

Local coach to be honored with Lifetime Service to Wrestling Award

By Adam Pack

A career packed with success, prestige, and determination will be recognized Sunday, Oct. 31, as former Greenbrier East wrestling coach Brian Miluk is set to receive the Lifetime Service to Wrestling Award from the West Virginia chapter of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame in a ceremony held at the Embassy Suites. Miluk shares much with the legendary Midas, as it seems every mat he’s touched has turned to gold. A four-time qualifier for the NCAA Tournament at Ashland College of Ohio, Miluk switched from the center of the mat to the side, but carried with him the same dedication to excellence. The annals of St. Edward’s High School and Padua Franciscan High School are etched with the name “Miluk,” both having elected the grappler to their halls of fame. Miluk arrived in Greenbrier County in 2004 as the assistant coach at Greenbrier East. After a short stint as

the Head Coach at the middle school, Miluk spent ten years, 2010-2020, as the head coach at the high school. In his time at the high school level, Miluk brought back-to-back regional titles to GEHS and worked tirelessly to support the sport of wrestling at every level in the area. His regular columns in this the Mountain Messenger did the crucial work of keeping his wrestlers and their accomplishments in the public eye, and always beamed with the pride of a coach who was certainly all in. Miluk received the 2017 WV Wrestling Coaches Association Coach of the Year award, and was honored with the same award by the National Federation of Wrestling Coaches in 2019. When asked if he’d like to give any accolades or pass out any thanks, Miluk stated, “Of course there are multiple people that deserve so much thanks, but special thanks goes to Mr. Jeff Bryant for hiring me, and to Major Darrel Pickenbaugh for letting me coach under him



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GEHS nets multiple placements at State Marching Band Invitational Championship

Forty-three bands from around the state showcased their talents in the tenth annual West Virginia State Marching Band Invitational Championship at the University of Charleston Stadium at Laidley Field on Saturday, Oct. 23. Barboursville and Milton Middle

School bands opened the event with the national anthem. Cabell Midland High School won the Overall “Honor Band” Award and Old Gold Division Grand Champion, and Paden City High School won the Blue Division Grand Cham-

pion award. Bands were judged on general effect, marching and maneuvering, music, music effect, percussion, drum major, color guard, majorettes and feature twirler. Greenbrier East High School won second

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Chris Rodebaugh believes in the Great Pumpkin

By Adam Pack

A Great Pumpkin resides right among us, as recognized by the Great Pumpkin Commonwealth (GPC), the official governing body of the worldwide pumpkin growing competition. The GPC is the international club governing body that recognizes pumpkins officially. As per their website: “The Great Pumpkin Commonwealth’s mission cultivates the hobby of growing giant pumpkins throughout the world by establishing standards and

regulations that ensure quality of fruit, fairness of competition, recognition of achievement, fellowship and education for all participating growers and weigh-off sites.” The local grower of the gargantuan orange gourd causing a stir in GPC circles? Local dentist and gardening enthusiast Chris Rodebaugh. The local DDS takes pumpkins to relevant events in both West Virginia and

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Almost Heaven Habitat seeks partner for Ronceverte home

Almost Heaven Habitat for Humanity helps families build and improve places to call home and believes that affordable housing plays a critical role in strong, stable communities. We are in the final stages of construction on a beautiful three-bedroom, one-bathroom home in Ronceverte near the elementary school, and are seeking a family to partner with! Almost Heaven Habitat selects Partner Families to purchase our homes based on:

- critical housing needs
- ability to pay for a Habitat home
- willingness to partner and participate in our homeownership program

For this home, we are looking for a family that has total income within the range of 60% to 80% of the median household income for Greenbrier County. Income requirements vary based on household size, but would be approximately \$32,000 to \$44,000 for a family of four, for example. Applicant families must also have a significant housing need (e.g., unsafe or unfit living conditions, overcrowding) and have at least one household member with special needs, including any physical or mental disability. If you think your family might qualify to become a Partner Family with Almost Heaven Habitat, complete the “New Home Inquiry” link on our website to get started! <http://almostheavenhabitat.org/apply/> Almost Heaven Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit organization based in Greenbrier County, West Virginia. Established in 1989, Almost Heaven Habitat has built over 300 homes in eastern West Virginia and continues to leverage donated materials and volunteer support to help families become first time homeowners and eliminate substandard housing in our region

Rt. 219 sidewalk work and local park upgrades continue

By Sarah Richardson

The Lewisburg City Council met Tuesday, Oct. 19, to discuss the ongoing issues with the 219 sidewalk project and hear an update from City Manager Misty Hill on CARES Act reimbursement funding projects. For the ongoing sidewalk project running north of town heading toward Wal-Mart, Roger Kennedy of Chapman Technical Group reported to council that “the project has been a little bit of a challenge,” and explained that the groundwork for this undertaking has been in motion since 2012. After the sidewalk was nearly finished over the last few months, nearly every “transition” piece had to be demolished and re-poured. The reason construction has continued is in order to fix these issues. “Most problems with the sidewalk were with the transitions from sidewalk to pavement, and sidewalk to sidewalk. The differentials between the slant elevations can’t exceed ¼ inch,” said Kennedy. This means the sidewalk did not meet those ADA requirements. He said the contractor was given “the notice to proceed” in March of this year with their 120-day contract. “That contract ended July 6, and since then they’ve had several delays. I think that issues with personnel and trying to complete the construction work, we’ve given them significant leeway on contract time. The last extension they

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West Virginia named top 10 global travel destination

International travel publisher Lonely Planet puts West Virginia tourism in elite class

Gov. Jim Justice announced that West Virginia was named a Top Travel Region to visit in 2022 by Lonely Planet, as a part of its annual Best in Travel awards. West Virginia, the only state in the country selected, joins a first-class group of international destinations.

“West Virginia is on a roll. I’ve been saying since my first day in office that we have to tell our state’s story, and we’re doing just that and it’s working,” Gov. Justice said. “West Virginia is a world-class, four-season travel destination, and thanks to this announcement, travelers around the world will be adding the Mountain State to their travel bucket list for 2022. I’d like to thank the Lonely Planet team for this designation and all they do to promote and support travel and tourism.”

West Virginia joins a star-studded lineup of global destinations, like Westfjords, Iceland; Scenic Rim, Australia; Vancouver Island, Canada; and Burgundy, France, in the category for Best Travel Region 2022.

This year’s award recipients were selected from a Best in Travel survey shared across the Lonely Planet team, including every staff member, more than 200 travel writers, bloggers, publishing partners and more - who all shared their top travel destinations for the coming year.

The list was then paired down and sent to a panel of five travel experts. Each destination was judged based on several factors, including its readiness to accept return visitation in 2022 and the judges’ excitement to travel there.

Blackwater Falls (Photo courtesy of wvtourism.com)

Lonely Planet says “2022 is the perfect time to discover West Virginia, a still-uncrowded region with unspoiled mountains and unmistakable heritage where the leisurely tempo of Southern small towns converges with the adrenaline sports that attract adventurers from across the continent.”

As a part of this designation, West Virginia will receive a featured write-up in Lonely Planet’s Best in Travel 2022 book, as well as online content. This announcement has the potential to reach hundreds of millions of travelers and share with them the best of Almost Heaven, West Virginia as they plan their trips next year.

“This is such an honor for West Virginia. Governor Justice has been a true visionary for our state’s tourism industry, and I appreciate all of the time he has poured into big, bold ideas to tell our state’s story,” said Chelsea Ruby, Secretary of the West Virginia Department of Tourism.

“West Virginia is an incredible four-season travel destination, and we can’t wait to welcome new visitors as they plan their trips to the Best in Travel destinations for 2022.”

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runner-up in the Overall Awards (Honor Band) category, and first place in the Class C Band Awards.

This year’s event also included a drumline competition, with Cabell Midland High School winning first prize.

The West Virginia State Marching Band Invitational Championship was sponsored by the WVDACH in participation with the Save The Music Foundation, Conn-Selmer Division of Education, the West Virginia Department of Education, International Cultural Exchange Services (ICES) and the Higher Education Policy Commission. The State Marching Band Championship helps to promote, encourage and celebrate arts education throughout West Virginia.

For more information about the State Marching Band Championship, contact Andrea Nelson, public information specialist for the department, at (304) 558-0220 or Andrea.E.Nelson@wv.gov.

The winners of the State Marching Band Invitational

Championship are as follows:

Overall Awards (Honor Band)

West Virginia State Honor Band: Cabell Midland High School

1st Runner-up: Hurricane High School

2nd Runner-up: Greenbrier East High School

Division Awards

Old Gold Division Grand Champion: Cabell Midland High School

Old Gold Division 1st Runner-Up: Hurricane High School

Old Gold Division 2nd Runner-Up: Greenbrier East High School

Class C Overall Awards

Percussion: Princeton High School

Color Guard: Greenbrier East High School

Drum Major: Greenbrier East High School

Soloist: Greenbrier East High School - saxophone

Great Pumpkin

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North Carolina. Rodebaugh breeds his pumpkins with an incredibly laborious and attentive process that he compares to the breeding of thoroughbred racehorses: “The best way to think about it is just like race-horses... They have a pedigree... And there’s a lineage that’s traceable.”

Rodebaugh takes excellent care and pays great attention to his plants from start to finish, carefully separating the likely winners from the slow starters, late bloomers, and other inadequate specimens.

But, as any experienced race enthusiast can tell you, during any meet a long shot, underdog, 20/1 can win it all. It was just such a case this time around, Rodebaugh admitting that this plant was underperforming the competition in the growing phase. But the little plant that could shut up from the back and bore the biggest pumpkin Rodebaugh has ever grown, beating his personal best by nearly 400 pounds.

