouse Way. Applicants can learn about the work culture and

timeline, as well as the many job openings, which will include manager positions, servers, front desk, housekeepers, and more. General Manager Cindy Bennett and Executive Chef Adeyemi Allen will be available throughout the day to answer ques-

## Seamless Summer Option & Community Eligibility Provision

Greenbrier County is participating in the USDA Seamless Summer Option (SSO), as well as the Community Eligibility Provision, for the current school year 2021-2022. These programs provide free breakfast and lunch to all students enrolled in Greenbrier County Schools.

All students will be served breakfast and lunch at no charge at all county schools. If your child is a virtual learning child or if you have other children under 18 and are interested in receiving free meals please contact: Greenbrier County Schools, Attention: Jenny Curry, Child Nutrition Director, Child Nutrition Office, 197 Chestnut Street, Lewisburg, WV 24901, 304-647-6462, jcurry@k12.wv.us.

## NRCTC is accepting applications for LPN to RN program

New River Community and Technical College is accepting applications for the college's LPN to RN associate of applied science bridge program offered in Lewisburg. New classes start in January 2022, and the deadline to apply is Oct. 1, 2021.

"We've had significant interest in the program from nurses throughout our service region," said Registered Nursing Program Director Duane Napier. "At a time when nursing staff is critical to the health of our communities, like we've never experienced before, we are fortunate to be able to offer this program to help them advance in their education and careers."

The intensive 16-month hybrid program meets at the college's Greenbrier Valley Campus three days a week from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. New classes begin annually in both January and August.

The LPN to RN bridge program is designed for LPNs with unencumbered licenses. Students interested in applying must first apply to New River CTC for general admission. Registration for the spring 2022 semester is currently underway at New River CTC.

Webinar sessions on the program have been scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 9 at 8 p.m. and Friday, Sept. 10 at 10 a.m. To register for a session, visit <https://www.newriver.edu/admissions-events/>.

For information on the LPN to RN bridge program, email [rn-program@newriver.edu](mailto:rn-program@newriver.edu). For general information about New River CTC, visit [www.newriver.edu](http://www.newriver.edu), email [admissions@newriver.edu](mailto:admissions@newriver.edu) or call 866-349-3739.

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Word: TUBER  
Collect: GREAH  
Rush: SLEUTH  
Outcome: LUSTER

TODAY'S WORD: \_\_\_\_\_

"I must be improving... the \_\_\_\_\_ are still here!"

**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:** ◆◆◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging  
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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**HOCUS-FOCUS** BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Skirt is different. 2. Wheel is missing. 3. Limb is removed. 4. Collar is different. 5. Buttons are added. 6. Hair is different.

# A Look Back



Illustration from the Dr. John F. Montgomery papers courtesy of Mary Montgomery Lindquist.

**By William "Skip" Deegans**  
Shown is an illustration of Lewisburg's Davis Mansion, just off Echols Lane. The house was built circa 1903 for Dabney Carr Terrell Davis, Jr. and his wife, Mary Rhett Davis. In 1904, the house was appraised for tax purposes at \$4,000. At the time, it was the highest appraised building in Lewisburg and held that record for a number of years until it was eclipsed by the Laing House.

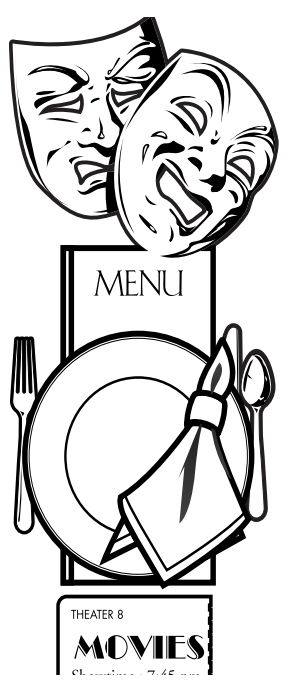
A native of Charlottesville, Dabney Davis attended the University of Virginia. He moved to Lewisburg where he opened a law practice and married Mary Miller Mathews in 1896. The marriage was short-lived as Mrs. Davis died in 1897 and is buried in the Lewisburg Cemetery behind the Old Stone Church.

