

Local Veterans awarded Quilts of Valor

By Adam Pack

The Quilts of Valor Foundation presented handmade Quilts of Valor to Greenbrier County veterans on Thursday, Nov. 11, in a ceremony at the Greenbrier County Visitor’s Center. There were a total of eight veterans presented with quilts made by members of the Alderson Quilters and Crafters Association.

The Quilts of Valor Foundation has, since its inception in 2003, awarded 286,178 quilts to veterans of various wars. Each quilt is given alongside a certificate of authenticity which reads “the Quilts of Valor foundation wishes to recognize you for your service to our nation; we consider it our privilege to do so. While we may never know the extent of your sacrifice to protect and defend the United States of America, we award you this quilt of valor as an expression of gratitude from a grateful nation.”

Each quilt must be made up of the colors red, white, and blue, and patterns can be sourced from the foundation, or they can be designed from scratch. At the ceremony, the presenter and a family member drape each veteran in their quilt, representing the honor and prestige which drapes a veteran’s shoulders as a result of his service.

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In no particular order are: Charles Humphreys, Jackson Gadd, John Critzer, Milton Renick, and Paul Flippin, Jr., each draped with their very own, new quilt of valor.

The Magic of Christmas in Lewisburg begins this weekend

Six Weeks of Christmas Spirit runs through Dec. 24

The Magic of Christmas in Lewisburg transforms the downtown into a Holiday Wonderland from Saturday, Nov. 20 through Friday, Dec. 24. On any given day during The Magic of Christmas, you will be greeted with holiday cheer- magical decorations, Christmas tree lights and giant snowflakes.

Vote for your favorite Christmas window and be entered to win one of five \$100 gift certificates to your favorite shop or restaurant. There is also a special giant Santa mailbox to mail your letters to Santa in the North Pole, a holiday tale posted in shop windows page by page throughout town, festive horse drawn carriage rides every Saturday beginning Nov. 20 from 2 to 6 p.m., (\$10 adults/\$5 kids), and Santa visits the Green Space on Saturday, Nov. 20 in his sleigh from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and from 2 to 4 p.m.

The grand Christmas Tree Lighting will also be held on Saturday, Nov. 20, at 6 p.m. in the City Green Space. There will be shop and restaurant specials, sales, giveaways and holiday treats and more!

Mark your calendar and watch for details in your local paper and on Facebook! The Magic of Christmas in Lewisburg is free to the public and kicks off the holiday season in one of America’s Coolest Small Towns.

For more information call 888-702-1076 or find us on Facebook at The Magic of Christmas in Lewisburg.



Nature’s Way

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Lewisburg considers one percent sales tax adoption

Funds could cover downtown parking expansion, potential dog park, adding bathrooms to Caldwell boat launch, and other city projects

By Sarah Richardson

Lewisburg City Council motioned to recommend a sales tax adoption to the Home Rule Board at their last meeting. The proposed one percent tax will be for “mainly retail” transactions within the Lewisburg city limits. The funds will go directly to city maintenance, improvements, and daily operations, which council cited as vitally important as Lewisburg continues to grow.

“In the last several years our budget has just stayed flat, we don’t really have room for growth,” explained City Manager Misty Hill, “and we have to plan for growth.”

Mayor White asked how much revenue the tax would have generated if it had been implemented last year. Hill said an estimated \$1,891,309.71 would have been raised in just the last fiscal year. Only a small handful of

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Parks and City Hall upgrades continue, water plant progress makes headway

By Sarah Richardson

The Lewisburg City Council met this week to hear an update on the pickleball courts, imminent domain acquisitions for the water plant expansion, CARES Act funding reimbursement progress, and more.

Parks Commission Chair Sarah Elkins reports that the pickleball court project at Hollowell Park “is moving quicker than I think any of us expected it to. We were picking colors for the court, and at that meeting we decided unanimously that the courts will be the official colors of the city, so blue and grey.” She added that “lots of good things have been happening in parks thanks, in large part, to the CARES Act money.”

They also submitted a grant to The Hollowell Foundation for \$10,000 to go towards additional skate park equipment.

“I was also excited to announce at the parks meeting that the mountain bike team, of which I am a coach, won a \$50,000 grant for a comprehensive trail plan for the Greenbrier Valley,” said Elkins. City Manager Misty Hill added, “Not very many of those grants have been given to West Virginia, I think three in total have been given.” The

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The “facelift” of Lewisburg City Hall is nearing completion, and crews installed the new city seal on the front of the building this week. The lantern in the seal contains a light, so it will glow and flicker.

The Snow Queen returns this holiday season

By Adam Pack

A long standing but now dormant Ronceverte tradition will be returning this winter, as the Snow Queen Pageant will be held for the first time in 29 years.

Originally held under the auspices of the Ronceverte Rotary Club to generate funds for the city’s Christmas Stocking program, the first Snow Queen Pageant was held sometime in the 1930s. Young women from each high and junior high school in the area would be nominated within their school, and then compete against one another in what amounted to a county-wide beauty pageant.