However, Rodebaugh is an experienced grower and explained the seemingly strange growth spurt of his runt plant turned blue ribbon winner. “It probably had a better root structure, found nutrients better, something was a little bit more favorable in its micro-environment to give it the edge right from the get-go.” Rodebaugh fancies himself a keen eye for growth and potential in his plants. Though the early stages were concerning, he said, “I probably would have picked it myself as well, all things considered”

When asked about his desire to enter competitive

pumpkin growing, Rodebaugh said that it was a random encounter at our West Virginia state fair in 2017 that piqued his interest. His background in science, however, gave him the real drive and edge to push forward and get into the record books.

“It started with going down the ‘rabbit hole’ online on the subject,” he said, “and then once I got started, I’m a scientist, and that helped me understand and interpret the agronomy (the science of soil management and crop production) involved, and I was hooked.”

With the current record for world’s largest pumpkin being held by a grower in Italy, Rodebaugh and others like him in the region are starting to eye the record and global recognition, and making a meteoric rise in doing so.

“So far, this is the furthest south that there have been successful growers [for pumpkins], but as of now you have me, a gentleman in Wayne County, and another in Kentucky, who are all right there with each other.” And right there with the worldwide scene as well, as Rodebaugh’s pumpkin comes in at 36th heaviest globally, in a competition this year which featured 3,600 pumpkins.

When asked what other fruits and vegetables he was interested in, Rodebaugh mentioned that while watermelons, tomatoes, and various squash could be pushed to relatively unearthly sizes. He’ll always be most enthusiastic about pumpkins for, as they say in competitive pumpkin growing, “You can’t make a boat out of a tomato.”

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were to complete the work by the end of September. It is now the 19th. I was on site last Tuesday to inspect the repair work, and they were finishing up the striping on Silo Lane.”

Kennedy said there have been multiple meetings with DOH on site over construction quality issues, with Kennedy saying he has personally met with the contractor to try and get the sidewalk repaired.

“We have withheld payment of approximately \$327,000,” he explained, and said that they have made significant progress in making the needed repairs.

Councilmember John Little asked what percent of the new sidewalk had to be reworked, with Kennedy stating it was roughly 30 to 40 percent. He estimates that the sidewalk is now 70 to 80 percent compliant.

Little asked if the repairs to the sidewalk have cost anything, with Kennedy clarifying “not a cent” of ad-

ditional money has been needed from the city to remedy this issue.

When asked for a completion time, Kennedy said we are “running out of season, the clock is ticking.”

In other news, Hill updated the council on the ongoing CARES Act reimbursement funds and how the funds are being distributed.

“We were able to secure funding for the skate park addition, for the ramp,” said Hill. She said that lots of collaboration and fundraising amongst the “skate park parents” have made this possible, as well.

“We were able to fund \$15,000, but it came in at a \$24,000 bid, so the parents fundraised \$9,000,” she said.

The Pickleball court is also being paved at Hollowell Park, inching the long-awaited project ever closer to completion. Walking lights around the track at the park

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Coach Miluk

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with so many amazing assistant coaches and staff,” and that he “surrounded [himself] with such great people.”

All together, Miluk and the aforementioned staff brought great things to Greenbrier County wrestling. Not only did his appointment bring on-the-mat results, but in collaboration with the community, a wrestling facility that was in his words “the envy of the east coast for it’s kind of facility.” Miluk made it a point to let his wrestlers know that here in Greenbrier County, his men were “surrounded by greatness.”

GEHS’s wrestling division will continue to benefit wrestling for youth in the region, but still yet another hallmark of Miluk’s career will carry his legacy forward for future generations - the West Virginia State High School Duals Wrestling Tournament.

Hosted at The Greenbrier for the first time in 2020, COVID restrictions and all, a West Virginia Statewide dual meet (a meet in which there are no individual places awarded, but rather teams compete) had been discussed for years, and other states have had such meets for some time. Miluk thought it was time for West Virginia’s grapplers to have one, and took the initiative to see it done.

Miluk spoke very highly of the event, saying it was such a “fun, classy, well run meet by all the dozens of people involved and The Greenbrier, and it really is an awesome experience for all the boys involved. Some of them may not come back here for 45 years, but they can always say ‘yeah, I wrestled there; I was there.’”

Miluk pointed out that dual meets are always fan favorites because they involve a much higher sense of team spirit and school pride compared to individual meets, mimicking something more like a football game. With the popularity of similar regional meets like Raleigh County’s “County Quad,” featuring bitter school rivalries and raucous sidelines and bleachers akin to NCAA basketball games, a statewide meet was a perfect fit for West Virginia wrestling, and we have Brian Miluk to thank for it.

In a sport with perhaps the loudest coaching style of them all, Miluk’s voice and passion stretched far wider than the four walls of the school gyms and arenas where he directed his boys in green and yellow. Most telling of all, however, was what the coach said when asked what he had to say about his wrestlers in particular.

“I had so many stand out guys, it wouldn’t be doing them justice to pick out even three or four, because there were just so many. But the main thing I want to mention is that every one of my guys applied to and was accepted to a college or university. I’m really proud of that, and proud of them.”

Miluk retired from coaching in 2019, and still lives in Lewisburg with his wife.

PICK OF THE LITTER

OLIVER

Oliver is an eight-year-old domestic medium hair and weighs 11 pounds.

PACO

Paco is a one-year-old male pitbull terrier mix and weighs 42 pounds.

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

American Heritage Music Hall, Inc.

located at 496 Island Park, Ronceverte is 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. The Music Hall is available for weddings and parties. For more information call the Music Hall at 304-645-4667; Bill Evans at 304-392-6079; Grace Poe at 304-992-5852.

Trunk-or-Treat at White Sulphur Springs Public library

The White Sulphur Springs Public Library and local businesses are gathering together in the library parking lot on Friday, Oct. 29, from 4 to 6 p.m. for a trunk-or-treat event. Some of the local businesses participating include The Greenbrier Sporting Club, The Schoolhouse Hotel, Greenbrier Glass/Approved Builders, Ed Delong Insurance, and others. If the weather is not ideal, the event will take place inside the library. Come dressed in costume and ready to load up on some goodies. Call the WSS library with any questions at 304-536-1171. The library is located at 344 W Main Street in White Sulphur Springs.

Republican Club to meet

The regular monthly meeting of the Greenbrier County Republican Club will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 4, at the Greenbrier County Courthouse. On the agenda: two new vice-presidents will be elected, club dues for 2022 may be paid, and reservations for the Christmas Dinner Friday, Dec. 10 will be accepted. Evan Jenkins, Chief Justice of the WV Supreme Court, is the featured speaker. He will discuss the WV court system. The dinner will be a buffet at the Elks Country Club beginning with a social hour at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$45. For additional information call: 304-641-1205.

The Goodson Boys

will perform at the Rupert Public Library Saturday, Nov. 6, from 1 to 4 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. Everyone’s welcome to come join the fun.

Addiction Screenings available

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

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Patients counting on blood donors as shortage continues

Donate this November in Lewisburg, White Sulphur Springs, or Union

With Thanksgiving and the holidays approaching, the American Red Cross urges donors to continue to make and keep appointments now and in the weeks ahead to help overcome the ongoing emergency blood shortage that has significantly impacted the nation’s blood supply. In fact, the current blood supply is the lowest the Red Cross has seen this time of year in more than a decade.

Since declaring an emergency need for donors last month, thousands of people have come to Red Cross blood drives across the country to roll up a sleeve and help patients who are counting on lifesaving transfusions. The Red Cross is incredibly grateful for the kindness and generosity of these blood donors, but hospital demand remains strong. At least 10,000 more donations are needed each week in the coming weeks to meet patient needs - ahead of the upcoming holiday season, which always presents seasonal challenges to blood collection.

Donors are urged to schedule an appointment now by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Upcoming blood donation opportunities include:

- **Lewisburg:**
Nov. 2: 11 a.m. - 5 p.m., WVSOM Alumni Center, 400 Lee Street
Nov. 4: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Robert C Byrd Clinic, 1464 Jefferson St N
Nov. 22: 12 noon - 6 p.m., Lewisburg United Methodist Church, 214 E. Washington Street
- **White Sulphur Springs:**
Nov. 1: 1 - 7 p.m., St. Charles Catholic Church, 40798 Midland Trail East
- **Union:**
Nov. 12: 10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Monroe County Public Library, 303 South Main Street

In honor of the new series, I Know What You Did Last

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have already been installed, and have been a hit among local walkers. Door locks have been ordered for the restrooms at both Hollowell and Dorie Miller, which the city hopes will lower vandalism rates.

“The ball field dugouts and ADA bathroom are around 85 percent done, we are waiting on a chopper for the septic tank. The football storage and mini-shelter is almost under roof. The two dugouts for softball has one near completion and the other one we are waiting on fencing for. The two football platforms have been completed, and we are waiting on cooler weather to tear the other one down.”

These projects and more are all being reimbursed to the city thanks to the CARES Act, passed in 2020. Totaling \$726,537, the main focus for these funds have been to local parks and other areas needing updating in recent years.

Public Meetings

Gbr. Co. Farmland Protection Board
meets on the fourth Thursday of each month at 10:30 a.m. at 804 Industrial Drive, Suite 5, in Maxwelton. The public is invited to attend. Call 304-520-3221 for more information.

Rainelle Town Council
meetings are held every second and fourth Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at Rainelle City Hall. The public is invited to attend.