Dabney Davis moved to Charleston where he practiced law and married Mary Rhett Elliott. They purchased land on the south side of Lewisburg where they built their home and moved there upon his retirement. After Dabney Davis died in 1945, his widow and the executor of his estate sold the mansion and surrounding property in 1947 to real estate developers. The mansion and 3.58 acres were separated and sold to the Bowling and Caldwell families. In 1948, John North Caldwell of Lewisburg and W. Rufus Bowling of White Sulphur Springs converted the mansion into the Oak Terrace Hotel. It was named for the natural terraces and fine oak trees on the property. For awhile, the hotel was managed by John Turner, and his hotel restau-

rant was a popular dining spot. The hotel eventually closed, and the house once again became a residence.

The residue of the Davis property was surveyed into lots called Seneca Estates. When the Davis Mansion was sold by the developers and in order to protect their development, the property was saddled with a restriction that the real estate could not be sold to or occupied by any person of African descent for a period of fifty years. This restriction was all too common in residential developments.

Sources: *The Greenbrier Independent, The Charleston Gazette, Beckley Post-Herald, The People of the Old Stone Cemetery: The Obituaries by Morgan Donnally Bunn.*



## Super Crossword LEAVES AND SHEDS

**ACROSS**

- 1 Is lacking
- 6 Colombia's national airline
- 13 Vid recorder
- 16 Q-Tip's music
- 19 Sound from Sneezey
- 20 Wheels on swivels
- 21 Ring great Muhammad
- 22 Australian bush bird
- 23 Start of a riddle
- 25 Company employee
- 27 Prefix with plop
- 28 Pvt.'s superior
- 29 Frankenfood item, in brief
- 30 A tailor may take it up or down
- 31 Riddle, part 2
- 37 Gooney mass
- 39 Really silly
- 40 Nada
- 41 Toward sunset
- 42 Shared living quarters
- 45 Crime that gets MADD mad
- 46 Kumar's partner in films
- 49 Riddle, part 3
- 55 Crooner Perry
- 56 "Proly not"
- 57 High-flying eagles, e.g.
- 59 "Just — feared"
- 62 Bishops of Rome
- 65 Hair clump
- 68 Et — (and others)
- 69 Riddle, part 4
- 75 Prefix with -syncratic
- 76 Sod
- 77 Bursting stars
- 78 Kisses, on love notes
- 79 Discard
- 83 Gp. giving tows
- 85 In addition
- 87 Riddle, part 5
- 95 Human
- 96 Pro-firearm
- 97 Phone again
- 98 Lone Star State sch.
- 102 U.N. Day mo.
- 103 Minneapolis suburb
- 105 Flubs it up
- 106 End of the riddle
- 112 Early night
- 113 Contract sealer: Abbr.
- 114 Blemish
- 115 1040 pro
- 118 Title sorority of a 1985 film
- 119 Riddle's answer
- 124 Uno plus due
- 125 Tandoor-baked bread
- 126 French "Stephen"
- 127 Ham it up
- 128 Prov. on Hudson Bay
- 129 Agcy.
- 130 Mailed, e.g.
- 131 Tender spots
- 11 Pinch into small ridges
- 12 Part of ASAP
- 13 Measures of business profitability
- 14 Make changes to
- 15 Marlins' home
- 16 Distill, e.g.
- 17 Makes changes to
- 18 Most sinless
- 24 String after E
- 26 Took to the sky
- 32 Desktop introduced in '81
- 33 Pantheon figures
- 34 Shutout, e.g.
- 35 Gibson garnish
- 36 Blazing thing
- 37 Bikini top
- 38 Chaney Sr. or Jr.
- 43 Split to unite
- 44 "Dogma" co-star Matt
- 46 "Meh"
- 47 August sign
- 48 Day, in Peru
- 50 "Ixnay"
- 51 "Chicago" actress Queen
- 52 Mardi —
- 53 Coiled shape
- 54 Overdone
- 58 Cheekiness
- 59 Just slightly
- 60 "Hawaii" co-star Max von —
- 61 Stilted reply to "Who's there?"
- 63 Office phone no., often
- 64 Erwin of early films
- 66 Bogland
- 67 Even if, for short
- 70 Parasite site
- 71 Dragnet
- 72 Cole Porter's "Well, Did You —?"
- 73 Knightly trait
- 74 Point of debate
- 80 Unit of resistance
- 81 — Aztec (language family)
- 82 Crowding into
- 84 "Storage Wars" ailer
- 86 More mature
- 88 Cut in glass
- 89 Works by painter Henri
- 90 Expedition
- 91 Yemen's capital
- 92 Film VIP
- 93 "Yuk" cousin
- 94 Raised train lines
- 98 In the practice of
- 99 Gin joint to receive a shoelace
- 100 Hole to receive a shoelace
- 101 Kick a football
- 103 Sidle through, say
- 104 Band around a sleeve
- 107 Harpsichord relative
- 108 About even (with)
- 109 Seven, in Spain
- 110 Mai —
- 111 Compels Seeger
- 117 Greek war deity
- 120 Despite this
- 121 Yoko from Tokyo
- 122 First prime minister of Burma
- 123 Network of med. providers

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# STEPPIN' OUT

## Lynn Boggess painting to be auctioned



"23 October 2008," a painting by Lynn Boggess, will be sold at auction on September 10 at a party honoring the Life and Legacy of Dr. Tom Isaac.