In the days before widespread school consolidation, each town had their own small schools, so this truly was a matter of local pride for Greenbrier County communities. Voters were to call in to local station WRON to vote for their preferred candidates. After voting was tallied, a Snow Queen would be crowned.

This tradition continued roughly uninterrupted for nearly 60 years, with the last Snow Queen Pageant being held in 1992. By that time, school consolidation had made it difficult to have enough contestants and the pageant was abandoned.

But Mark Mengel and the people of Ronceverte have it in mind to revive this classic Christmas time tradition.

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Quilts of Valor

The following local veterans were honored on Nov. 11:

- Lee Johnson, Army, 1952-54, Korea
- Charles Humphreys, Army, 1966-67, Vietnam
- Jack Nelson, Army, 1966-68, Vietnam
- Jackson Gadd, Navy, 1962-90, Vietnam/Middle East
- John Critzer, Army/Air Force, 1971-78, Vietnam
- Milton Renick, Army, 1968-70, Vietnam
- Paul Flippin, Jr., Army, 1968-70, Vietnam

Lewisburg Mayor Beverly White prepared a poem for the occasion, and distributed it to all the awardees and their families:

*In honor and in memory of our veterans,
Today we salute you for the service you gave,
We also honor you for being so very brave
We thank you for being willing to fight for our freedom each day
We thank you for the sacrifices that you made along the way
We thank you for giving up your time with your families
We thank you for showing us what commitment really means
Our hearts are grateful for those of you who gave your life for us
We thank God for your life and in Him we will continue to trust
We ask God to always watch over you*



Lee Johnson is presented with his Quilt of Valor

*We ask God to continue to bless all that you do
Thank you, thank you, thank you
For a job well done!*

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Annual Christmas Parade scheduled in Alderson

The Annual Christmas Parade in Alderson has been scheduled for Friday, Dec. 3 beginning at 7 p.m. Line-up will start at 6 p.m. on Virginia Street like the July 4th Parade lines up. It will proceed down Riverview Avenue and across the Alderson Memorial Bridge and disband in front of the Alderson Volunteer Fire Department. Santa will greet children and hear their wishes inside the AVFD. Treats will be provided by the Alderson Women’s Club.

Mayor Travis Copenhaver said, “This is a different route than the last few years. Since we no longer have the Community Center available to host the visits with Santa, we are going back to the route from many years ago when the parade ended on the Monroe County side of town.”

People and organizations who want to demonstrate their holiday spirit should line up on Virginia Street before 7 p.m. No pre-registration is required.

The Johnson Memorial United Methodist Church, at 104 North Monroe Street across from the Exxon Station, will have their Christmas Bazaar in the basement open from 5 to 8 p.m. and free hot chocolate will be served. Many Alderson Shops will be open and dinner will be available at the Big Wheel Restaurant, Riverview Café, and Fruits of Labor Café.

Alderson Main Street President Judy Lohmeyer said, “We are so excited to be able to have the traditional Christmas activities again! Please watch social media and the newspapers for information on more to come.”

Sales Tax

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similarly-sized cities in the state do not implement a one percent sales tax.

“We cannot tax sales of motor vehicles, motor fuels, satellite television, and other transactions that are exempt by federal law, and whatever is not taxed by the state cannot be taxed by the municipality,” explained Susan Honaker, Treasurer.

“With raising one percent here, we would lower one percent of the Business and Ordinance tax,” Hill noted.

Hill said that thanks to CARES Act funding reimbursements the city has recently been able to expand the local parks, add amenities, and add sidewalks in several places around Lewisburg. However, Hill argued that this was not sustainable long term without a revenue stream for the city; “We keep adding to our growth, but we don’t add any employees or anything to our budget system that can help sustain those expansions,” she said.

She explains that the Lewisburg Public Works is currently housed on part of Dorie Miller Park, which was not the long-term intention for that park land. The department has been working to move from that site, and work is currently underway on Stonehouse Road adjacent to the water plant for a new public works building. “So one part of this [tax] is to relocate that department, and set public works down at the water plant in that new area we just purchased,” she said.

She explained that the parks department “is our most underfunded department. This year has been a wonderful year for parks, and a hard year for our public works department. A wonderful year for our parks thanks to CARES Act reimbursement. One thing we were looking at when expanding our CARES Act reimbursement was placing that in our parks because it’s our most underfunded in our whole general budget. This will be able to utilize getting new trash cans in our parks, and the football field needs a new scoreboard.”

The city also owns and maintains the Caldwell Boat Launch on the Greenbrier River at the bottom of Caldwell Hill, and Hill explained, “Being able to do some upgrades, a restroom down there, would be fantastic.”

The tax would also be able to fund the “phase II” Dorie Miller upgrades, including a potential dog park, short pump track, walking track. “Those are some of the things we are considering in that area,” she said.

“Next on the list would be additional downtown parking. There are some areas that we could look at for expansion. Mayor White and myself get at least one or two phone calls a week concerned with downtown parking. This would help us be able to utilize that, and also be able to use the wayfinding signs for parking that’s already existing.”