Lewisburg Public Safety Committee
will meet in Regular Session Monday, Nov. 1, at 8 a.m. in the Paul R. Cooley Council Chambers located in Lewisburg City Hall, 942 Washington Street West. Also available via teleconference. For information on how to participate on ZOOM contact Lewisburg City Hall at 304-645-2080 by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 29. On the agenda:

- Police Department promotion

Greenbrier Co. Board of Zoning Appeals
will meet Tuesday, Nov. 2, in Regular Session at 6 p.m. in the Main floor Courtroom. On the agenda:

- Appeal by Joshua Bennett/Hawk Knob LLC for a **Special Exception** from the Greenbrier County Zoning Ordinance. The appellant requests permission for a private wine restaurant license application for WVABCA requirements at 2245 Blue Sulphur Pike, Lewisburg (Property owned by Frank Tuckwiller)
- New Business
- Action on Minutes from Oct. 5, 2021 Regular Meeting

Planning Commission
will meet in a Working Session Thursday, Nov. 4, at 5:30 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 Thursday, Nov. 4. On the agenda:

- Approval of Minutes - Oct. 14, 2021
- Comments from the public
- Review and discussion: Bed & Breakfast regulations
- Discussion of: Scenic overlay
- Discussion of: Permissible Use Tax
- Comments from Planning Commission Members
- Comments from Zoning Officer Marsha Cunningham

The next scheduled Planning Commission meeting will be Thursday, Dec. 2, with a deadline of Friday, Nov. 12.

WVSOM Board of Governors
will meet Friday, Nov. 5 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: 2623 693 3476
- Institutional Policy Committee: 2621 679 1484

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 2622 763 8981.

A copy of the agendas for all meetings are posted on the WVSOM website at 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.

Summer, those who come to give Nov. 1-12, will automatically be entered to win a trip for two to Hawaii, courtesy of Amazon Prime Video. The trip will transport you to where the series was filmed and includes round-trip airfare for two, hotel accommodations for nine nights, meals, \$1,000 gift card for expenses and on-trip transportation with tour stops from Honolulu to Maui. Plus, those who come to donate Nov. 1-23 will receive a \$10 Amazon.com Gift Card by email, thanks to Amazon.

Donors can also save up to 15 minutes at the blood drive by completing a RapidPass. With RapidPass, donors complete the pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online, on the day of donation, from a mobile device or computer. To complete a RapidPass, follow the instructions at RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass or use the Red Cross Blood Donor App.

To donate blood, individuals need to bring a blood donor card or driver’s license or two other forms of identification that are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also must meet certain height and weight requirements.

Greenbrier County Magistrate Court Convictions

Richard Allen Caldwell, II, White Sulphur Springs, attempt to defeat a drug or alcohol screening test by substitution of a false sample, NCP, fine \$100


Margaret Pearl Rule, Lewisburg, possession of controlled substance, NCP, fine \$100

Jason Eugene Zickafoose, Rainelle, possession of controlled substance, NCP, fine \$50, jail 30 days credit for 1 day served - remaining 29 days suspended and placed on 12 months unsupervised probation

James Lee Honaker, Jr., Lewisburg, driving while license revoked for DUI, NCP, fine \$100, jail 60 days to be served on Home Confinement

Alfred E. Ayers, Rainelle, failure to obey traffic control device, NCP, fine \$15

Joseph Dale Parker, White Sulphur Springs, illegal possession of wildlife, NCP, fine \$75



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Ian Laurenson and Erika Laurenson to Ashly Bargman and Ellie Bargman, 15.5 Acres, Falling Springs District

Hot Dog Properties LLC to Carla Renee Moyer and Dennis Moyer, 0.5 Acres, Frankford District

Norvval Huffman and Virginia Huffman to James E. Fleshman, II, Lot No. 108, Meadow Bluff District

Larry W. Evan to Ethel Kinser, Lot No. 58, 59 and 60, Griffith Addition, White Sulphur Corporate District

Ream Interests, Inc. to Valerie N. Lapolla, Lot No. 1 and 2, Brookside Subdivision, City of Lewisburg

VRT LLC to Bier Properties, LLC., Lot No. 11 and 12, Graham Heights Addition, City of Lewisburg

Johhny L. Glover and Shirley L. Glover to Jackie L. Nanney and Robert J. Nanney, 0.349 Acres, Lewisburg Dist.

Anthony Warthan and Colleen Warthan to Jie Liu and Touen Liu, Lot No. 3, Crowfields Subdivision, City of Lewisburg

William Grant Talbott to Leonard Lee Holliday and Teresa Dee Davis, 15.358 Acres, Fort Spring District

Janet R. Quesenberry and James C. Quesenberry to Jan Lee Burns, Lot No. 30 and 45, Hughart Addition, Meadow Bluffs District

Brandon M. Hunt to Noah C. Hylton, Daron G. Hylton and Wendy J. Hylton, 1.00 Acre, Irish Corner District

Girlonza Scott and Jane Scott to Bearly There Farms LLC, 431.14 Acres, Falling Springs District

Debra L. Smith to Mark Smith and Mary Paula Smith, Lot No. 31, Greenbrier Pines Subdivision, Lewisburg Corp. District

Old White LLC to Hillary M. Murray and Matthew B. Murray, Lot No. 6, Greenbrier Sporting Club, White Sulphur District

Jacqueline C. Stuart to Paul E. Rogers, 2.254 Acres, Irish Corner District

Deanna L. Whitt to Stuart D. Whitt, 0.216 Acre, Frankford District

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Suits

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In Re: The Marriage of: Allie Elizabeth Fraley and Triston Crookshanks

In Re: The Marriage of: Adelta Dawn Dunbar and Douglas Gilbert Dunbar

In Re: The Marriage of: Sarah Danne Davidson and Charles Davidson, Jr.

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OPINION

Nature’s Way

By Karen Cohen

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Sour Puss

Pickles! Who doesn’t like pickles? This adoration of all things sour starts very young in life. I used to eat plain mustard sandwiches, just mustard spread on white bread and loved it every day. Weird? Bet you had a childhood crush on some delicacy many of us would find yucky.

According to research, craving sour food comes from lack of sufficient acid in our stomachs required to sterilize and break foods down. Fermented foods are considered healthy foods and many cultures throughout history have fermented or pickled foods, not just as a way to preserve them but also to add savory flavor and to aid in digestion. Kimchi, sauerkraut, miso, tempeh, and kombucha are most likely the fermented foods you have heard of and perhaps eaten. All are good for you and all have a long history sourced back to ages ago.

Here in West Virginia, your grandmother might have had a crock pot stored in a cool part of her house where she fermented cucumbers year round. Whenever lunch was served, she’d fish out a big pickle from the vat and cut it up for serving. You can easily follow this no cook tradition and make your family a constant batch of pickles.

Recipe: Rinse and dry a batch of cucumbers, store bought or better yet-homegrown

1 bunch of fresh dill or ¼ cup of dried dill seeds

10 peeled garlic cloves cut in half

1 tsp peppercorn

½ vinegar

¼ cup canning salt

1 ½ cup of boiled water, let it cool a bit for handling

If you like a bit of heat, add some dried red pepper flakes or cut up jalapeno pepper, remove the seeds.

Slice up your cukes in chunks or long slices, however you like your pickles for eating. Combine everything in a big crock pot and make sure your cukes are submerged fully, you can use a ceramic plate to weigh them down and keep them under the liquid. Put on the lid.

Tip: Keep it low sodium by not adding tons of salt

Let this set for at least six to ten days, no need to stir. Without cooking, the cukes will be crunchy and crisp and fully sour. Just keep replenishing the liquid with another cuke as needed and you will have a constant supply of pickles. If the liquid turns cloudy and yucky, toss it and start another batch with fresh ingredients.

Try making pickled beets, pickled radishes, pickled tomatoes, pickled beans, the list goes on and on. I always heat my water with the vinegar in it to boiling just for safety of killing bacteria.

I also recommend blanching your veggies for a few minutes to kill off germs before adding these to my brine.

Kombucha is relatively new to our culture though it dates back centuries to China, Japan, and Russia. It is a fermented drink starting with sweetened black or green tea and considered a health tonic loaded with probiotics. You will find it in health food stores and lately in vari-



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ous supermarkets. Flavoring with spices or fruit flavors gives it a better, palatable taste. This is another easy thing to make at home. We started making our own kombucha over twenty years ago after a friend gave us a starter scoby, also known as tea fungus or mushroom.

Search out some recipes to make your own kombucha and experiment with various flavors.

If a friend offers you a scoby, take it and indoctrinate yourself in the making of kombucha. Preparation starts with sterilized jars. Dissolve sugar in boiling water and steep green tea or black tea bags in the liquid. Let it cool and add your “magic” scoby. Cover the jar with paper towels or a breathable fabric to keep out the fruit flies and then let it ferment for two weeks or so at room temp. Low and behold, a second scoby or mushroom will develop and you can remove that and start another batch or give it to a friend. I always strain out the liquid tea and drink some in a shot glass every morning. Bitter and fizzy is the taste.

Please email your comments and gardening tips to: natureswaykaren@gmail.com

Commentary

WV WIC highlights Safe Sleep Awareness Month

The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources, Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) is encouraging parents and caregivers to follow the ABCs of safe sleep practices as part of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) and Infant Safe Sleep Awareness Month.

Although SIDS and other sleep-related infant deaths have decreased, each year more than one in three sudden unexpected infant deaths that occur are related to SIDS.

“According to Our Babies: Safe and Sound, one baby dies every 10 days in West Virginia because of unsafe sleeping,” said Heidi Staats, Director of the West Virginia WIC Program. “This highlights the need for WIC which serves 75% of all infants born in our state, to continue educating families about infant sleep safety. Together, we can continue to encourage and promote positive environments for babies that will aid in reducing SIDS.”

Cribs and bassinets should meet safety standards, have a firm sleep surface, and be free of any loose bedding, bumpers or toys. Sleep positioning devices should be avoided, as they may pose danger to a baby if they were to roll out of the device.

