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The two-story center will boast an impressive space to hold indoor sports, community programs, and more.

## Recreational facility planned for White Sulphur Springs

Dick Gunnoe Memorial Park will be the new site of the facility, which will include an indoor gym, classrooms, jogging track, and more

By Sarah Richardson

The White Sulphur Springs City Council heard an exciting update for the town at their latest meeting, as Tom Crabtree and other representatives hosted a presentation announcing plans for a new recreational facility to be installed at Dick Gunnoe Memorial Park. The park, formerly known as Villa Park, is already the site of the new public pool and wellness center, which has quickly become a popular spot for locals and visitors alike.

"The idea of this facility is to promote the health of the community, from youth to elderly folks," said Crabtree. He named an expansive list of services the facility plans to

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Tom Crabtree stands with Drema Mace Hill, WVSOM Vice President for Community Engagement and Development, as they present plans for the new recreation facility to city council.

## Meadow River Rail Trail updates presented to Commission

By Adam Pack

The Greenbrier County Commission met Tuesday, Oct. 9, to discuss the status of the Meadow River Rail Trail.

Meadow River Rail Trail Coordinator Matt Ford updated the commission on the progress for phases 1 and 2 of the Meadow River Rail Trail project, and discussed the ongoing talks with FEMA over funding for phase 3 of the trail.

Phase 1 of the project deals with the replacement of the Russell Bill Bridge in Fayette County. According to Ford, "The DOH (Department of Highways) is waiting on approximately \$280,000 to be released by the county once the FEMA extension request is released." This grant affects portions of the trail in Greenbrier County, as well, and Ford made note that "discussions with FEMA seem favorable for both Greenbrier and Fayette counties for those extensions to get approved."

Phase 2 includes repairs of damages done to portions of the trail which were complete before the 2016 flood. In Greenbrier County, bids have already been opened

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## Greenbrier Valley Volunteer nominated for National Volunteer Leadership Award

Shepherd's Centers of America (SCA) has announced that Sally Lane with the Shepherd's Center of Greenbrier Valley had been nominated for the 2021 Donald Owen Smith National Volunteer Leadership Award.

The Donald Owen Smith National Volunteer Leadership Award recognizes exceptional volunteers with the Shepherd's Centers of America network for their service in helping older adults lead meaningful lives through connection with each other and their community. This is the only national volunteer award recognizing older adults in service to communities to help older adults age



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## Nature's Way

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## CEOS Club brings education, wellness and community involvement to the Greenbrier Valley

By Adam Pack

The local Community Education Outreach Society (CEOS) is just one part of many club organizations like it whose outreach expands to even an international level. All 55 counties in the state have local chapters of the CEOS in cooperation with the WVU Extension Service. As a dedicated civic organization, the CEOS here in Greenbrier County facilitate all manner of community involvement, development, and improvement.

The first CEOS in the state was founded in 1914 as the Farm Women's Club, and members shared recipes, crop growing techniques, and helped ease the burdens and difficulties of country living. For individuals, schools, churches, and families throughout the tough years of the mid-20th century in the area, Farm Women's Clubs were places of respite,

help, and comfort for many. As far back as the 30s, WVU's Extension Service has had an integral part of organizing clubs like this and still does to the present day.

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Progressive CEOS Christmas meeting 2016: Front Row: Lynn Humphreys (left), Faye Honaker, Dot Feamster, Thelma Berkley and Betty Jo McNeel; Middle Row: Colleen Walton (left) and Mary Liz Richmond; Back Row: Barbara Shiley (left), Patty Gray, Chris Gowings, Kitty Loudermilk and Linda Schmidt



Williamsburg CEOS August meeting 2016: Front: Dorothy Hayes; Standing: Cassandra Perkins (left), Loretta Shirley, Barbara Deeds, Virginia Hanna, Laura Rose and Blanche Knicely



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## Ascend West Virginia holds virtual meeting with WVPA, community members

By Adam Pack

West Virginia Press Association Executive Director Don Smith, along with Ascend West Virginia Founder Brad Smith, hosted a media roundtable discussion on Ascend West Virginia's progress last Friday.

Brad and his wife Alys, who donated the initial funding for the program, discussed the ongoing work on their "long-term vision for a greater, better West Virginia." Brad, a native West Virginian, is the former CEO of Intuit.

The City of Lewisburg is one of only three "host cities" that were selected to participate in this program. This means that workers were selected to move to the Lewisburg area, but will work remote jobs. Lewisburg, Shepherdstown, and Morgantown are the three current areas hosting these workers, but there are already plans to

select two more locations after an outpouring of applications were received from people eager to move to the Mountain State.

The program offers \$12,000 to those who agree to move to West Virginia.

Smith claimed throughout the call that, "this program is going to have a flywheel effect, creating jobs in the area as a result of employees coming here. All these employers are going to be asking 'if all my employees want to live in West Virginia, maybe I should move an office over there, or a plant.'"

Included in the panel was Quintina Mengyan, director of Customer Experience for Vivid Seats, and Shane Powers, Vice President of Operations, IDEMIA National Security Solutions, LLC, who are both members for Ascend West Virginia's Morgantown cohort. Mengyan discussed moving to West Virginia from out-of-state, and Shane gave his perspective as a native moving home with his family.

As an outsider coming in, Mengyan said that she enjoyed most that she "didn't have set hours or have to be chained to the clock." She added, "If I want to finalize something I'm working on, I close the laptop, get up, and



**Ascend program participants gave feedback at the virtual roundtable about their decision to move to West Virginia, and how their work-life balance has improved.**

I'm in nature in less than 10 minutes. It's wonderful."

Powers, a West Virginia native who moved away and has returned with his wife and family, said that he finds great value in "having the opportunity to let my kids go out and play every day in a safe neighborhood, and play outside, and just have the advantage of access to that that I had growing up and that they didn't have anywhere else."

The panel was also made up of Russel Rogerson, President of the Morgantown Area Partnership; Misty Hill representing the City of Lewisburg; Chelsea Ruby, Cabinet Secretary of the West Virginia Department of Tourism; and Danny Twilley, Assistant Dean of the Brad & Alys Smith Outdoor Economic Collaborative at WVU.

The panel discussed investment in local communities poised for long-term growth, infrastructure enhancements such as trail developments and co-working spaces, changing the way people think about West Virginia through the marketing of this program, West Virginia's efforts to become an industry leader in remote work recruitment trends, and how Ascend fits into long-term statewide growth and development.