A wide range of items within the city were listed at the meeting that could be addressed through the potential tax:

- Parts of the city’s public fleet vehicles are aging, and need to be replaced.
- Sidewalks continue to require repairs and expansion, including those on Lafayette and Feamster.
- Records at City Hall need digitized and re-filed, and the building needs a new HVAC system and security door upgrades.
- Wayfinding signage in the downtown area to highlight public parking, restrooms, local businesses, and more.
- Thanks to a recent \$250,000 grant, the city can make a comprehensive stormwater plan, but the development of that plan is expected to expose areas in need of repairs, which the tax can help fund reconstruction of.
- The Lewisburg Police Department needs an office expansion, “because as our city grows, our department will also grow to continue to protect and serve our citizens,” and a payscale revision would be considered to stay competitive with other municipal police departments.
- The new Fire Station No. 1, which is slated to replace downtown Lewisburg’s current aging station, will need more funds to complete. The city has purchased the property across from Lewisburg Cinema 8, and “we need the funds to support the financing of the new building,” said Hill. She noted that the Fire Station Service Fee only goes to support the fire department, and doesn’t

cover the funds for a new station.

“We want to make sure we are taking care of the city,” said Mayor White. “And this is one way to do it.”

On May 20, 2014 the City of Lewisburg signed into Home Rule, so Hill explained since the city is a part of that program, as well as the Municipal League, that changing the one percent sales tax would have to be presented to them and the state for a first and second reading.

The one percent sales tax would not go into effect until July 1, 2022.

A motion to present this recommendation to the Home Rule Board was approved unanimously by council.

Three officers promoted to corporals



Lewisburg Police Chief Chris Teubert (left) stands with Cpl. Gideon Tate, Lewisburg Mayor Beverly White, Cpl. Jordan Clendenen, and Cpl. Joshua Doss

By Sarah Richardson

Three officers with the Lewisburg Police Department were promoted from patrolmen to corporals on Tuesday, Nov. 16. Gideon Tate, Jordan Clendenen, and Joshua Doss all received a promotion under the recommenda-

tion of Chief Chris Teubert.

Each officer has been with the Lewisburg Police Department for roughly three years and has had additional crime scene training.

PICK OF THE LITTER

CISCO

Cisco is a one-and-a-half year old male mixed breed and weighs 50 pounds.

ETHAN

Ethan is a six-year-old male domestic shorthair and weighs 13 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

Jingle Bell Jog 5K set November 20

Greenbrier Community School’s third annual Jingle Bell Jog 5K is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 20, at 9 a.m. at 413 Oak Street, Lewisburg. Walk or run, with kids 18 and under participating for free. There will be costume prizes for Santa suits, elf costumes, ugly sweaters, holiday pjs, and more! Jingle while you jog into the Lewisburg Holiday Festival! Race registration begins at 8 a.m., or register online at runsignup.com/Race/WV/Lewisburg/JingleBellJog2021. Call 304-793-2420 with any questions.

Home Cooked Turkey Dinner in Williamsburg

The Williamsburg Community invites you to join them for a delicious home cooked turkey dinner. The dinner will be held on Nov. 20 from noon to 5 p.m. at Williamsburg Community Building. The menu will feature turkey, dressing, real mashed potatoes and gravy, sweet potato casserole, green beans, rolls, various desserts, tea, and coffee. The cost is \$10 for adults, and \$5 for children age 12 and under. Children under 5 are admitted for free. There are dine-in and takeout options. Call 304-645-3690 with questions. Directions to Williamsburg: I-64, exit 161, north on route 12, east on route 60, first left onto Sinking Creek Road for 9 miles (stay on the two-lane road), community building is on the left.

Band at Rupert Public Library

The Hidden Mountain Treasures Band will perform at the Rupert Public Library on Saturday, Nov. 20, from 3 to 5 p.m. Light refreshments will be served.

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. Dance on Saturday, Nov. 27 features Midnight Special 7 to 10:30. 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.

Holiday Bazaar upcoming in Williamsburg

A Holiday Bazaar will be held on Saturday, Nov. 27 at the Williamsburg Community Building from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Local vendors will feature Christmas ornaments, tumblers/mugs, car freshies, wax melts, jewelry and home and seasonal decor, canned goods, phone grips, fiber arts, clothing, decals and much more. Concessions will also be available. Interested vendors are invited to reserve a 6’ x 6’ spot for \$10. Call 325-267-5044 or email ellen.driggers@gmail.com for more information.

Helping Hands to host meeting

West Virginia Helping Hands will hold an informational session at Ronceverte City Hall to answer questions from the community about the upcoming transitional education center. The session is scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 8, at 5:30 p.m.

Christmas Cantata Singers welcome new voices

After a successful first rehearsal, The 2021 Community Christmas Cantata Singers report there are still spots available for vocalists desiring to share in song the celebration of Jesus’ birth! Practices are being held each Sunday evening at 5 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Fairlea until the dates of the cantata performances - Dec. 18 at 8:30 p.m. in the Chapel of The Greenbrier and Dec. 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary of First Baptist Fairlea. As in the past, the cantata is under the direction of Jeff Bryant and will feature a live orchestra accompanying the choir.