“Safe Sleep is as easy as A-B-C,” Staats said. “The safest place for a baby to sleep is Alone on their Back, and in a Crib, which can be placed next to the caregiver’s bed. When sleeping, babies should be placed on their backs with the direction of their heads changed every day to prevent flat spots and build neck muscle strength.”

Additionally, the American Academy of Pediatrics recommends exclusive breastfeeding for six months, which has been shown to reduce the risk of SIDS by as much as 70%. WIC provides a variety of lactation and breastfeeding resources and can help with breastfeeding difficulties.

WIC provides services including certified lactation consultants, a breastfeeding peer counselor program, and a breast pump loan program. Additionally, on-demand, unlimited, video-enabled access to a network of maternal and pediatric experts is available for consultation 24/7 through the Pacify app.

WIC also provides nutrition counseling, parenting ad-

vice, breastfeeding support, food assistance and referral support to help families live healthier lives. WIC services are free for pregnant, breastfeeding, and non-breastfeeding postpartum women and children up to the age of five. Learn more at dhhr.wv.gov/WIC.

Letter to the Editor

Greenbrier Valley

Aquatic Center Update

Dear Editor:

The quality of GVAC construction is very good. We have the funds we need to complete. Exterior work is in our control and being finished now by Lynch Construction, Greenbrier Excavation & Paving, and Riverbend Landscaping.

Construction & Projected Opening: Delays in delivery of essential items is a tremendous issue, leaving us unable to announce an opening day. We anxiously await the arrival of: HVAC Components for Aquatic Spaces, Steel Linear Panels, Exterior Door Systems, Control Panel Chips, and Municipal Water to Fill Pools.

Pool plastering and filling now scheduled for November 8-10.

I once knew exactly when we would open, now I do not.

Staff: We have a terrific management team in place lead by Darcie McCraw, General Manager, with Delphine Houssin, Aquatic Manager, Keith Brookman, Facilities Manager, and Billy Shrewsbury, Front Desk Manager. Front desk staff and lifeguards are eager to start!

Membership: Donors to our Naming, Founder, Closer, and Enhancer campaigns are now able to join and will not be billed until we are swimming. Email invitations have been sent to all on file, if you have not received your invite please contact info@gvaquaticcenter.com for your enrollment link.

We will also host open enrollment events for donors at the development site on Oct. 26, Oct. 27, Nov. 2, and Nov. 3 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. where you may register in person.

All other memberships will be made available in the near future, with that date announced as soon as possible.

This has been a miracle project since 2018, perhaps these delays serve a purpose for an opening in a more “COVID relaxed” manner that we can all enjoy!

Respectfully,
TAG Galyean

The Back Pew

By Stephen Baldwin



With the latest “special session” of the legislature now completed, this month’s column will focus on what happened and how it affects us moving forward in southern West Virginia.

REDISTRICTING. Every ten year following the census, the state constitution requires the legislature to draw new maps based on the latest population figures for Congress, the WV House, and WV Senate. Counties then draw their own new internal districts. All new districts take effect with the 2022 elections.

NEW CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS. Due to significant population loss across the state, West Virginia lost a congressional representative. Now, we have one representative serving the northern counties and one serving the southern counties. All three incumbents intend to seek re-election. Representatives McKinley and Mooney will face each other. Representative Miller does not yet have a primary opponent but is expected to. For a complete map, visit www.wvlegislature.gov.

NEW HOUSE OF DELEGATES DISTRICT. The House moved to single-member districts. So every delegate now serves an area of about 17,000 citizens. For example, a single delegate will now serve all of Monroe County and part of Summers. Greenbrier County was split in half. Nicholas and Fayette were split three ways. For a complete map, visit www.wvlegislature.gov.

NEW SENATE DISTRICTS. The Senate is comprised of 17 senate districts, with each one covering about 105,000 people. The new 10th district, which I currently represent, will be comprised of Fayette (except the southwest corner which was drawn in with Raleigh County), Greenbrier, Monroe, Nicholas, and Summers. I fought for months to maintain our district with full counties, but in the end came up just short with Fayette being partially split. As I’ve told the fine folks in the southwest region of Fayette County, I will continue to work for you even though I will not be on your ballot. Relationships matter more than lines on a page. For a complete map, visit www.wvlegislature.gov.

BROADBAND. In what seemed like dejavu, Governor Justice announced a \$1 billion broadband strategy. You may remember he did the same thing in October 2020 right before the election as a campaign rally. Technically, the legislature allocated \$90 million in federal funds from the American Rescue Plan (which Representatives McKinley, Miller, & Mooney all voted against) and \$10 million from state funds to broadband. My focus continues to be local broadband councils across southern West Virginia so we can prove the areas which are without reliable, affordable internet. Once we can prove that, then we can spend these funds in the areas that actually need it, rather than wasting it with the same old companies in places that are already served.

VACCINE EXEMPTIONS. In what proved to be the most controversial topic of the special session, a bill to provide medical and religious exemptions to potential vaccine mandates passed by the slimmest of margins (17-16 in the Senate). Bipartisan opposition to the bill centered on these facts: 1) medical and religious exemptions to federal law already exist should any sort of federal mandate come into play, 2) this bill would only confuse and complicate the impossible situation businesses are in as they try to balance safety and productivity, and 3) government generally should not be mandating how private businesses run their operations. I’ve heard from a large number of businesses and workers asking questions about this situation, so I posted a long “explainer” on my social media accounts. Check that out, or get in touch with me directly so I can assist you.

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Lyda E. Spencer Reilly

Pittsburgh, PA—Lyda E. Spencer Reilly, 85, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, Oct. 19, 2021. She was the daughter of the late Ken K. and Brownie Shisler Spencer from Renick, WV.

Lyda was the loving mother of Kerry L. Reilly of Pittsburgh and devoted sister of Linda and Brenda Spencer of Lewisburg, WV. She is also survived by many loving relatives and friends, especially Carole Krebs and family, and her beloved cats, Ari and Lila.

Lyda became a nurse and then a certified registered nurse anesthetist, working at various hospitals in Pittsburgh during her career. Painting became her passion in retirement, as well as serving others through her volunteer work. Lyda was a member of Ingomar Methodist Church.

A celebration of her life will be held at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hair Peace Charities (www.hairpeace.org), 102 Cleveland Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15202 or Global Links (www.globallinks.org), 700 Trumbull Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15205.

Robert Anderson Neff III



Alderson-Bob Neff, 78, passed away Saturday, Oct. 23, 2021, after a courageous ten-year battle with multiple myeloma.

Born Dec. 3, 1942 in Troy, Alabama, he was a son of the late Robert Anderson II and Nellie Watson Neff.

He was also preceded in death by a son, Robert.

He is survived by his wife Lynda; daughters, Jackie (Cas) Karbo of Troutman, NC, and Terri (Brian) Byrd of Huntington, WV; son, Jerry (Jerry) of Felmingsburg, KY; and daughter-in-law, Lisa Nalker of Waynesboro, VA; nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

In accordance with his wishes, he will be cremated.

ed. A celebration of his life will be held at a later date.

Online condolences may be made at Lantzfuneralhome.com

Robert George Hagerman

White Sulphur Springs—Robert George Hagerman, 95, was called home to be with the Lord on Sunday, Oct. 24, 2021.

He was born June 23, 1926 on a farm in Saginaw County, Michigan, to Helen Watson Hagerman and Howard Hagerman.

The family moved to Three Rivers, MI, in the 1930s and he finished his education in the Three Rivers Public Schools and went to work at Eddy Paper Company. He was called into the U.S. Army and to serve in Korea from 1952-1954. He returned to his prior employment and continued in mainly factory work until his retirement. He relocated to his daughter and son-in-law's home in White Sulphur Springs in 2015 where he enjoyed the small-town life and close community.

He was an avid Detroit Tigers and University of Michigan football fan and watched as many games as he could. His favorite past time was gardening, always appreciating God's bountiful blessings from the land. Robert enjoyed the company of his children and their families, counting them as a blessing and source of pride.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Marcia Hagerman; siblings and their spouses, Howard "Junior" Hagerman and wife Millie, Hattie Hagerman King and husband Roy, Dorothy Hagerman, Ardith "Elaine" Hagerman Bye and husband Walter, Betty Hagerman Weenik and husband Richard, Lowell Hagerman and wife Maria; an infant son, John Hagerman and son, James Alan MacTavish.

Those left to cherish his memory are his children, Elizabeth Baker and husband Mike, Heidi Griffin and husband James T., Emilie Curtis and husband Steve, Thomas Hagerman and wife Marlene, and Kristine Webb and husband Kurt.

He loved his many grandchildren and great-grandchildren dearly. His many nieces and nephews will miss their uncle Bob. He will also be greatly missed by his church family at White Sulphur Springs Baptist Church where he was faithful in

his attendance and worship.

We wish to thank Kanawha Hospice and the Peyton Hospice House staff for their care and kindness during his last few months on earth. Donations may be made in his honor in lieu of flowers.

A memorial service will be held to celebrate his life and home going at White Sulphur Springs Baptist Church on Saturday, Nov. 20, at 1 p.m., with Pastor Randy Gilliam officiating.

Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in White Sulphur Springs is in charge of arrangements.

Please send online condolences by visiting www.WallaceandWallaceFH.com

Ernest Layton Wykle



Maxwelton—Ernest Layton "Bub" Wykle, 86, passed away Tuesday, Oct. 26, 2021, at his home.

Born Aug. 29, 1935, in Frankford, WV, he was the son of the late Ralph Edward and Anna Catherine Hughes Wykle.