## Fundraising for Ronceverte Island Dog Park continues with community involvement

The Ronceverte Island Dog Park fundraising is going strong. Several local businesses and community members have answered the call to help bring the first and only dog park in southern West Virginia to fruition. In addition to the \$15,000 grant from the Greater Kanawha Valley Foundation and James F. B. Peyton Fund, local businesses have pledged to help raise the remaining balance to begin the work on the upcoming Ronceverte Island Dog Park.

"It's an honor and pleasure to be collaborating with so

many wonderful folks and organizations in both Ronceverte and surrounding areas to create a wonderful park and play area for our furry friends," Ronceverte Mayor Deena Pack says. "This dog park is just one of the new experiences we hope to bring to Ronceverte in the months and years to come."

Harmony Ridge Gallery announced that their First Friday Dog Park Fun Raiser generated \$2,100 as their contribution to the Ronceverte Island Dog Park. The

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### Sally Lane

with dignity, meaning, and purpose.

"Volunteers are the backbone of Shepherd's Centers," says Sarah Cheney, Executive Director of Shepherd's Centers of America. "Without volunteers, we would not be able to deliver our mission of connecting older adults to vital services and life-enriching experiences, which is even more important during the global pandemic."

Shepherd's Center of Greenbrier Valley (SCGV) is always looking for good volunteers to keep their programs moving forward. Transportation volunteers are needed to take participants to medical appointments or grocery shopping. Volunteers prepare and deliver approximately 130 meals each week for Gwen's Meals throughout Greenbrier County. Handy Helper volunteers are needed to do minor repairs, attach grab bars, build wheelchair ramps, etc. These are just a few examples of volunteer opportunities through SCGV. If you have some free time, please consider volunteering! Call the SCGV's office (304-645-4196) for more details! Your time is invaluable and truly makes a positive difference in the lives of the older adults and their families!

Lane has served with Shepherd's Center of Greenbrier Valley for four years as a member of the board, including secretary and vice president, as well as serving on multiple committees. Her commitment to helping others during the pandemic is remarkable. In addition to helping with Gwen's Meals, she was instrumental in supporting the center to implement Adventures in Learning classes online and teaching older adults how to use Zoom.

Teresa Bostic, executive director with Shepherd's Center of Greenbrier Valley said, "Sally is an enthusiastic leader with a can-do attitude. She brings new ideas and insights to enhance our programs and processes so that we can better serve more older adults. In short, she is an exemplary volunteer in every sense of the word, not only with Shepherd's Center but for our community."

Forty-three percent of older adults report feeling lonely and isolated before the pandemic, and this has increased significantly in the last 18 months. But Shepherd's Center of Greenbrier Valley adapted programs to produce enriching, quality classes, and social opportunities online. "It's this determination to deliver on its mission and ensure older adults are connected to their

community that makes Shepherd's Center of Greenbrier Valley an effective, leading nonprofit," says Cheney. "They are changing lives."

Annually, the Shepherd's Centers network of 55 centers supports more than 113,000 older adults and contributed more than 660,800 hours of volunteer service. The estimated value of these services is \$18.8 million, based on the Independent Sector's value for volunteer time.

These services are creating a brighter today and better tomorrow for all generations with opportunities for older adults to take on new challenges, learn new skills, make new friends, and serve others.

The 2021 recipient of the Donald Owen Smith National Volunteer Leadership Award will be announced later in November.

### Commission

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for phase 2, and there was "an apparent low-bidder," according to Ford. Chapman Technical Group was that bidder, and they have been in communication with the county. Ford relayed that it's time to hurry up and wait on FEMA.

"We are still waiting on [funds from] FEMA, and we don't want to put the county under an obligation they can't meet," Ford explained. The county has until Dec. 1 to make a decision, as Chapman Technical Group needs time to complete their bonding before the true deadline of Dec. 8.

Phase 3 of the trail will run from Rainelle to Laurel Creek, and will be a continuous trail of approximately 23 miles. The commission motioned to approve a request for qualifications for architect and engineering services, and also approved a resolution authorizing a change of funding to the relevant state project for the Meadow River Trail. That amount comes out to \$37,500.

Ford also noted that State Senator Stephen Baldwin requested \$75,000 from the state legislature for the completion of the trail, and Ford and his colleagues on the Meadow River Rail Trail Committee have been meeting with officials in both the state divisions of tourism and highways. With these two developments as evidence, Ford concluded that "there seems to finally be some statewide push to get this project done."

### Recreational Facility

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offer as a family activity center, including a new indoor gym with an aerobics area, a large multipurpose space for games of volleyball or pickleball, a second floor running track, game room, classrooms for community programs, office areas, a dining area, lobby, kitchen, lockers, outdoor concession stand, outdoor storage for the sports fields, and more.

"There is no question in my mind, with all that is going on in White Sulphur Springs, and all that is happening on Main Street, this is just one more reason that somebody might decide to live here. It's badly needed, the timing is perfect to pull it off with all the energy, and it's really grown since the flood," said Crabtree, who was joined by WVSOM Director of Community Outreach Julian Levine and WVSOM Vice President for Community Engagement and Development Drema Mace Hill, who were excited to report WVSOM's planned involvement with the center.

Outreach Director Levine said, "[WVSOM] is excited to be here both in the long haul and in the short term." He explained that the school plans to get feedback from the community about programs that would benefit the White Sulphur area, and WVSOM will work with the community's needs.

"The goal of the project is to make White Sulphur Springs and Greenbrier County the healthiest community in West Virginia," said Crabtree. "Now that's a tall order, but we have a really great group of people."

The overall cost of the project comes in at an estimated \$2.4 million, which Crabtree says will be raised in a variety of ways.

"There are substantial funding sources out there that I'm familiar with through being active with the Aquatic Center. We will be seeking funding from some of the same sources that have done that."

He added, "It's not nearly as daunting a challenge as the Aquatic Center, which is a much more expensive and larger project with three swimming pools. We expect to get support from the Sporting Club members, and the community as a whole, and we will be seeking grants from a number of foundations."

The group is adamant about making sure funds are in place for operations, with Crabtree saying, "We don't want to become a burden to White Sulphur Springs."

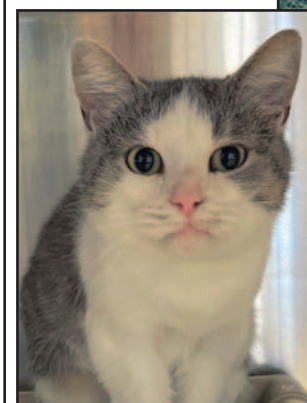
He estimates that construction can start as early as next spring, depending on fundraising and other factors with the facility being potentially completed in a year.