To receive more information on this year’s cantata or a full list of safety protocol measures to be followed, please email FBC’s church office at fbsharp@gmail.com or call 304-645-3533.

Crimebox

Second Creek man arrested in dispute at health clinic

By Adam Pack

On Wednesday, Nov. 10, Cpl. A.L. Workman was dispatched to the Maxwelton Health Center in reference to a male subject who was causing a disturbance.

The criminal complaint states that the subject was “walking around the clinic beating on the windows and doors attempting to get in after being advised he couldn’t be in the building.”

Justin Lee Lephew, 37, of Second Creek was taken into custody at the scene.

Lephew was at the business to take his girlfriend to an appointment. After she had been in the clinic for some time, Lephew re-entered and began loudly and angrily complaining about the amount of time the visit was taking. She alleged that “the actions of the accused put her in fear of bodily harm while she was sitting in the vehicle beside him.” She stated that Lephew “had been drinking all day,” and that “they got into an argument in her vehicle outside before she came,” as well.

One staff member claimed that he “smelled the strong odor of alcohol on his [Lephew’s] breath and he was very belligerent.” The accused then is alleged to have “banged on” two different doors, as well as windows, in an attempt to enter the building.

The complaint adds that “when the victim came out of the clinic to get in her car she found that the driver’s seat of her car had several cut marks on the seat that were not there when she went into the clinic.”

Lephew is charged with three misdemeanors; Domestic Assault (2nd Offense), Trespassing in Structure or Conveyance, and Destruction of Property.

Public Meetings

Gbr. Co. Farmland Protection Board

will not meet in November due to the holiday. Our next meeting will be Thursday, Dec. 9. 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.

Snow Queen

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Jane Brown, Snow Queen 1967

This time around, Mengel and the city hope to provide a whole winter court, complete with King, Prince, Princess, and of course, the Snow Queen herself. Area children age 8-15 will be eligible for Prince or Princess, those 16-21 will be eligible for King and Queen, and as an added measure of holiday merriment, applicants 55+ will compete to be named Mr. and Mrs. Clause 2021.

The victorious Prince and Princess will receive a Visa gift card equal to the amount of votes they received, The King and Queen will receive scholarship checks to the amount of votes received, and the winners of Mr. and Mrs. Clause will be given their own ugly sweater, and their choice of a Ronceverte charitable organization to award a donation in the amount of their winning vote total; the more votes, the more money each winner will receive.

Registration for contestants, as well links to vote, are on www.roncevertewv.org, in the “About” section, under the “pageant” tab. Registrations will close Nov. 28, and all voting will be online only.

Further festivities associated with the Snow Queen Pageant include the return of 1992 Snow Queen Chasidy Fugate, who will be crowning the winners at the ceremony. All members of the snow court will then be invited to be featured in the city’s upcoming Christmas Parade.

All past Snow Queens are encouraged to come to the historic revival of this warm Ronceverte tradition.

Flu season may further impact Red Cross blood supply

Emergency blood shortage continues

As the holidays approach and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention warns about a potential spike in flu cases this year, it’s important that those who are eligible, healthy and feeling well make an appointment to donate blood. The American Red Cross continues to address an ongoing emergency blood shortage, and donors are urged to give now to combat the lowest blood supply levels at this time of year in more than a decade.

There is an upcoming blood donation opportunity in Lewisburg on Monday, Nov. 22, from 12 noon to 6 p.m. at Lewisburg United Methodist Church at 214 E. Washington Street.

According to the CDC, flu cases reached an all-time low last year due to masking, physical distancing and shutdowns across the country, and many Americans may have reduced immunity this year. When seasonal illness increases, the number of healthy blood donors tends to decrease. Paired with winter weather, busy holiday schedules and ongoing COVID-19 concerns, the already-struggling blood supply could be further impacted throughout winter.

There is no blood donation waiting period for those who have received a flu shot or a Moderna, Pfizer or Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine or booster, so long as they are symptom-free. 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).

To encourage donors to help meet the needs of hospital patients this month, all who come to donate Nov. 1-23 will receive a \$10 Amazon.com Gift Card by email, thanks to Amazon. Those who come to give around the Thanksgiving holiday, Nov. 24-28, will receive a pair of Red Cross socks, while supplies last.

Each Red Cross blood drive and donation center follows the highest standards of safety and infection control, and additional precautions - including face masks for donors and staff, regardless of vaccination status - have been implemented to help protect the health of all those in attendance. Donors are asked to schedule an appointment prior to arriving at the drive.

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In Re: The Marriage of: Roman Lee Bostic and Heather Nicole Bostic

In Re: The Marriage of: Marlene Gay Pomeroy and Lawrence Lee Pomeroy

In Re: The Marriage of: Brittany Nicole Dillon and Lucas James Dillon

In Re: The Marriage of: Jessica Dawn McMillion and Michael Edward McMillion

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City Hall Upgrades

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International Mountain Bike Association is the group behind this grant, and Elkins said they have been finding that West Virginia is giving them good returns on their investments in the state.