Layton was a U.S. Air Force Veteran and a member of Enon Baptist Church. Layton was known for always raising a good garden. He loved hunting, camping and being in nature.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his loving wife, Marian Ann Wykle, on Sept. 8, 2021; a brother, Randy Wykle; sister, Carolyn Mankins; and a sister-in-law, Cindy Wykle.

Survivors include brothers, Jim Wykle (Paula) of Renick, Jerry Wykle (Gisela), Jack Wykle (Nadine), Elmer Wykle (Mikki) and Joe Wykle all of Frankford; sisters, Joyce Walton of Frankford, and Mary Ellen Whitt of Lewisburg; and numerous nieces, and nephews who all loved him dearly.

Funeral service will be at 2 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 31, at the Morgan Funeral Home Chapel, 252 Montvue Drive, Lewisburg, with Pastor Steve Barnette officiating. Burial will follow in Greenbrier Memorial Gardens.

Visitation will be on Sunday one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

We will be following COVID-19 recommendations and request guests wear a mask.

Online guestbook may be signed at www.morganfh.net

John R. Nemcik



White Sulphur Springs—John R. Nemcik, 84, passed away Friday, Oct. 22, 2021 at Greenbrier Valley Medical Center in Ronceverte.

He was born Jan. 11, 1937 in Youngstown, OH, the son of the late John Joseph and Ann Nadzam Nemcik.

John was a member of St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in White Sulphur Springs. He was an Air Force Veteran. He was a member of the Moose Lodge in Covington, VA, and an avid bowler. John had been the communications director for the federal government at the bunker at The Greenbrier Hotel.

Other than his parents he was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Alderman Nemcik in September 2020.

John is survived by his children, Cheryl Shaffer and husband Jeff of White Sulphur Springs, son, Joseph "Joey" Nemcik and wife Mary Page of Lewisburg, and son, David Nemcik of White Sulphur Springs; grandchildren, Hallie Nemcik, Coriann Nemcik, Cody Shaffer, Carli Shaffer and Jacob Reveal; sister, Elaine Nemcik of Youngstown, OH; brother, Robert Nemcik and wife Dorothy of Youngstown, OH; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral Mass will be held on Saturday, Oct. 30, at 11 a.m. at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in White Sulphur Springs with Father Jim Conyers officiating. Interment will follow in the Church Cemetery, Mt. Loretto Cemetery.

The family will receive their family and friends from 10 until 11 a.m. at the Church.

Those wishing to attend are asked to wear masks and social distance themselves.

Pallbearers will be Bobby Nemcik, Michael Nemcik, Gary Nemcik, Cody Shaffer, Jake Reveal and Will Roark.

Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in White Sulphur Springs is in charge of arrangements.

Please send online condolences by visiting www.WallaceandWallaceFH.com

Lola Marie Honaker



Frankford—Lola Marie Honaker, 70, passed away Sunday, Oct. 24, 2021, at Charleston Area Medical Center - Memorial.

Born July 24, 1951, in Maryland, she was the daughter of the late Arthur William Stidom and Besie Campbell Stidom.

Lola was a member of Enon Baptist Church. She loved being a member of the Renick Senior Friends and spending time with her friends. Lola was an avid shopper and was always willing to take a trip to Beckley. She loved flowers, going to the beach and spending time with her family.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 46 years, Harry Dale Honaker; sisters, Genevieve Hartley and Gladys Nutter; brothers, Avery Stidom and Reuben Cochran.

Survivors include her daughters, Tina Honaker (Gerald Ransom) of Renick, and Tracy Brownell (Chad) of Frankford; brothers, James Stidom (Delores Carrol) and Albert Stidom (Beth) all of Frankford; sisters, Juanita Martin of Renick, and Karen Hambrick of Frankford; grandchildren, Michael Blankenship (Becca Cayton), Alice Blankenship (Robert Dolan), Clayton Chattin and Xander Close; four great-grandchildren; and several nieces, and nephews.

Funeral service will be at 11 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 30, at the Morgan Funeral Home Chapel, 252 Montvue Drive, Lewisburg, with Pastor Steve Barnette and Pastor Jim Anderson

officiating. Burial will follow in Morningside Cemetery, Renick, WV.

Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m., Friday, Oct. 29, at the funeral home.

We will be following COVID-19 recommendations and ask all guests wear a mask.

Online guestbook may be signed at www.morganfh.net

Georgia Marie Basham Martin



Lewisburg—Georgia Marie Basham Martin, 94, formerly of Fort Spring, passed away Tuesday, Oct. 26, 2021, at Greenbrier Health Care Center.

Born Jan. 7, 1927, in Belle, WV, Marie was the daughter of the late Freeman Joseph and Dora Lusinda Comer Songer.

Marie was a retired elementary school teacher. She was a member of Ronceverte Baptist Church, Ronceverte Baptist Church Women's Group and Choir, Grace Methodist Church Women's Group, Greenbrier County CEOS, Alpha Delta Kappa, and taught Beth Moore Bible Classes. Marie was the founder of the Ronceverte Baptist Widows Group.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her loving husband, Harold Melvin Martin.

Survivors include her daughter, Sue Bryant (Jack) of Charlton Heights, WV, and stepdaughter, Cathy Gonzales (Jake) of Lakeland, FL; granddaughter, Jessica Helms (Jason Spears) of New Albany, OH; grandson, Rob Dryburgh (Beronica) of Florida; granddaughter, Mandy Dryburgh of Naples, FL, grandson, Chris Symes (Jessica) of Florence, AL, nine great grandchildren, sister, Bonnie Wilson (Dorsey) of Fort Spring; nieces, Marcie Wilson of Tacoma, WA and Cindy Walton (Russell) of Fort Spring.

Funeral service will be at 12 noon, Monday, Nov. 1, at the Ronceverte Baptist Church with Pastor Andy Howdock officiating. Burial will follow in See "OBITUARIES"__P. 6

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Obituaries

Mt. Vernon Cemetery, Fort Spring.

Visitation will be Monday at the church one hour prior to the service.

The family would like to thank the staff at Seasons Place and Greenbrier Health Care Center for the wonderful care provided.

We will be following COVID-19 recommendations and ask guests to wear a mask.

Online guestbook may be signed at www.morganfh.net. Arrangements by Morgan Funeral Home, Lewisburg, WV.

R. Karen Hawkey
Ronceverte-R. Karen Hawkey, 70, passed away Monday, Oct. 25, 2021 at the Peyton Hospice House in Lewisburg, WV.

She was born in Beckley, a daughter of the late Alex James and Margaret Evelyn Childers.

Karen started a lifelong career in the insurance business, working for years for Gaston Caperton in Beckley and retiring in her career with State Farm Insurance in Fredericksburg, MD. Karen was an avid reader and enjoyed biking, adventures with friends or her family, and spending time with her greatest joy, her grandsons, Alex and Ryan.

Karen is survived by her daughter, Tia Michelle Daniello; her husband, Rob of Bayville, NJ; her brothers, James W. Childers (Lisa) of Lewisburg, John Childers (Sarah) of Beckley; her grandsons, Alex Robert Daniello and Ryan Daniello; nieces, Jeni Childers Baker (Steve), Brenley and Lydia Baker of Lewisburg, Jade Childers of Charlotte; nephews, James "J.J." Childers (Lesley) of Charlotte, and Tristan Childers of Beckley.

Services will be held at a later date.

The Back Pew

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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FUNDING RESTORED. Over the summer, local domestic violence prevention programs received notices that their budgets would be cut up to 90% in the coming years unless the state intervened. Our lawyer, Wes Toney, immediately did a deep dive, identified the problem, and found a solution. He and I presented it to the offices of the Governor, Speaker of the House, and Senate President. They all jumped on board, and we restored full funding for those who protect abused women and children - child advocacy centers, shelters, and prosecutor's offices. Good news!

That's the view from the back pew, where it is my privilege to serve you.

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

In lieu of flowers, Tia and family would like donations to be made to Peyton Hospice House, 1265 Maplewood Ave., Lewisburg WV 24901.

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

Please send online condolences by visiting www.WallaceandWallaceFH.com

Dr. Benjamin Lee Plybon, Sr.



Ronceverte-Dr. Benjamin Lee Plybon, Sr., 83, passed away Saturday, Oct. 23, 2021 at Greenbrier Health Care Center.

Dr. Plybon was born Feb. 11, 1938 in Rainelle to the late Rev. George Franklin and Bertha Gill Plybon.

He grew up the son of a United Methodist Minister and school teacher, and attended Marmet Junior High and Gassaway High School. He graduated from West Virginia University where he also attended medical school and met his wife, Marlene Greynolds Plybon, who was a nursing student. They married and moved to Winston Salem, NC for his internship at Wake Forest School of Medicine. He completed his cardiothoracic surgery training at WVU School of Medicine and was a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons. He was a Lieutenant Colonel

in the US Air Force and served as a surgeon in Omaha, Nebraska, as part of the Strategic Air Command during the Vietnam War. He was honorably discharged from the US Air Force and moved to Lewisburg to practice medicine and surgery and raise his family in their old brick home they loved so dearly on the corner of Houfnaggle and Old Powell Roads. He worked most of his career with Greenbrier Physicians and at the local hospital. He and his wife, Marlene, loved Lewisburg and the community and were members of the Lewisburg United Methodist Church.

Dr. Plybon retired from Greenbrier Physicians and in his retirement he enjoyed hunting upland game birds, deep sea fishing, and carving wood ducks and birds. He enjoyed educating others on wildlife, gardening, native grasses, medicine, cooking, and encouraging works of art and creativity with his children and grandchildren. He loved learning and had a very inquisitive mind. He enjoyed construction projects and designed his log cabin/board and batten home that he was able to enjoy during the latter years of his life. He dubbed this home Dove Field and would host annual hunts with family and friends at this location.