I want to capture the moment that we are experiencing here, that kind of energy that this community is seeing and feeling," he said. "We are not messing around... This community hasn't disappointed me yet."

## PICK OF THE LITTER

### BROWNIE

Brownie is a seven-year-old male retriever mix and weighs 50 pounds.



### KATHERINE

Katherine is a two-year-old female domestic shorthair.

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

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

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

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

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## Jacqueline Faye Saunders

**Ronceverte**-Jacqueline Faye Saunders, 63, passed away Friday morning, Nov. 5, 2021 at her home following an extended illness.

She was born Mar. 18, 1958 in Union, the daughter of the late Warren Frank and Stella Danese Elmore Saunders.

Jackie was a member of Elizabeth Chapel United Methodist Church, Ronceverte; she loved the sun and dragonflies; and all her nieces and nephews.

Other than her parents she was preceded in death by her infant brother, Danny David Saunders.

Jackie will greatly be missed by her sisters, Sandy White (Darrell) of Fort Spring, Hilda White (Richard) of Ronceverte, Cathy Queen (Steve) of Ronceverte, Libby O'Neil (Steve) of White Sulphur Springs, Cora Hunter of Fairlea and Jennifer Saunders of Lewisburg; as well as numerous nieces and nephews and her special caregiver of many years, Sherri Hughart.

Per her instructions she will be cremated and a Celebration of Life for Jackie will be held Mar. 18, 2022.

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

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

## Ann Hinkle



**Lewisburg**-Ann Hinkle passed away Wednesday, Nov. 3, 2021. Ann was the daughter of Lawrence and Peggy Smith of Renick.

She was a graduate of Renick High School and Bluefield Business College. She married Dale Hinkle who predeceased her in 2012. They have two sons, Chris and Lee both living in Greenbrier County. Her grandchildren are Kristin and her husband, Wayne Cooper and Troy Hinkle of Lewisburg. Her brother, Bill predeceased her in 2002. Her brother, Colonel Ret. Richard Smith lives in Huntsville, Alabama.

Ann was an adminis-

trative assistant to legal office(s) and real estate companies in Lewisburg. She was a member of Lewisburg United Methodist Church and a frequent guest of her grandchildren's church in White Sulphur Springs. She was a member of the Renick Alumni Association.

Ann's outgoing personality and gift of knowing so many people and enjoying living vicariously through those folks, always amazed her family. Her travels took her from Renick to Germany to many states from the southwest to the northeast. Declining health slowed her down. She died as another victim of Covid Pneumonia disease. Ann was 77 years old.

She will have a 1 p.m. graveside service at Greenbrier Memorial Gardens on Friday, Nov. 12 with Pastor Ike Hughes officiating.

Memorial gifts may be sent to The Greenbrier Valley Humane Society, 151 Holiday Lane, Lewisburg, WV 24901.

The family thanks all of those who prayed for her. She is now at eternal peace with those who have gone on before and will welcome those who follow.

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

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

## Carol Virginia Loudermilk



**Lewisburg**-Carol Virginia Loudermilk, 78, passed away Friday, Nov. 5, 2021, at Greenbrier Valley Medical Center.

Born Apr. 2, 1943, in Auto, WV, she was the daughter of the late Okie Lee and Pinkie May Loudermilk Seldomridge.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her former spouse and companion of 47 years, Gene William Loudermilk; children, Gene Jr., and Henry Lee Loudermilk; and three brothers and two sisters.

Survivors include children, Robert Loudermilk of Lewisburg, Pam Saw-

yers of Frankford, and Betty Andrews (David) of Roanoke, VA; brothers, Tommy Seldomridge (Barbara) and Edmond Seldomridge (Peggy) all of Frankford; sisters, Audrey Loudermilk of Fairlea, and Alice Stacy of Enola, PA; five grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral service was held on Tuesday, Nov. 9, at the Morgan Funeral Home Chapel where Rev. Danny Bostic officiated. Burial followed in the Wesley Chapel UMC Cemetery, Carroll Hill.

Visitation was Monday evening, Nov. 8 at the funeral home.

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

## Patricia Ann Hamrick



**Alderson**-Patricia Ann "Patty" Hamrick, 72, passed away peacefully with her family by her side Friday, Nov. 5, 2021, at the Peyton Hospice House in Lewisburg.

She was born May 11, 1949, a daughter to the late George Earl Gallagher and Nancy (Crawford) Gallagher.

Patricia was a loving wife, mother, and grandmother, who was affectionally called "Patty" by her family and friends. She was a member of the Old Greenbrier Baptist Church. Patricia will be remembered for her love of family, friends, and neighbors.

Patricia is survived by her daughter, Victoria Ann Rogers and companion Jerry Gwinn of Meadow Bridge; her grandchildren, Roy and Shania Loudermilk of Crawley; her step-grandson, Jimmy Brown and wife Brenda of Alderson; her brothers, Joe Gallagher of Linden, NC, Harold Gallagher and wife Linda of White Sulphur Springs; as well as many loving nieces and nephews; and her special furry companion, Penny.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her first husband and father of her children, Roy Johnson, and her second husband, Jack Ham-

rick; her brothers, Bob Gallagher, and Richard Gallagher; her sisters, Dixie Peak and Mary Batten; and her sister-in-law, Janet Gallagher.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, Nov. 10, at the Lobban Funeral Home in Alderson where Rev. Paul Tincher officiated. Burial followed in the Alderson Cemetery at Alderson.

Visitation was before the service Wednesday, Nov. 10, at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Lobban Funeral Home to help with the funeral expenses.

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

## Cora Elizabeth Hodge



**Lewisburg**-Cora Elizabeth Hodge of Lewisburg, formerly of Hines, passed away at the Greenbrier Health Care Center Friday, Nov. 5, 2021. Born on Sept. 21, 1925, she was the daughter of the late Clarence Walker and Cora Jane Honaker Holliday.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 73+ years, Clarence Edward; son-in-law, Clyde Cooper; sisters, Evelyn, Gladys, Anna, Glenna and Reva; and brothers, Don and Clarence (Buck), who was killed in World War II.

Cora was a 1944 graduate of Rupert High School and a faithful member of the Rupert Church of God for many years. Later in life she attended the Caldwell Pentecostal Holiness Church and the Emmanuel Open Bible Church on Vago Road.

Cora enjoyed spending time with her family, making her famous macaroni and cheese for her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, attending church, and listening to Christian television. She was a woman of great faith and a firm believer in the power of prayer. All who knew her treasured the times spent together.