Hill said that the city reviewed the CARES Act reimbursement fund projects to ensure that they city is on track to expend those funds before the end of the year. “We are doing really well on getting everything done. We winterized the restrooms in our parks so that those have the ability to stay open during the winter as everyone continues to walk and use our lovely walking track lights,” Hill noted.

Public Works Director Tony Hill said that cameras have been installed at the public parks restrooms to help deter vandalism. “They are up and running,” he said. Public works crews have also completed the installation of all holiday decorations for the winter season. The Christmas Parade is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 4, with the lineup beginning at 11 a.m. and the parade beginning at 12 p.m.

In other news:

• Mayor White addressed the \$250,000 West Virginia Community Development Block Grant given to the city earlier this month, saying it is designated for stormwater surveys in the city. “We are very pleased to have this grant,” she said.

• City Manager Misty Hill said that appraisals have been completed for the imminent domain process for the updated water plant on Stonehouse Road. The plant, which will be located next to the current water treatment center, will sit on a portion of 34+ acres recently purchased by the city to make room for these upgrades, as well as a public use area with amenities yet to be finalized.

“We only had to do that [imminent domain] on three properties, so that is wonderful,” said Hill. “We will just keep moving forward on the water plant. It’s going to be a long process, but it’s a step forward. I know we’ve been waiting on that for a while.”

• Council voted to approve a \$3,150 Arts and Humanities Funding Request to cover marketing for the Greenbrier Home and Garden Tour.

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OPINION

Nature’s Way

By Karen Cohen

Master Gardener/Photojournalist/Artist

Next year’s course of action

Planning next year’s garden takes time and research. What else are you going to do over the cold winter months, maybe some cross country skiing or cross word puzzles? Yes, please. I also like to get cozy with a few garden catalogs to look at pretty pictures of flowers, figure out any tools I might want/need, and start to prep. There’s no time like the present!

Keep a garden journal and basic sketch of your 2021 garden(s) and your plantings before you forget! Using forward thinking, mark the dates for when you WILL pop some seeds or transplants into each section which you will draw out and label. Tracking what and where you have planted will provide education on which plants work best and where they should go the following year. This will aid you in crop rotations from year to year. Most gardeners do not plant the same item in the same place year after year because the soil becomes depleted if you keep putting in the same crops by using the same basic nutrients.

Amend your garden beds NOW with shredded leaves and compost you have made. Also toss in your daily coffee grounds because worms are caffeine addicts! I know I am! After you cover up your beds with a cozy blanket of mulch, let it rest and all break down. Cover crops go in before a continuous hard frost. We plant a mixture of winter rye and crown vetch. We won’t let these go to seeds because that’s how they spread into a garden, so we will turn this green matter into the soil, just ripping them out and then lying on the soil and shoveling some garden soil on top for the worms to “dig in”.

Do you need to buy any soil amendments or find a source for some? Manure is readily available in these here hills but you will have to most likely do the manual labor yourself, shoveling the you know what! All worth the effort! Promise. I purchase liquid concentrated kelp annually and dilute it and spray it on any winter crops for nourishments. I have a whole 10 ft bed of kale and beets growing now under our plastic hoop tunnel and I will spray those plants once a week with kelp fertilizer.

The best part about winter settling in with us is that we rest, revamp, and rejuvenate and that goes for the garden, too. Send for the colorful seed catalogs and get cozy with them. I love the pictures but I know what I can/can’t grow here in deer country. How do I know? Quick example: search on the internet or Google: “deer resistant vegetables and flowers.” You’ll have all your answers. Of course, nothing is totally foolproof and every web-



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(Karen Cohen is an avid organic grower, Master Gardener, photojournalist, DJ and explorer. Contact info: natureswaykaren@gmail.com)

Commentary

WV Senior Legal Aid gives Medicare information

Tis the season for Medicare enrollment. Commercials and information are everywhere we look.

It can be confusing because there are many choices to make: Medicare or Medicare Advantage, which coverage plan with what premium, deductible and co-pay amounts, which drug coverage option, which insurance company?

Medicare is handled by the federal government through the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

Many don’t realize that Medicare Advantage (MA) plans are private insurance alternatives based on Medicare requirements. That’s not always made clear in the information.

You can enroll in one or the other, but not in both, for the same coverage period.

Under Medicare, there is coverage for hospital care (Part A) and for out-patient services (Part B). Prescription medications are covered under Part D (available through private insurance companies). Also, the customer can purchase supplemental coverage called Medigap from private insurance companies to cover portions of the amounts not paid by Part A or Part B.

With Medicare Advantage plans, the minimum coverage requirements are set by Medicare. Premiums for hospital, physicians, out-patient care, and medication expenses are paid to the private insurance company. It’s one-stop shopping because one company can provide all of the coverages.

When authorized by the customer, Medicare or MA premium amounts can be deducted from their Social Security benefits.

The Medicare Open Enrollment Period, for coverage during the following calendar year, ends on December 7 every year. It is the only time when you can switch Medicare coverage plans or enroll in MA.