Besides his parents Dr. Plybon was preceded in death by his wife, Beatrice Marlene Greynolds Plybon and two brothers, Rev. George Franklin Plybon, Jr. and John Wesley Plybon.

Survivors include daughters, Dr. Jennifer Kim Plybon Penberthy and husband Dr. David R. Penberthy of Richmond, VA, and Dr. Laura Elizabeth Plybon Grounds and Mr. Clint Grounds of Springfield, MO; son, Benjamin Lee Plybon, Jr.

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of Ronceverte; grandchildren, Jennifer Morgan Penberthy, Olivia Claire Plybon and Emily Paige Plybon; and sister, Betty Jo Howard of Deep Creek, MD.

A memorial service and celebration of his life will be held at 2 p.m. on Nov. 6, at the West Virginia University building at the West Virginia State Fairgrounds, 947 Maplewood Avenue, Lewisburg, WV 24901 with Mr. John Penberthy officiating.

In honor of Ben Plybon, we invite you to take a walk in nature, teach a child to fish, share your favorite recipe, ask the big questions, and reach out to help others in your life and community. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to West Virginia University School of Medicine in his honor.

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

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Michael James Hosmer

Ronceverte-Michael James Hosmer, 52, passed away Sunday, Oct. 24, 2021 at Peyton Hospice House in Fairlea.

Michael was born Feb. 23, 1969 in New York to the late James Hosmer

Michael had been a designer with Appalachian Electronics and a handyman.

Survivors include sons, Jesse Hosmer of Ronceverte, and Jared Hosmer of White Sulphur Springs

Michael's wishes were to be cremated.

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Reverend Jeff Binder

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Old Stone Presbyterian Church in Lewisburg is delighted to welcome the Reverend Jeff Binder as Interim Pastor.

Reverend Binder is a native of Parma, Ohio, a suburb of Cleveland. He attended The College of Wooster in Wooster, Ohio where he earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Religious Studies. Following graduation from McCormick Theological Seminary in 2009, he accepted a call to First Presbyterian Church of Tequesta in Tequesta, Florida, where he served as Associate Pastor for Families and Mission. In 2012, he joined the staff of the Presbytery of the Peaks in Lynchburg, Virginia, serving as Associate Presbyterian for Discipleship and Ministry. Since 2017, he has been head of staff at Valley Community Presbyterian Church in Portland, Oregon. He is a Doctor of Ministry candidate.

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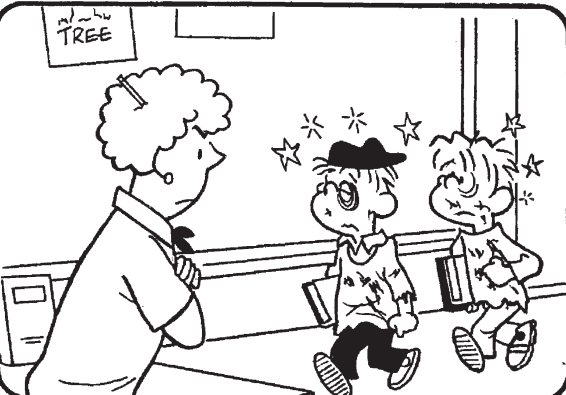
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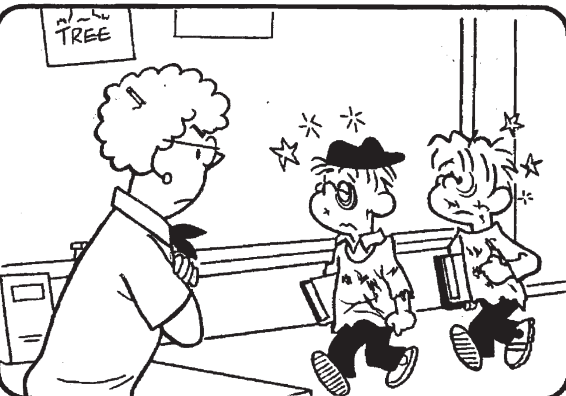
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Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the page!

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26 Moral wrong
27 "High School High" actress Carrere
28 Wife of TV's Frasier
30 "Take — out of crime!"
31 Nine-digit ID, for short
34 Big Apple inits.
35 Tsunamis are big ones
38 They make pins fall
43 Fashion figure Oscar de la —
44 Colored ring of the iris
45 Falco who portrayed a Soprano

DOWN

46 Alan who portrayed Hawkeye
48 Mai — (cocktail)
51 Has in one's sights
53 They list a film's cast
57 Diamond great Mel
58 Midwest air hub
61 CPR specialist
62 Conductor André
63 Corp.
64 shake-up
66 Gold, to Jorge
67 Zip
68 1995-2016 NBAer Kevin
69 Radials, e.g.
73 Zoo
76 Chi-Town team
77 "— Na Na" (TV oldie)
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82 Concert extra
83 And so on: Abbr.
84 For — (really cheaply)
86 Avail
87 Resounding storm noises
89 Harmful ant

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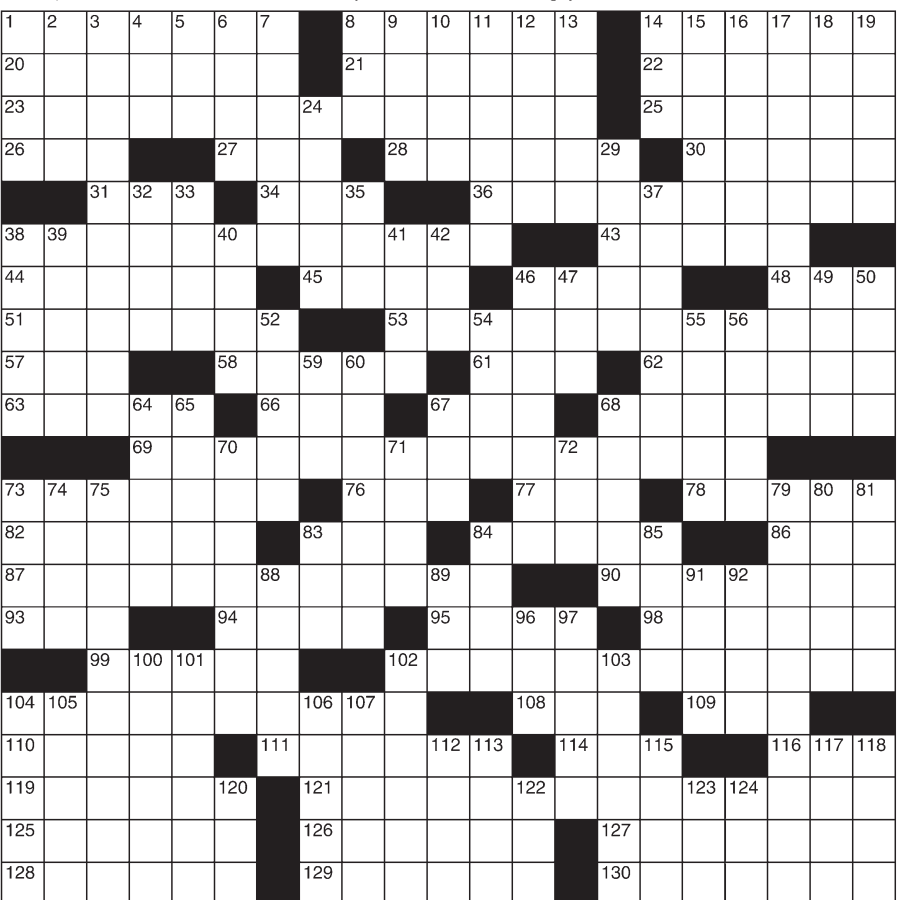
93 Good cholesterol, for short
94 "If only — known!"
95 Suffix with kitchen
98 More in order
99 Maine university
102 Diner and sleeper
104 Casino cubes
108 — laude
109 'Neath's opposite
110 Deer family member
111 State of societal breakdown
114 Amigo
116 Orlando-to-Miami dir.
119 More highfalutin
121 What eight answers in this puzzle are
125 2017 biopic about skater Harding
126 Attacked energetically
127 Acid neutralizers
128 Big pizzas, say

DOWN

129 Like some post-meal bad breath
130 Principe's partner island
37 Close to its face value, as a bond
38 Ulan —, Mongolia
39 Elocute
40 Defense gp.
41 Sour fruit
42 MGM lion
46 Without purpose
47 Allow to
49 Feuding, say
50 "Who —?"
52 Jarred
54 Disguise
55 Muffed up
56 Thick
59 Elbow locale
60 Sat on a perch
64 Hit with the knuckles
65 Close watch
67 Vote down
68 Immense
70 Trapping in branches
71 — Raton
72 E'en if
73 One of the "Little Women"
74 With a sharp image, for short
75 Like nerves acting on eye muscles
79 Part of many a heavy-metal track

ACROSS

80 Fall bloom
81 Soothsayers
83 Ecol. monitor
84 Fizzy wine, for short
85 Rowlands of "Gloria"
88 1970s spinoff sitcom
89 Grassland
91 Make over
92 Egg nog spice
96 Dr. Mom's attention
97 Spew forth
100 Skyrocketing
101 Odd feature of a cyclops
102 Actress Leah
103 Nebraska natives
104 AOL rival
105 Vital conduit
106 Halved
107 Actor Sacha Baron —
112 Liking a lot
113 Novelist Jennifer
115 Follower of "ooh" or "tra"
117 Thin
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120 Dorm heads, for short
122 Pig's home
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124 Scoundrel



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A Look Back



The Greenbrier Independent photo

By William "Skip" Deegans
Older readers may remember when the Lewisburg's former True Value building was the Greenbrier Dairy. The dairy was an outgrowth of the Lewisburg Ice Cream Company that was organized in 1916 by a group of Green-

brier County farmers as an outlet for their milk. In the beginning, all of the ice cream was shipped by rail and distributed along the C&O railway route. In 1919, the company opened a plant in Beckley. Their slogan was "From the Green Pastures of Greenbrier."