Left to cherish her memory and the good times past are: sons, Clarence William (Les) of Lewisburg and James Edward (Debra) of Beckley; daughter, Brenda Gay Cooper of Princeton; grandchildren, Tammy Gross (Robert) of Bland, VA, Brian Hodge (Michelle) of Beckley, Joey Cooper (Jessica) of Princ-

eton, Stephanie Robinson (Clay) of Hurricane, and Aaron Hodge (Rhonda) of Lewisburg. Also surviving are ten great-grandchildren, Anna, McKenzie, Laci, Atelyn, Hadessah, Chloe, Bayleigh, Lydia, Bryce, and Noah.

A celebration of her life was held at the Morgan Funeral Home on Thursday, Nov. 11, where Pastor Aaron Hodge and Pastor Everette Defibaugh officiated. Friends and relatives called one hour prior to the service time. Entombment followed in the Rosewood Cemetery Mausoleum, Lewisburg.

The family wishes to express their gratitude to those special staff members at Greenbrier Health Care Center and Greenbrier Physicians who attended and befriended her during her final days.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests any donations of sympathy be made to the Emmanuel Open Bible Church, P.O. Box 146, Maxwelton, WV 24957.

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

## Virginia Lee Butler Blake



**Lewisburg**-Virginia Lee Butler Blake died Tuesday, Nov. 2, 2021 at Peyton Hospice House from complications of COPD.

She was the widow of Norman B. Blake, founder and publisher of the *West Virginia Daily News* where she was the Associate Editor. Born Dec. 15, 1921 in Ronceverte, she was also preceded in death by her parents, Charles A. Butler, Jr. and Lola M. Reynolds Butler; her sister, Sara E. Butler Bethel; and her son, William B. Blake IV.

Survivors include her daughter, Beverly Blake Boswell of Ronceverte; grandsons, Troy L. Boswell (Shannon) of Ronceverte and C. Brad Boswell of San Diego, CA; and great-granddaughter, Brooke Ashley Boswell of Seattle, WA.

Gin, as she was affectionately known, was educated at Greenbrier High School in Ronceverte, where she was Editor In Chief of "The Gossip." She also attended Marshall College in Huntington, WV.

Gin dearly loved her hometown and she served as Mayor from 1973 to 1979 and from 1991 to 1994. She was instrumental in acquir-

ing the City's first public housing, a library, the county landfill and the first boundary changes. She had the "back" road to Ronceverte, now called Rocky Hill Road, opened up and paved. She was also involved in the building of four new developments: the Brier Hills Addition, Totten Circle, the O'Brien Addition, and Ballard Avenue. She participated in the refurbishing of Island Park and the William A. Boone Memorial Fountain to the enhancement of the Park. In addition, she achieved the first full park in the county by adding tennis courts, basketball courts, walking trail, amphitheater, boat launch, picnic areas and two shelters, a swimming pool, and extensive playground equipment. She also made improvements to the horseshoe area, ball fields, and added a skating rink.

Virginia was named Woman of the Year by the Lewisburg Business and Professional Woman's Club in 1979, received a Certificate of Appreciation from the Eastern Greenbrier Jaycees, was named Manager of the Year for Elderly FHA housing in 1988, Ronceverte Citizen of the Year in 1992, and she received the Celebrate Women award from the GFWC, West Virginia Woman's Club and she was a 74-year member of the Ronceverte Woman's Club.

She served as president of the Ronceverte Merchants Association, co-chaired Ronceverte's Centennial Celebration in 1982, served on the Board of Directors of the Ronceverte Festival, Chairman of Board of Directors of Shenandoah Manor, now The Brier, in Ronceverte; Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Ronceverte Public Library; Manager of Riverview Apartments for over 20 years and was Senior Warden of Church of the Incarnation, Episcopal in Ronceverte, and also held all other positions on the Ventry.

Pallbearers will be Troy and Brad Boswell, Jason Carolla, Jay Morgan, Richie Holliday, Shy Faber, and Charlie Callison.

Memorial donations may be made to the Ronceverte Public Library, Ronceverte, WV 24970.

Funeral services for Gin were held Monday, Nov. 8, at the Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Ronceverte. The family received their family and friends on Sunday evening, Nov. 7, at the funeral home.

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# CLUB & CHURCH

## Gold Star Families Christmas Gift Card Drive begins

The LZ Rainelle West Virginia Veterans' Reunion and City National Bank Gold Star Christmas Card Drive has begun. From Nov. 13 through Dec. 15 (the deadline) anyone can bring Christmas cards, signed and sealed with pre-paid postage and a return address on each envelope, to be sent to Gold Star families.

There are 37 accounted addresses. We will place a Gold Star family address on your card or cards and take

to the post office. We cannot mail without postage stamp on each individual card. If a card gets returned to you, we will re-mail it.

Take your cards to any City National Bank drop-off location, including City National Bank on Piercy Drive (near Wal-Mart), and the downtown Lewisburg branch on Jefferson Street.

We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and thank you for supporting L.Z. Rainelle West Virginia

Veterans' Reunion, our wonderful Veterans and the Gold Star Mothers and Fathers throughout the year.

If you only send one card, you have made a difference this Christmas.

We will see you next Memorial Day weekend for the WV Veterans Mountaineer Garden of Honor.

L.Z. Rainelle West Virginia Veterans' Reunion: P.O. Box 653 Rainelle, WV 25962. For full details visit LZ Rainelle on Facebook.

## Reunions

### GEHS Class of 1972 50th Reunion

The Greenbrier East High School Class of 1972 is planning its 50th Class Reunion for next summer, June 24-25, 2022. The planning committee wants to invite all of the class's members, but we're missing addresses for several people. Are you in that class? Or know someone who is? If you would like to add names to the contact list, please send them to Ethel Detch at edetch@comcast.net

## Richland Ruritans learn about Covid and the economy

The Richland Ruritan members met at the Calvary Methodist Church on the Midland Trail East on Oct. 13 to hear a presentation on the Covid-19 pandemic and how the economic shutdown in 2020 affected the national economy. The speaker, James P. Tate, is a personal financial advisor with IFA Wealth in Roanoke, VA.

In an effort to contain the pandemic and reduce its impact on the population and our healthcare system, many parts of the economy were shut down. Businesses were closed and people were thrown out of

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## Democratic Women support the Family Refuge Center, plan local food pantry donations

Greenbrier Democratic Women's Club continues its mission to live our values and support our community. During the month of October, we collected donations and supplies for the Family Refuge Center. The Center serves Greenbrier, Monroe and Pocahontas counties providing services to curtail domestic violence.