For those already enrolled in a MA plan, the Medicare Advantage Plan Open Enrollment Period from January 1 through March 31 is an opportunity to make one change to a different MA plan or to switch back to traditional Medicare.

One of the major differences between Medicare and MA is what doctors and hospitals a person may use.

The great majority of doctors and hospitals around the country provide care to Medicare patients.

MA plans are more restrictive by having only specified doctors and hospitals available to their customers.

If you choose a MA plan based on your favorite doctors, be aware that there is no guarantee those healthcare providers will remain in a given MA plan. They are permitted to withdraw at any point.

Under MA, “out-of-network” charges apply when doctors and hospitals not on the approved list are used.

Another difference is overall cost.

The lower amounts for MA plans’ premiums, annual deductible, and service co-pays are based on more limited choices for healthcare providers than with Medicare. These upfront savings can be attractive when a person confirms that the healthcare options offered under a plan will suit their needs.

For actual bills paid for routine services and unexpected costs, neither Medicare nor MA consistently covers more than the other. As a result, the total amount the customer will pay during the year is not possible to evaluate

accurately in advance.

Also, coverage for vision, dental and hearing services are often included in MA plans. Some also offer fitness programs, medical visit transportation, over-the-counter drug discount cards, in-home meals after a hospital visit, and other benefits.

Coverage for emergency care at any location in the United States is authorized under Medicare and MA.

For 2022, various factors, including the potential use of the new Alzheimer’s drug with a \$56,000 annual cost per patient, will increase the Part B premium by almost \$22 per month.

For help with problems related to Medicare or Medicare Advantage coverage issues, any West Virginia resident age 60 or over can contact West Virginia Senior Legal Aid at 800-229-5068.

Commentary

Capito celebrates America Recycles Day

U.S. Senator Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV), Ranking Member of the Environment and Public Works (EPW) Committee, released the below statement in observance of America Recycles Day.

“As a member of the Senate Recycling Caucus, I was pleased that our committee held an informative hearing and accompanying roundtables on this important topic in September, but much work remains to meet EPA’s National Recycling Goal of recycling 50 percent by 2030,” Ranking Member Capito said. “Recycling is critical to a more sustainable future. Improving recycling can reduce waste going to landfills, conserve natural resources, and support domestic manufacturing. The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act includes historic investments in our nation’s infrastructure with specific funds for recycling infrastructure, as well as grants to improve recycling education. I look forward to seeing how these funds can help the American people meet our National Recycling Goal in the coming decade.

“However, these investments will not solve all of the challenges facing recycling. Fostering innovation is necessary to meet this goal. I am disappointed that EPA chose to host neither an in-person nor a virtual National Recycling Summit and Innovation Fair this year. The previous administration managed to have a robust virtual event even amid the pandemic. Both events provided opportunities to engage stakeholders to learn from their unique perspectives and experiences to help develop robust solutions to these challenges. The Innovation Fair showcased our nation’s entrepreneurs to demonstrate how these pioneers are revolutionizing the possibilities of recycling. These events – whether virtual or in person – offered opportunities to hear from recyclers themselves, consumer brands, state and local governments, and others. While I am encouraged that EPA finalized its National Recycling Strategy, I am surprised EPA has chosen to prioritize other issues and miss out on these two-way conversations. I encourage the agency to open its doors, even if virtually, to engage stakeholders and showcase innovation moving forward.”

Commentary

Morrissey, bipartisan group supports efforts to stop Robocallers from misusing phone numbers

West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrissey joined a broad, bipartisan coalition in writing to the Federal Communications Commission in support of its efforts to reduce illegal robocallers’ access to legitimate phone numbers.

Scammers often use legitimate phone numbers to make incessant robocalls that swindle consumers out of their hard-earned money.

“As telecommunications technology improves, so does scammers’ ability to find ways to exploit it,” Attorney General Morrissey said. “West Virginia remains committed to making progress in combating unlawful robocalls and we will continue to cooperate with other states and national agencies to stop these illegal and obnoxious scam calls.”

Earlier this year, phone companies were required to implement STIR/SHAKEN – caller ID authentication technology to combat spoofing by ensuring that telephone calls originate from verified numbers. Because the technology prevents robocallers from spoofing phone numbers, scam robocalls have dropped by 29 percent since June as the phone industry continues to put STIR/SHAKEN into effect.

Robocallers are now successfully evading caller ID authentication by purchasing access to legitimate phone numbers to conceal their identities. They typically do this by providing false identifying information to, or otherwise shielding their identities from, the companies that have access to legitimate numbers.

The attorneys general support the FCC’s proposals to implement a more thorough application, review, and monitoring process for phone companies that request direct access to phone numbers and to require these companies to verify their customers’ identities to help keep the numbers from being sold, leased or rented to illegal robocallers. This includes limiting the use of both temporary phone numbers for trial customers and untraceable payment mechanisms.

In September, Attorney General Morrissey released a progress report detailing success in the implementation of Anti-Robocall Principles that West Virginia signed in late summer 2019 as part of an agreement between 51 attorneys general and several phone companies.