In 1936, two Charlestonians, E. M. Johnson and Hugh F. Hutchinson, acquired a substantial interest in the company and

expanded by opening distributing plants in Logan and Charleston. In 1942, the company's name was changed to Greenbrier Dairy Products Co. In 1946, over 600 families in Greenbrier and Monroe Counties were producing milk for the dairy. By 1950, the dairy had 75 trucks and 180 employees. It was the first dairy in West Virginia to sell milk in paper cartons.

Greenbrier Dairy was

the largest dairy in West Virginia in 1963 when it was acquired by Beatrice Foods. Beatrice Foods subsequently shut down the Lewisburg operation and sold the building to Ken and Helen Dotson in 1971. The Dotsons opened True Value Hardware the next year.

Sources: *The Raleigh Register*, *Beckley Post-Herald*, *The Mountain Messenger*.

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

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Regret Batteries Don't Recycle

Dear Regret Batteries Don't Recycle,

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Dear Recycle Lady,

How do I recycle shiny cardboard boxes?

Wondering

Dear Wondering,

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Church Goer



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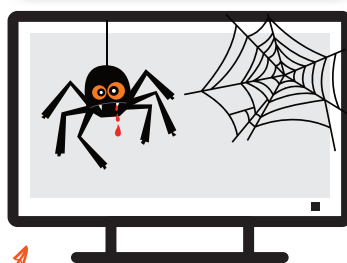


Low-Risk HALLOWEEN Fun



Carve or decorate pumpkins with members of your household. If you carve pumpkins with neighbors or friends, do so outdoors at a safe distance with masks.

Have some fun crafting decorations and dressing up your home.



Enjoy a Halloween movie night at home with spooky snacks.

Create a "candy hunt" by hiding treats throughout the house or yard.



Plan a Halloween scavenger hunt. Give your kids a list of Halloween-themed things to search for while you walk the neighborhood admiring Halloween decorations at a distance.



Host a virtual costume contest or party.

Moderate-Risk ACTIVITIES

If you decide to participate in these activities, here are some tips to help protect your family and others:

Trick-or-Treating

- Set up one-way trick-or-treating with individually wrapped goodie bags lined up at the edge of your driveway or lawn for families to pick up while maintaining a safe distance. Be sure to wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds before and after preparing goodie bags.

Outdoor Parties & Parades

- Stay outdoors in the open air.
- Limit the number of participants to a small group.
- Maintain a distance of at least 6 feet between people at all times.
- Wear protective masks. A costume mask should not be used to replace a protective mask, unless it is made of two or more layers of breathable fabric, covers the mouth and nose, and leaves no gaps around the face. Wearing a costume mask

over a protective cloth mask can make it difficult to breathe, so consider using a Halloween-themed cloth mask instead.

Haunted Trails

- Make sure these are one-way outdoor activities.
- Make sure protective masks and social distancing are enforced.
- If screaming is likely to occur, distancing of more than 6 feet between people is advised. The greater the distance, the lower the risk of spreading a respiratory virus.

Pumpkin Patches & Orchards

- Use hand sanitizer before touching pumpkins or picking apples.
- Wear a mask and practice social distancing.

Happy HALLOWEEN

The CDC recommends avoiding high-risk activities like traditional trick-or-treating, trunk-or-treat events, indoor parties, and haunted houses and hayrides. Please remember, if you feel ill or may have been exposed to someone with COVID-19, avoid in-person Halloween activities and do not give out candy to trick-or-treaters.

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Halloween Safety for Kids & Pets

In all the excitement surrounding Halloween, it can be easy to overlook potential dangers faced by kids and pets each year. Take a moment to review these safety tips to help ensure a fun-filled holiday and prevent any real scares!



Trick-or-Treat Tips to Keep Li'l Ghouls & Goblins Safe

- Never let kids trick-or-treat alone. Older groups trick-or-treating without adult supervision should make sure a parent knows the planned trick-or-treat route.
- Remind kids to walk, not run, when trick-or-treating. Instruct trick-or-treaters to use crosswalks and caution when crossing streets or driveways, and stay aware of their surroundings at all times.
- Make sure costumes and masks fit well to avoid tripping hazards or difficulty seeing or breathing.
- Use only non-toxic makeup and cosmetic-grade, eye-safe glitter on the skin and face.
- Make sure kids carry a flashlight, and attach reflective tape to costumes and treat bags to enhance visibility.
- Eat only factory-wrapped candy that has not been opened.
- Wearing a cloth mask over the face and nose when trick-or-treating in a group this Halloween can help keep kids healthy.



HalloWag Safety for Dogs & Cats

- Keep candy out of reach from pets. Xylitol sweeteners and chocolate in particular can be toxic to dogs and cats.
- Keep pets inside and away from the front door for their security and the safety of trick-or-treaters.
- Costume carefully if you're dressing up your pet, taking care not to restrict their movement, vision, hearing or ability to breathe. If your pet is distressed by wearing a costume, remove it immediately.
- Make sure your pet is microchipped and wearing a collar with identification tags to help ensure his or her safe return in the event of a Halloween escape.
- Keep candle-lit jack-o'-lanterns and other candles a safe distance from pets who may knock them over or burn themselves.

Local Halloween Fun

- » Lewisburg, Ronceverte, and White Sulphur Springs will hold trick-or-treating on Saturday, Oct. 30, from 6 to 8 p.m., at homes with a porch light on.
- » In Lewisburg, the Family Refuge Center is holding a showing of Hocus Pocus on Saturday, Oct. 30, at Hollowell Park, with the event opening at 7:30 p.m. and the movie starting at 8 p.m. Admission is \$5

per adult and \$3 per child, and includes the movie, popcorn, and a drink. Proceeds benefit the Family Refuge Center. Bring a blanket and a chair.

- » White Sulphur Springs is hosting a Trunk-or-Treat on Friday, Oct. 29, from 4 to 6 p.m. in the White Sulphur Springs Public Library parking lot. If there is inclement weather, it will move to inside the library.

Why do we say 'trick or treat'?



Homeowners think nothing of having goblins, nurses, vampires, or astronauts showing up at their doors each October asking for candy. Any other time of the year and these visitors might be turned away. But Halloween is all about the magical and the macabre, and trick-or-treating is a major component of the festivities. Kids and adults alike cry out 'trick or treat' at each house they visit. Many utter this familiar phrase without a second thought and may have no idea how this familiar custom came to be.

During the Middle Ages, less fortunate individuals would go 'souling,' which was a process of going door-to-door asking for food on November 1 in return for saying prayers for the deceased on All Souls Day on November 2. Many centuries

later, the tradition of 'guising' began in Scotland around the same time of year. People began wearing masks and costumes to disguise themselves and prevent evil spirits from harming them. Spirits were thought to cross over more readily around Halloween. The custom also was called 'mumming' and was celebrated in nearby England and Ireland as well.

Costumes were eventually accompanied by hijinks. Mischief makers would sing a rhyme, do a card trick or tell a story in exchange for a treat. If that treat wasn't presented, a 'trick' could be played. For 19th century children, tricks included jamming hot cabbage into a keyhole to stink up a house or frightening passersby.

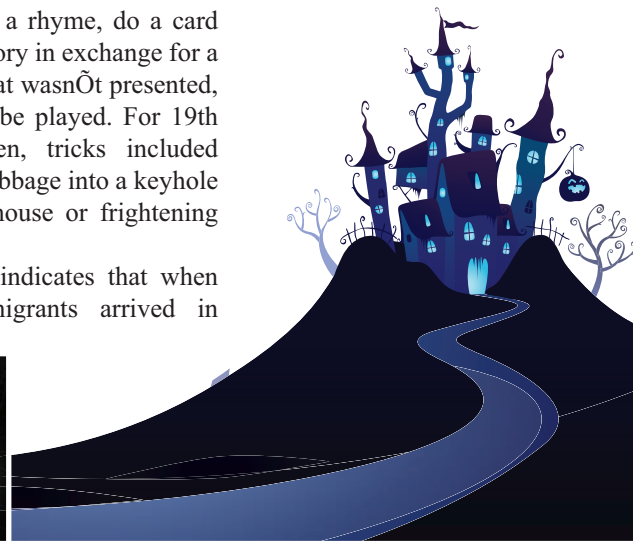
History.com indicates that when European immigrants arrived in

America, they didn't give up their annual mischief or requests for treats, and the custom spread throughout the early 20th century in the United States.

While the practice of begging for treats in some shape or form went by many names, Merriam-Webster reports that a newspaper in Saskatchewan, Canada first mentioned the words 'treat' and 'trick' together in print. A 1923 article indicated, 'Hallowe'en passed off very quietly here. Treats not tricks were the order of the evening.' By 1927, more and more children were uttering 'tricks or treats' to solicit candy from their neighbors.

Trick-or-treating gained steam throughout the 1950s, with endorsements by major candy companies. The custom also was showcased in popular comic strips.

Even though there are tricks to be made on Halloween, treats are the real draw of the day.