Donations included a truckload of items for the shelter including toiletries, kitchen utensils, blankets and winter coats. Family Refuge Center Director

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## Drop-off sites to open for Operation Christmas Child

More than 4,000 locations will open to collect Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts for the Samaritan's Purse project. Volunteers are preparing to collect shoebox gifts during National Collection Week, Nov. 15 through 22, offering a curbside option.

Operation Christmas Child has been collecting and delivering shoebox gifts - filled with school supplies, hygiene items and fun toys - to children worldwide since 1993. This is a project that everyone can still be a part of, even with COVID-19 restrictions. Individuals, families, and groups still have time to transform empty shoeboxes into fun gifts.

The project partners with local churches across the globe to deliver these tangible expressions of God's love to children in need. Find a step-by-step guide on the How to Pack a Shoebox webpage.

"In the midst of the pandemic, children around the world need to know that God loves them and there is hope," said Franklin Graham, president of Samaritan's Purse. "A simple shoebox gift opens the door to share about the true hope that can only be found in Jesus Christ."

Participants can find the nearest drop-off location and hours of operation as they make plans to drop off their shoebox gifts. The online lookup tool is searchable by City or ZIP code. Signs at each location will identify the drop-off.

Greenbrier Valley residents can drop off shoebox gifts at the West Virginia State Fairgrounds, 947 Maplewood Avenue, on the following dates:

- Monday, Nov. 15, 9 a.m. to 12 noon
- Tuesday, Nov. 16, 4 to 7 p.m.



- Wednesday, Nov. 17, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Thursday, Nov. 18, 4 to 7 p.m.
- Friday, Nov. 19, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Saturday, Nov. 20, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Sunday, Nov. 21, 1 to 5 p.m.
- Monday, Nov. 22, 9 to 11 a.m.

Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan's Purse, seeks to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world and, together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has collected and delivered more than 188 million gift-filled shoeboxes to children in more than 160 countries and territories.

## Former Greenbrier Hotel pianist enjoys success as classical writer

Award winning composer Eric Kitchen's "Agnus Dei" will be premiered by The Choral Arts Society of Washington at The Golden Hour on Saturday, Nov. 13 in Washington, DC. Performances will take place at 4 and 8 p.m. at Live! at 10th & G (First Congregational UCC).

Kitchen is a former pianist with the Greenbrier Ensemble and played at The Greenbrier Hotel from 1979 through 1982.

The Golden Hour features the Choral Arts Chamber Singers performing the world premiere of Kitchen's "Agnus Dei" alongside John Corigliano's setting of the Dylan Thomas poem Fern Hill.

"Agnus Dei" is Latin for "Lamb of God." The translation reads: "Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us, give us peace."

In 2000 Kitchen wrote the song cycle "The Olney Avian Verse" which appeared on soprano Deborah Sternberg's Naxos recording "Birds of Love and Prey" winner of the 2021 DC WAMMIE award for best classical album.

For tickets and information visit <https://choralarts.org/the-golden-hour/> or call the Choral Arts Box Office at 202-244-3669.



Eric Kitchen portrait - pen and ink by Lynn Yoder

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# Local artists chosen for 2021 WV Juried Exhibition

*West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History to Host Exhibition Opening and Awards Ceremony at Culture Center*

The 22nd biennial West Virginia Juried Exhibition will open at the Culture Center, State Capitol Complex in Charleston, along with an awards ceremony, on Sunday, Nov. 14, at 2 p.m. Eighty West Virginia artists were selected for the exhibit,

which will feature 110 pieces, including painting, drawing, mixed media, craft, photography, digital art, sculpture and print. Twenty-five counties are represented in the show.

The exhibit opening reception and awards ceremony is free and open to the public. The exhibit will remain at the Culture Center until Feb. 19, 2022.

The following local artists will be featured in the exhibition:

- M. Jane Holt Emmons, White Sulphur Springs - Crafts
  - Mark Harrison Cline, Caldwell - Painting
  - Jo Dugan Perez, Alderson - Crafts
  - Jesus Perez, Alderson - Photography
- “The West Virginia Juried Exhibition continues its tradition of presenting the best of our state’s well-known and emerging artists,” said West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and

History Curator Randall Reid-Smith. “This exhibition is supported by one of the nation’s largest endowments for juried exhibitions, allowing the department to collect contemporary art for the State Museum collection.”  
At the opening reception, the department will announce the exhibition award winners. Governor’s Award winners will receive \$5,000 for their work. Awards of Excellence winners will receive \$2,000 for their work. These are purchase awards, and the art will become part of the West Virginia State Museum’s permanent contemporary art collection.  
Merit Awards of \$500 each will also be presented that afternoon.  
For more information, contact Charles Morris, director of museums for the department, at 304-558-0220 or [Charles.W.Morris@wv.gov](mailto:Charles.W.Morris@wv.gov).

## New WV health survey aims to better inform policy makers to help deliver resources to communities in need

A new, biennial West Virginia population-based health survey - the Mountain State Assessment of Trends in Community Health - will gather information to help health officials and policy makers better understand the critical health needs of all 55 West Virginia counties, with the goal of directing resource allocations to communities that need them most.  
The MATCH is a partnership between the West Virginia University Office of Health Affairs and four West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources bureaus - Medical Services, Behavioral Health, Children and Families and Public Health.

The survey, which will be distributed throughout the State through December 2021, will collect information from respondents about general physical wellness, ability to access needed health care, chronic diseases and their impact on general wellness, food security, financial stability, and mental well-being. The results will be shared with health departments, non-profit organizations, and other state leaders to better inform decision-making.  
“Data-driven decision-making leads to better health policy, and better health policy leads to healthier West Virginians,” said Summer Hartley, principal investigator of the project

and assistant vice president for the Office of Health Affairs. “The MATCH survey will yield data essential for ensuring that health resources reach our communities most in need.”  
The MATCH team aims to collect accurate information for all 55 counties. Roughly 88,000 surveys will be mailed to randomly selected West Virginia households. About 7%, or one in every 14, adult West Virginia residents will be sampled. If a household is selected to participate, they will receive an invitation with a choice on how they would like to complete the survey—either online, by mail or by phone. The survey will take 20-to-30 minutes to complete.