A beautiful painting by Lynn Boggess will be auctioned on Friday, Sept. 10, at 7 p.m. during a party to honor the Life and Legacy of Dr. Tom Isaac. Online bidding began Aug. 30. Mrs. Sissy Isaac and the Greenbrier Historical Society are giving the party in the back yard at 1168 Washington Street, West, in Lewisburg. Tickets are available by calling 304-645-3398.

Dr. Isaac or "Tom" to all his many friends moved to Lewisburg from Charleston following his retirement from a very successful veterinary practice. He and "Sissy" immediately became supporters of many organizations including the Greenbrier Historical Society. He served as a Board Member, Finance and Event Committee Chair, and Treasurer during his time there.

In 2019, Tom was honored with a "History Hero" award from the Division of

Arts, Culture and History of the State of West Virginia for his outstanding work supporting and promoting the history of the Greenbrier Valley. Tom seldom met a party he didn't enjoy whether it was just him and Sissy in their back yard or down on Second Creek, or hundreds attending a party he had helped arrange. He was a connoisseur of fine wine and an extraordinary cook.

To further honor his memory and support a cause he held dear, a painting by Lynn Boggess has been donated for auction at this event. All proceeds benefit the Greenbrier Historical Society.

Boggess does not name his paintings in a conventional way. They are named by the day they were finished making this one "23 October 2008." It measures approximately 40 x 45 inches and is a marvelous fall scene. The painting is currently on display at the Greenbrier Valley

Convention and Visitors Bureau in Lewisburg.

From his web site, Jennifer Hall Boggess notes, "Lynn Boggess grew up in rural West Virginia, where he spent his days roaming hillsides and creek beds. His first paintings reveal a precocious understanding of the natural world. In those early works, the viewer can recognize species of trees, atmosphere is present in the rolling landscape, and depictions of creeks are infused with memories and knowledge of what lay beneath the large rocks and sand.... Then on a pretty day in 2000, he decided to take a break from the studio and he went outside to paint some nature studies. On a whim, he took a cement trowel that was on a table near the basement door. The trowel afforded him an immediacy that a brush could not. Because the tool could cover large areas quickly, he was able to accurately record a specific time and place. Additionally, the thick paint behaved almost as a sculptural medium, giving the paintings a heightened physical presence...."

His work is displayed in galleries from coast to coast including the Cooper Gallery in Lewisburg.

The auction of this spectacular piece by Martha Hilton of Fathom Realty will take place live during the party at 7 p.m. and on-line using Bidding Owl preceding and during the live auction. Please visit the Greenbrier Historical Society web site at [www.greenbrierhistorical.org](http://www.greenbrierhistorical.org) or <https://www.biddingowl.com/GreenbrierHistoricalSociety> for more information on how to bid on-line.

Janice Cooley, president of the Greenbrier Historical Society, said, "We all miss Tom so much and we cannot think of a better way to celebrate his legacy and the marvelous man that he was than a party in his honor."

Tickets for the party and auction are available by calling 304-645-3398. The event will be in the back yard in the open air with a tent for shelter if needed. Adjustments to the appetizer service will be made as necessary given the COVID situation at the time.

## Ivy Terrace Concert Series continues with Seldom Free



Local acoustic band Seldom Free will take the terrace for Carnegie Hall's upcoming Ivy Terrace Concert on Thursday, Sept. 9, at 6:30 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. Concertgoers 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.

Seldom Free is a multi-member acoustic group created by Greenbrier County WV natives Dan Freeman and Nathan Seldomridge, both of whom play guitar and sing leads and harmo-

nies. Current part time members Joanna Burt-Kinderman (stand-up bass) and Ryan Krofcheck (vocals/mandolin).

The remaining Ivy Terrace concerts will start at 6:30 p.m. due to shorter daylight. The remaining schedule is the 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 these last shows of 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.carnegiehall-wv.org](http://www.carnegiehall-wv.org) or call 304-645-7917.

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