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An evening with Mbira at WSS Library



Sarah Hann

White Sulphur Springs Library will host an African Mbira concert and discussion on Thursday, Nov. 4, beginning at 6 p.m., featuring Sarah Hann and Cassidy Hicks. Ms. Hann will be performing traditional Shona pieces on the mbira dzavadzimu from Zimbabwe as well as performing contemporary songs arranged for mbira. Ms. Hicks will be singing. The concert will be part performance and part informational as Sarah Hann introduces us to the wonders of African music. There will be an opportunity at the end of the concert for questions and answers, and for the listeners to try out the mbira. Join us to understand how

the music of the mbira can move you emotionally and intellectually. Hann has a music education degree from Indiana University of Pennsylvania and a Masters from Winthrop University in South Carolina. She currently teaches K-5th grade at White Sulphur Springs Elementary School. Hicks has a music education degree from Concord University. She currently teaches Pre-K through 5th grade at Frankford Elementary School. Light refreshments will be offered at the end of the concert. The library is located at 344 W Main Street in White Sulphur Springs. Please call 304-536-1171 with any questions.

First Fridays continues November 5

First Fridays in Lewisburg returns on Nov. 5 from 5 to 8 p.m. Everyone is welcome!

Harmony Ridge and Lily are super excited to contribute to the first Southern WV Dog Park in Ronceverte! During First Friday, buy any item and Harmony Ridge with donate all of the profits! Drop \$10 into a raffle and enter a chance to win an awesome piece of yard art! Harmony Ridge will donate all raffle ticket sales! Purchase a glass or two of wine at \$4 each

and Harmony Ridge will match it with a donation. Let's do this! Our furry family members need a place to run, romp and play with other dogs! (886 Washington Street West, 304-645-4333)

'Tis the season for hot tea. The perfect thing to keep you well and warm throughout the season. **Edith's Store** will be offering samples of their new selection of Pukka herbal tea. (1035 Washington Street East, 304-645-7998)

Pop in to **Carnegie**

Hall for the opening of the November/December art exhibits by regional artists. The Old Stone Room hosts the photography by Jesse Thorton, the Lobby Gallery features paintings by Lynn Davis and The Museum Gallery will show the work of Jörn Mork. Join the opening reception for the Lynn Davis Exhibit at 5 p.m.

(611 Church Street, 304-645-7917)

Aggie's and Vest are serving up hot spiced cider, mulled red wine and gingerbread! (979 Washington Street West, 304-645-4063)

The Hub Cafe is offering a free acrylic landscape painting class with Maya Coleman. Email **See "Fridays"__ Page 13**

State Fair announces 11th Annual Christmas Barn Decorating Contest

The State Fair of West Virginia is excited to announce its 11th Annual Christmas Barn Decorating Contest at the State Fairgrounds in Lewisburg. This year, nonprofits, school-based, and other civic organizations will have the opportunity to decorate one of ten harness racing barns located adjacent to Route 219 North.

"This is always an exciting competition for us, and it has become a great tradition for the community," State Fair CEO Kelly Collins stated. "For 2021, we've changed our rules

and regulations, as well as the judging format to improve our contest."

Judged by a private panel of individuals from around the community, the winning entry will receive \$300, with second and third place receiving \$200 and \$100 respectively. Only the east end of the barns will be decorated, and work must be completed by 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 21.

For more information or for an application, please call 304-645-1090, or email ellend@statefairf-wv.com

Holiday Kick-off set November 18

Communities In Schools of Greenbrier County (CISGC) will host its 3rd Annual Holiday Kick-Off at Hill & Holler on Thursday, Nov. 18, at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$50 per person and include a meal and two drinks. Doors open at 6 p.m. with the live auction at 7 p.m. and silent auctions throughout the evening.

CISGC is a 501(c)3 nonprofit serving Greenbrier County students and

their families for nearly 20 years. All proceeds go towards services provided to at-risk and underprivileged youth in all 13 public schools in the county. Kick off the holiday season while helping local youth have what they need to succeed in school and in life!

Contact us via email at director@cisgc.org or 304-661-1018 for tickets and more information.

Carnegie Hall Calendar of Events

2021 Fall Classes & Workshops: Carnegie Hall offers learning opportunities starting on Sept. 18 and continuing through December. Classes and workshops include pottery, painting, cooking, music, weaving, writing, quilting, and more. Carnegie also offers classes for homeschooled students.

- **Friday, Nov. 19: John R. Miller W/Drift Mouth** - Mainstage Performance on Friday, Nov. 19 at 7:30 p.m. John R Miller is a true hyphenate artist: singer-songwriter-picker. "Drift Mouth hits the sweet spot between the guitar crunch of Crazy Horse and Drive-By Truckers and the lyrical storytelling of the best hard country of Appalachia." - Mike Elliott, Americana UK. Tickets start at \$17.
- **Friday, Dec. 3: West Virginia Symphony Orchestra** - Mainstage Performance on Friday, Dec. 3 at 7:30 p.m. Join us for an evening with the West Virginia Symphony Orchestra as it celebrates the holidays. WVSO is West Virginia's premier performing arts organization, presenting classical, pop, and chamber-music concerts annually throughout the Mountain State. Tickets start at \$37.

Rotating Galleries:

Board Room Gallery - Connie Manchester Exhibit. Carnegie Hall Galleries are open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Free admission and open to the public. Showing until further notice.

Online Exhibit - Carnegie Hall's 31st Annual Art Exhibit "Phonedemic: Scenes from a Lost Year." (<https://www.carnegiehallwv.org/juried-exhibit>)

Permanent Exhibit:

Arts From The Ashes: The History Of Carnegie Hall - The exhibit features memorabilia, photographs, artifacts and more of Carnegie Hall since its construction in 1901. Located on the second floor. Free admission.

For more information visit carnegiehallwv.org, call 304-645-7917, or stop by 611 Church Street, Lewisburg.

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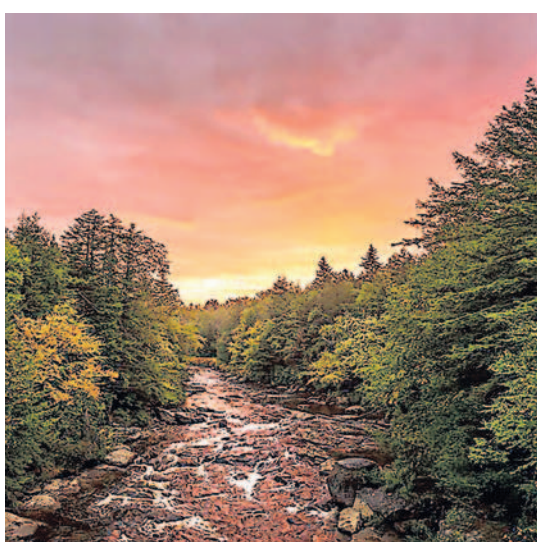
Schoolhouse Gallery opened at Lee Street Studios in Lewisburg. The new shop is filled with artworks created by the resident artists at Lee Street Studios, including clothing, jewelry, pottery, woodturning, fiber arts, painting, prints, notecards, and gifts. Participating artists include Michael

Christie, Susan Ernst, Thomas Rugiero, Shea Newton, Margy Green, Susie Smead, Sean O'Connell, Dan Green, Bruce Brenneman, and Jeanne Brenneman. The Schoolhouse Gallery will be open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. each Saturday through December.

Carnegie Hall opens new exhibits for Lewisburg's First Fridays After 5

Carnegie Hall's November/December Exhibits open Friday, Nov. 5, at 5 p.m. Carnegie Hall features three rotating galleries, which display the works of regional artists. The November/December Exhibits feature works by Jesse Thorton (Old Stone Room), Lynn Davis (Lobby Gallery), and Jorn Mork (Museum Gallery). There will be a reception for the Lynn Davis Exhibit at 5 p.m. in conjunction with Lewisburg's First Fridays after 5.

The Museum Gallery (formerly the West Virginia Music Hall of Fame Exhibit) features art by Jorn Mork from Lewisburg. Mork is an award-winning, self-taught artist in residence at The Greenbrier. As an artist for over 40 years, she has been a gallery owner and director, and helped produce major wholesale art shows. Her art pushes parameters, while reserving a consistent spiritual connection, and translates her personal viewpoint into positive and symbolic images. In 2006,



Photography by Jesse Thorton (left), art by Lynn Davis (center), and art by Jorn Mork (right)

she attended an eight-week workshop at the Penland School of Craft and began adding fabricated silver to her mediums.

Photographer Jesse Thorton is featured in the Old Stone Room. Thorton was inspired in 2014 to pick up a camera as a simple excuse to get out of his comfort zone, travel more, and document his journeys. He quickly became obsessive about the art of photography and addicted to traveling. He has traveled extensively, but

is still most inspired by his home state. Influenced by fantasy and science, his aim is to capture the surreal nature of these landscapes in hopes of encouraging others to discover the beauty of West Virginia.

The Lobby Gallery will show case the art of Lynn A. Davis. Davis is a resident of Alderson in Monroe County. She had been a teacher for Greenbrier County Schools since 2008 and currently is the art teacher for Smoot and Rupert Elementary Schools. Teaching art to her students has reawakened her own love of art. Lynn uses the process of acrylic paint pour for many of her works, but recently, Lynn began using a relatively new medium - alcohol inks. Alcohol ink bonds to non-porous surfaces, such and yupo (synthetic) paper, tile, or a treated canvas. It is a solvent and reacts well with the solvent, isopropyl alcohol. The isopropyl alcohol

is to alcohol ink as water is to watercolors. Alcohol in is commonly moved or "painted" by using air, or breath, and brushes. Like acrylic pours, you can plan what colors you would like to achieve, but the final product is often something different. Lynn also uses alcohol inks and mica powder with resin to create a variety of mixed media art pieces.

The exhibits are free and open to the public, Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and run through Dec. 30. For more information, please visit carnegiehallwv.org, call 304-645-7917, or stop by the Hall at 611 Church Street, Lewisburg.

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Fridays

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