The information collected in this survey is confidential and no individually identifiable data is retained or used in any reports. This survey has also been reviewed and approved by WVU’s Institutional Review Board, which is responsible for protecting the rights of survey participants.  
Participation in the survey is completely voluntary. Taking or not taking the survey will not change any state benefits you may be eligible to receive now or in the future.  
“We want your voice to be heard by our leaders - by the people who are making laws and policies and creating op-

portunities for investment and helping your life be better, helping you be healthier, helping your family get access to the healthcare they need, and helping your communities get stronger and better,” said WVU’s Vice President and Executive Dean for Health Sciences Dr. Clay Marsh. “If we don’t hear from you, we won’t be able to share that critical information.”  
Results of the survey will be available in 2022 on the MATCH website.  
To learn more, visit [WV-MATCHsurvey.org](http://WV-MATCHsurvey.org), call 304-581-1928 or email [WV-MATCHsurvey@hsc.wvu.edu](mailto:WV-MATCHsurvey@hsc.wvu.edu).

## Historic Dickson Living Estate Auction set for Dec. 3-5



SECOND CREEK, W.Va. — A piece of American history — a gateway into the history and rural culture of our nation’s earliest years — will be up for auction in December as a long-time Monroe County, W.Va., landmark becomes available for a new generation of ownership.

Greenway’s Real Estate and Auction Company, based in Covington, Va., has been selected to conduct the real estate and personal property auction for the Living Estate of Page Dickson, which will be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday, December 3, 4 and 5, in the West Virginia Building at the West Virginia Fairgrounds in Fairlea, W.Va.  
“This is one of the finest auctions that we’ve ever been able to conduct,” said Greenway’s owner Tommy Garten. “The Dickson family has one of the most cherished histories in Monroe County and we’re honored to have been selected to conduct this auction for Page Dickson. Rarely do we get to hold an auction that allows us to take such a step back into such a historic era as this auction does for us.”

Museum-quality furniture, antiques and collectibles a part of the Dickson family for several generations, will be available during the auction. A full listing of the items being sold during the auction will be available soon on the Greenway’s website, [www.greenwaysrealestateandauktion.com](http://www.greenwaysrealestateandauktion.com), or by calling the Greenway’s office at 540-962-1155.

A part of the Dickson family since 1835, Spring Valley Farm — located on U.S. Route 219 near Union — was first listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1974, with the boundary increased in 1992. The boundary was increased to include all of the farm buildings, main house and acreage.

The farm was the original site of the Second Creek Fort, which was built in 1780, and the location of the Knox House, which was built in 1793, and later expanded into the present home. The original Second Creek Fort well is still located on the property.

About 2 miles of Second Creek run through the Spring Valley Farm. Second Creek was once home to more than 20 powder, grist and lumbering mills. Rem-

nants of some of the mills are still available along the creek’s banks.

The originally log cabin home was built in 1793 by John Knox, who sold the property to his brother-in-law Richard Dickson in 1834. Dickson extensively enlarged the structure between 1837 and 1841. The property has remained in the Dickson family through four generations and is now owned by Page Dickson, whose husband, the late William Dickson, was a descendent of Richard Dickson.

According to the National Register of Historic Places, “Spring Valley Farm is a notable example of a long-lived agricultural tradition in southeastern West Virginia. From a modest log cabin beginning has grown a large and imposing farmhouse of simple lines, mellowed by the rustication of eastern styles. Above all, though, this has always been a working farm. A variety of animals were raised and grazed over its pastures and the crops provided its household and many visitors with fine meals. What is of as much significance, perhaps, is that the farm is still operated by descendants of the pioneer settler John Knox and the enterprising Richard Dickson.”

Much of the interior woodwork was completed by a carpenter named Sanford Ethell. Furniture in the home was made to order by Thomas Henning, a Lewisburg cabinetmaker, known for his ability in producing stylish and functional pieces. Some of those pieces remain in the home.

Today, the home has a total of 14 rooms, two large halls, two baths and three full attics — each one added during various remodels and expansions to the original structure.

Both large downstairs rooms and the entrance hall are wainscoted. Mantels throughout the house are of Federal design. Original rooms and the upstairs halls have colonial chair rails and baseboards. Interior and exterior doors are six-panel, late colonial types with original carpenter’s locks and small brass knobs.

Two large brick chimneys provide fireplaces for both the downstairs rooms and the two end bedrooms on the second floor.

### PUZZLE ANSWERS

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**SCRAMBLERS**

1. Chase 2. Tove  
3. Strike 4. Margin

**TINKER**  
Today's Word

A P O S T L E U S O I S B N  
 V I R T U A L P A N M E R E M A M A  
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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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### SCRAMBLERS

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 gag!

Pure  
SCATHE \_\_\_\_\_

Pile  
OVERT \_\_\_\_\_

Smack  
SKITER \_\_\_\_\_

Edge  
ARMING \_\_\_\_\_

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

"Usually he WELCOMES an opportunity to \_\_\_\_\_ with the cat."

## Super Crossword

**ACROSS**

1 John, James or Judas  
8 GI show sponsor  
11 13-digit publishing ID  
15 Just barely  
19 Taking place in cyberspace  
20 Give a very bad review of  
21 Piddling  
22 Papa's mate  
23 For a very long time  
25 Experts  
26 Body part over the eyes  
27 Bakery units  
28 Brand of fat replacer  
30 Arouse the interest of  
32 Auntie — (pretzel bakery chain)  
33 Good-fortune symbols  
35 Here, in Cannes  
37 Beards on barley  
38 State, in Cannes  
39 Cruel ruler in "Alice in Wonderland"  
46 High-ranking clergyman

49 Terrifying dino  
50 With no muss or fuss  
51 Nintendo consoles  
53 CNN anchor Burnett  
54 Dots on sea maps  
56 Torah temple  
57 Car ding  
58 "— a vacation!"  
59 Volkswagen sedan model  
61 Aspire to high goals  
64 Seek the love of  
66 100%  
67 Thumbs-up vote  
68 Their passengers stand in baskets  
76 Skewered meat dishes  
81 Old family name in violinmaking  
82 "Dies —" (Latin hymn)  
83 Castro of Cuba  
85 Monte —  
86 Nada  
87 Round hammer part

88 Conical shelters  
90 Bog grass  
91 Enchants  
93 Pursue impossible dreams  
96 One-named singer who was a muse for Andy Warhol  
97 Subpar grades  
98 Historic start?  
99 Get rangers and leathers  
105 Topic to debate  
110 In a disturbed way  
111 Gem often on a string  
112 Goddess of wisdom  
113 Think (over)  
114 Offers  
116 Cereal associated with seven key words  
118 Tablet  
119 Composer Charles  
120 LAX info  
121 Icy treat  
122 Stick around  
123 Big top, e.g.  
124 — Moines River