Since September 2019, the involved companies have identified more than 52 billion spam or spoofed number calls, authenticated the caller ID numbers of hundreds of billions of calls and blocked more than 32.5 billion spam, spoofed or illegal calls.

Monday’s comment letter to the FCC was led by the attorneys general of North Carolina and Florida. West Virginia joined in sending the letter with the attorneys general of all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

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'A Better World is Near' Special worldwide campaign brings positive message to community

Greenbrier County will be one of the thousands of communities around the globe that will receive a powerful message of hope this November as Jehovah's Witnesses embark upon a special campaign focusing attention on the Bible's hope for a better world.

The goal of the campaign is to distribute a special edition of The Watchtower magazine containing the cover series, "A Better World is Near." More than 36 million printed copies of the magazine are expected to be distributed in some 230 languages to communities in 240 lands around the globe. In addition, the digital publication is available on various platforms in nearly 400 languages.

"People are longing to hear a positive message, and this is the best news possible," said Robert Hendriks, U.S. Spokesman for Jehovah's Witnesses. "A better world

is not just a dream, it's inevitable. In fact, it is the central theme of the entire Bible."

The magazine addresses the age-old "doomsday" question "Is this world going to end?" with a comforting answer that may surprise many readers. While many religions have predicted the "end of the world," the magazine reveals the Bible's clear message: the earth is here forever and will never end! However, the magazine also explains the powerful truth that wickedness will soon be gone, quoting the Bible book of Psalms where it promises that the "lawless one" will be no more. (Psalm 37:10, Rotherham translation)

This positive message has been the hope of millions around the world who have prayed for 'God's Kingdom to come,' a familiar refrain of many Christians taught by Jesus in what some refer to as the

Lord's Prayer.

"I used to be very confused and afraid of religion," related Beckley resident Jean Gwinn. Since childhood, she was troubled by big questions like, "Is the Earth going to be destroyed?"

"After my uncle showed me Proverbs 2:21, I thought, 'That makes total sense!' From that time on, I kept getting the answers to all of my questions in the Bible; it changed my life."

The Watchtower has been carrying a similar message about God's Kingdom for more than 100 years and remains the most widely translated and circulated magazine in the world. The 2021 number two edition is available free online at jw.org, where anyone can also request a free printed copy by scrolling down on the homepage to "Request A Visit."

For more information, please call 718-560-5600.

Greenbrier Valley Pride elects new executive board

The Greenbrier Valley Pride board has elected a new executive board to lead the LGBTQ+ organization. Board members were elected by Greenbrier Valley Pride members and the new board was announced internally on Oct. 25. The board, comprised of 15 members, met Nov. 7 and elected the executive board to lead the local nonprofit.

"I'm so excited to be among this group of leaders. It is an honor and a privilege to be beside them as work towards a safer and more in-

clusive Greenbrier Valley," Kelsie Tyson, president of the Greenbrier Valley Pride Board says. "I never imagined I'd be living back in the valley as a queer woman, let alone a part of an organization dedicated to creating a queer-friendly and safe community. That's something I didn't have growing up, and I want to make sure that future generations never have to say that sentence."

Greenbrier Valley Pride is a new nonprofit that was created to host the inaugural Greenbrier Valley Pride parade and fair on June 29,

2020. The nonprofit was started to bring more visibility to the LGBTQIA+ community of Greenbrier Valley while advocating for the community through events and activism.

"It's an honor and a privilege to serve as VP for Greenbrier Valley Pride," Brian Perdue, vice president of the Greenbrier Valley Pride board, says. "As our organization continues to grow, I'm excited to help make our region more inclusive for all that call the GBV home. Being part of an organization that strives for justice, fairness, and equality is inspiring and I look forward to doing my part to making sure this happens."

The board is currently applying for its 501(c)(3) status and planning events to get more involved with the community. All LGBTQIA+ people and allies of the community are invited to sign up to become members of Greenbrier Valley Pride. You can apply to be a member at anytime and membership comes with voting rights to elect board members.

On Nov. 20, Greenbrier Valley Pride will host its first fundraiser and website launch party at Big Draft Brewing. The event will include a drag show, which is guaranteed to be fun for everyone.

Board members now include: Kelsie Tyson, president; Brian Perdue, vice president; Molly Arbogast, treasurer; Hannah Pence, secretary; Lyra Bordelon; Rebekah Fallin; Courtney Hereford; Joanne Holt; Kayla M. McCoy; Cici McLay; Matt Parsley; Jorge Rodriguez-Stanley; Betsy Walker; Kirsten White; and Damie Spencer.



Vice President Brian Perdue



Treasurer Molly Arbogast



President Kelsie Tyson



Secretary Hanna Pence

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

'An Auction of Stellar Experiences' hosted by the Greenbrier Historical Society

This year the Greenbrier Historical Society is hosting its annual fundraiser as a virtual event. Stellar Evening, normally celebrated the first Saturday in December, will be An Auction of Stellar Experiences featuring several items to bid on throughout the week.