125 Old Greek harp players

**DOWN**

1 Home of St. Teresa  
2 Attach, as a boutonniere  
3 Financial adviser  
4 Fend (off)  
5 Listens to a broadcast  
6 Deposits  
7 "Slippery"  
8 Samoan island where Robert Louis Stevenson died  
9 More lucid  
10 Getting a regular paycheck  
11 Small demon  
12 Tiny letter flourishes  
13 Bucking ride  
14 People cuddling up  
15 Having mixed feelings  
16 Place to set one's sights  
17 Illicit affair  
18 1920s U.S. veep Charles  
24 Hugs, in a letter  
29 Salamander  
31 Memorizing process  
33 Military flutes  
34 Part of Q&A  
36 Swindle  
39 Swab brand  
40 Celestial bear  
41 Sinuous swimmers  
42 Previous spouses  
43 Gag reaction  
44 Needle case  
45 Men-only  
46 Succinct  
47 Arena part  
48 Finales  
52 Acct. accrual  
55 Horror film sequel of 2005  
57 Del Rio of old Hollywood  
58 Sci-fi writer Asimov  
60 Blue Jays, on a scoreboard  
62 Andy Capp's missus  
63 "Eww, micel!"  
65 Some theater awards  
68 Mental fog  
69 Boding sign  
70 Fast Italian whirling dance  
71 How a nation with nukes is armed  
72 Consist of  
73 Cavalry weapons  
74 Neck back  
75 Bringer of a legal action  
77 Catty remark  
78 Nabisco bite  
79 Erupted  
80 Grassy turfs  
84 Vaults  
87 Put a ban on  
88 Like grads' caps  
89 Titled man  
92 Folkie Phil  
94 Dickens' Uriah  
95 Nor's partner  
97 "All for Love" playwright John  
99 Oil rig parts  
100 Native Alaskan  
101 Drab hue  
102 Terre —  
103 Killer whales  
104 Wapiti  
106 Ventriloquist Lewis  
107 Kosovo inhabitants  
108 Not fulfilled, as a goal  
109 The Far and the Near?  
112 Suffering a flu symptom  
115 Old JFK jet  
117 Big initials in fashion

## A Look Back

**By William "Skip" Deegans**

This circa 1968-1972 photo shows John Jackson performing at one of the early John Henry Festivals near Talcott. Jackson was born in 1924 into a musical family in Woodville, Virginia, where his family were tenant farmers. His sister bought him his first guitar from Sears and Roebuck for \$.75. Jackson and his family performed locally until 1940 when his father died. To make ends meet, Jackson moved closer to Washington, DC, where he stopped performing and became a grave digger and cemetery caretaker. Just by happenstance, he was discovered by Chuck Perdue in 1964, a professor of folklore at the University of Virginia.

Following Perdue's chance meeting, Jackson began playing at leading music festivals and recording. He was called a "songster" because his repertoire included country, gospel, old time, rock music as well as stories. He was recorded as part of the Smithsonian Folkways series. Jackson died in 2002.

The John Henry Festival was named after the African-American folk hero, John Henry. Henry worked on the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway's Big Bend Tunnel that was constructed in 1870-1872 where many - possibly hundreds - of African-American laborers died.

Sources: Smithsonian Folkways, Journal of Appalachian Studies.



Courtesy of the West Virginia Regional History Center.

## Women

Stephanie Moore stated that hours spent by the club in collecting supplies also serves as an in-kind donation to help the Center.

We want to thank all those who contributed to this important project.

During the month of November, we will be assisting the nine food pantries in Greenbrier County to provide food to our local families. We will accept food and other items to benefit the pantries as well as monetary donations.

Preferred products that can't be purchased with EBT (food stamps):

- Paper products - toilet

tissue, paper towels, etc.

- Hygiene products - toothpaste, shampoo, deodorant, soap, feminine hygiene, etc.
- Cleaning products - bleach, detergent, dish soap, etc.

Preferred food products to supplement regular distributions: jelly/jam, soups, canned meats, canned fruit, Ramen noodles, snacks, cereal.

Most food pantries receive a good supply of peanut butter, canned veg-

etables, and macaroni and cheese from the Mountaineer Food Bank, so the need for these items is not as great. However, we will take whatever is donated.

Donation drop-off place and times:

- Family Refuge Center Office, 213 Coleman Drive, Suite B (in the strip mall, behind Ruby Tuesday) 2 to 4 p.m., Monday and Tuesdays, Nov. 15, 16, 29, and 30. Please note: no collection Thanksgiving week

Please call 304-645-7842 or 304-646-4387 if you need further information or need to drop off outside of these hours.

Financial contributions may be made to: Greenbrier County Democratic Women, P.O. Box 1497, Lewisburg, WV 24901

We need some volunteers to be there for the times of the collections drop-offs. If you can help, please call Gloria Martin at 304-645-7842 or Carol Evans at 304-646-4387.

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## Ruritans

work. The government, in order to lessen the financial impact on people, instituted a unique set of stimulus actions. These actions included enhanced unemployment benefits, a moratorium on mortgage foreclosures and additional funding for health care facilities. As people became vaccinated against the virus, and the death toll decreased, the government allowed businesses to reopen. The recovery of the economy has been more confusing than its closing and economists,

financial leaders and political leaders are struggling to rebuild the economy. The presentation focused on how the economy suffered as a result of the pandemic shutdown actions, and the state of the economy as it seeks to reopen.

The club business meeting included the announcement of a donation to Carnegie Hall.

The nominating committee presented a slate of officers for 2022. The following officers were elected by acclamation:

President, Steve Harris; Vice President, Cliff Gillian; Secretary, Jack Tuckwiller; and Treasurer, Lucy Refsland. These new officers will be installed in December and take office in January 2022.

The Richlands Ruritans club meets on the second Wednesday of each month for a dinner meeting at the Calvary Methodist Church on Midland Trail East. The Ruritan Civic organization is a national network of clubs working together for a stronger America. The Ruritans' focus is to support community services in small towns and rural communities across America. The Ruritans were founded in 1928 in Holland, VA, and celebrated their 93rd year last May. The Richlands Ruritans Club provides scholarships to local college students and 4-H campers and maintains Tuckwiller Park.

### HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Banana is smaller. 2. Tail is longer. 3. Fence is shorter. 4. Sign is missing. 5. Arm is showing. 6. Bars are added.

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# SCHOOL



Front Row: Cora Hefner (left), Kadence White, Ella McCoy, and Kaleigh Cochran; Middle Row: Emily Campbell (left), Nevaeh Coleman, Mabel Bostic, and Caitlynn McMillion; Back Row: Logan Wyatt (left), Colton Anderson, Henderson Bostic, Rylan Anderson, and Braylen Calhoun

## WSS Elementary crowns 2021 Punt, Pass, and Kick Champions

Winners of the 12th annual Punt, Pass and Kick Championships were crowned recently at White Sulphur Springs Elementary School during the first 9 weeks awards. One hundred and thirty-five students in grades three through five competed during PE classes for school championships in Boys and Girls grade and overall categories.

Students were allowed three tries each in punting, passing and kicking a football for distance and accuracy, with the highest total of all three winning the Grand Champion prize. Winners of the individual events were the longest and most accurate in each grade and sex category.

"The two-week contest followed a teaching unit on football," said WSSES PE teacher Tracy Asbury. "As you would expect, younger children do not know much about the game of football, but what amazed me most were the number of students that didn't even know which end of the ball to hold onto when throwing a football."

This was our 12th year for the contest and there were two new school records set.

The PE classes are now involved in 7-on-7 flag football games where each student is assigned a pass pattern to run.

"Playing the games at the end of the unit really helped me evaluate how well the students grasped the instruction," said Asbury. "I believe that most students are stigmatized by the perceived violence of football. Once we broke the game down into small chunks of information for them, they understood the finer points of football, not just the collisions. We are having some very competitive games in class, fun to watch."

There were notable performances from third grader Henderson Bostic, who won four events and set a school record in the Punt at 76'4". Colton Anderson won three events in boys 4th grade. Caitlynn

McMillion set a new mark for 4th grade girls Kicking 73', and Mabel Bostic won three events in 5th grade contest. All students gave their very best effort and that is what the challenges at WSSES are all about. Whether you fall short or climb high, your effort tells the truth.

WSSES would like to dedicate this year's Punt Pass and Kick contest to retired legendary GEHS wrestling Coach Brian Miluk. Coach Miluk adds the West Virginia Hall of Fame to his two previous Hall of Fame inductions in Ohio. A life lived happily leading our youth in the right direction. Thanks, Coach Miluk!

### • 2021 WSSE PUNT PASS & KICK - BOYS

**Third Grade**  
Grand Champion: Henderson Bostic, total 218'

Punt Champion: Henderson Bostic 76'4" (new school record)

Pass Champion: Henderson Bostic, 70'5"

Kick Champion: Henderson Bostic, 71'3"

**Fourth Grade**  
Grand Champion: Colton Anderson, total 190'4"

Punt Champion: Colton Anderson, 65'4"

Pass Champion: Logan Wyatt, 62'4"

Kick Champion: Colton Anderson, 71'

**Fifth Grade**  
Grand Champion: Rylan Anderson, total -158'8"

Punt Champion: Braylen Calhoun, 57'5"

Pass Champion: Tayson Harris, 69'4"

Kick Champion: Rylan Anderson, 60'3"

### • 2021 WSSE PUNT PASS & KICK - GIRLS

**Third Grade**  
Grand Champion: Ella McCoy, total - 83'

Punt Champion: Cora Hefner, 32'

Pass Champion: Kadence White, 34'4" 73' (new school record)  
Kick Champion: Kaleigh Cochran, 31' **Fifth Grade**  
Grand Champion: Mabel Bostic, total - 163'  
Punt Champion: Mabel Bostic, 45'6"  
Pass Champion: Mabel Bostic, 60'  
Kick Champion: Emily Campbell, 58'9"

## 2021 Governor's Cup Marching Band Series finals award winners announced

The Governor's Cup Marching Band Series award winners were recognized after the final competition at Philip Barbour High School in Philippi on Saturday, Oct. 30. The Governor's Cup Marching Band Series is a culmination of ten local high school marching band competitions, including the annual West Virginia Marching Band Invitational (WVMBI) and finals competition at Philip Barbour. Cabell Midland High School, Cabell County, is the Governor's Cup Grand Champion.

The other finalists for the Governor's Cup Marching Band Competition are as follows: 1st runner-up, Hurricane High School, Putnam County; 2nd runner-up, Greenbrier East High School, Greenbrier County; 3rd runner-up, Paden City High School, Wetzel County; 4th runner-up, Parkersburg South High School, Wood County.

To be eligible for the Governor's Cup Final awards, marching bands had to compete in at least three of the local qualifier competitions, as well as the WVMBI Championships on Oct. 23 at Laidley Field in Charleston and compete in


the Governor's Cup Finals competition. Their three best scores plus their score at the WVMBI and Governor's Cup Finals determined the final scores for the series.

The WV Department of Arts, Culture and History, along with sponsorship from the WV Department of Education, contributed to the prizes awarded to each school for the series of competitions.

Local competitions were held at Spring Valley High School, Huntington, Wayne County; Cabell Midland High School, Ona, Cabell County; Hurricane High School, Hurricane, Putnam County; Wyoming East High School, New Richmond, Wyoming County; Woodrow Wilson High School, Beckley, Raleigh County; Parkersburg South High School, Parkersburg, Wood County; Musselman High School, Inwood, Berkeley County; and Philip Barbour High School, Philippi, Barbour County.

For more information about the Governor's Cup Marching Band Series, contact Andrea Nelson, public information specialist for the department, Andrea.E.Nelson@wv.gov or 304-558-0220.

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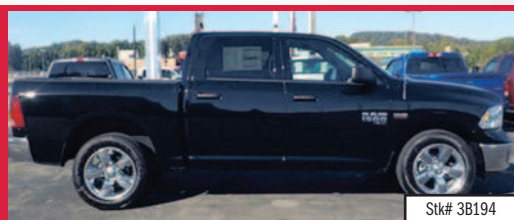
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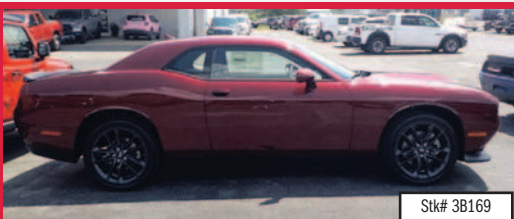


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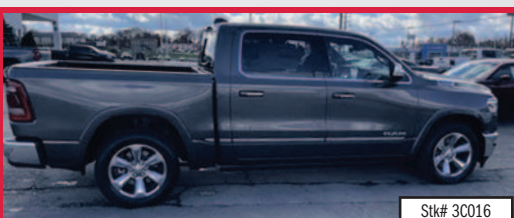
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