The Greenbrier Historical Society's virtual silent auction opens on Nov. 29 at 8 a.m. EST and closes on Dec. 3 at 11:45 p.m. EST. A Facebook live

video will announce bidding winners on the first Saturday in December at 7 p.m. EST.

There are stellar experiences to bid on including A Stellar Dinner for Two on the North House Balcony, A Stellar Star Tavern Room Happy Hour, A Stellar Night in the Museum, and more!

Visit the auction online at www.32auctions.com/AStellarAuction and place bids on your favorite items.

Ronceverte Woman's Club speaks to Mayor Pack, contributes to food pantry



Artist Ellen Fischer (left) and RWC Arts Committee member Susan Morgan



RWC President Sally Parker (left) and Ronceverte Mayor Deena Pack

The GFWC Ronceverte Woman's Club (RWC) had two interesting meetings in September and October.

On Sept. 27, the club held their scheduled monthly meeting. The RWC Arts committee invited artist Ellen Fischer to provide the program. Ellen, who lives part of the year in Florida and part in Ronceverte, brought six beautiful, framed paintings that she had recently painted while in Virginia and West Virginia. She spoke of her work, training and the style and medium she preferred. She has painted many scenes in Ronceverte, such as the Presbyterian and Catholic churches, several homes and the Greenbrier River.

On Oct. 25, the club invited newly elected Mayor Deena Pack to speak about her first year in office so far. She told about many activities going on and exciting things coming to Ronceverte, including a few businesses

coming soon. She gave information about the water system upgrade and street paving. She answered many questions from club members. The RWC appreciates all that Mayor Pack is doing for the city.

At the October meeting, the RWC also made contributions to the local food pantry and the Family Refuge Center since October is Domestic Violence Awareness month.

Our November meeting will be held on Monday, the 22nd at 7 p.m. at the Ronceverte Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. It will be our annual holiday auction of crafts and baked goods provided by members. This is open to anyone interested. Refreshments will be served.

If interested in joining the Ronceverte Woman's Club, a civic organization for women interested in supporting their community, schools and library, please call 304-647-4890 for further information.



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Nicholas Holt VanStavern

White Sulphur Springs-Nicholas Holt VanStavern, 63, of Rt. 92, passed away unexpectedly Tuesday, Nov. 2, 2021 at Greenbrier Valley Medical Center.

He was born Jan. 11, 1958 in Prince Georges County, Maryland, the beloved son of the late Harry Holt VanStavern and Goldia Beatrice Bradley VanStavern.

He was an over the road trucker. In his spare time, he enjoyed riding "Harleys" and dirt bikes.

Surviving are his wife, Sandra Wakeford VanStavern; daughter, Lori Nichole VanStavern (Stephen Davis) of White Sulphur Springs; grandson, Jacob Michael Davis; sister, Melba Conner of White Sulphur Springs; mother-in-law, Linda Wakeford; brother-in-law, Douglas Hoke, Sr. of White Sulphur Springs; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral Services will be held Saturday, Nov. 20, at 1 p.m. at the Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in White Sulphur Springs. Interment will follow in the Mapledale Cemetery in White Sulphur Springs.

The family will receive their family and friends on Saturday from 12 noon until time of services.

Please send online condolences by visiting www.WallaceandWallaceFH.com

Teddy Basil Bostic

Christiansburg, VA-Teddy Basil Bostic, 78, passed away Tuesday, Oct. 19, 2021. Ted was born on Apr. 9, 1943 in Pulaski, VA. He was the son of the late Charles Basil and Ocelia Catherine Bostic of Maxwelton.

In addition to his parents, Ted was also preceded in death by his sister, Barbara Ann Bostic.

Survivors include his loving wife of 58 years, Barbara Anne Burns Bostic; sons, David (Lynne) of Lewisburg, Geoffrey of Atlanta, GA, and Timothy of Shepherdstown, WV; granddaughters, Ashley Bostic Eisenberg (Nick), Kate Bostic Sweet (Kelso), Allison Bostic and Riley Bostic; great-granddaughters, Keirsten Sweet, Aria Sweet, and Poppy Eisenberg; brother, William Jeffrey Bostic; and bonus son, Nicolas Ruiz.

He was a longtime member and Past Grand Master Mason of the Equality Lodge #44 A.F. & A.M.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Ted Bostic to: Medi Home Health and Hospice, 319 North Washington Avenue, Pulaski, VA 24301 or Cozy Home Haven, 7437 Peppers Ferry Boulevard, Fairlawn, VA 24141.

Services will be held at a later date.

Nellie Allyne Brooks

White Sulphur Springs-Nellie Allyne Brooks, 83, passed away at her home Wednesday,

Nov. 10, 2021 surrounded by her family.

She was born Feb. 4, 1938 on Wagner's Mountain near Neola, a daughter of the late Freeland Henderson Smith and Mary Olive Stowe Smith.

Nellie was a member of Alvon United Methodist Church, loved to bake, shopping, spoiling her grandkids and playing cards. She worked at the former Hanover Shoe Co. in White Sulphur Springs and the Committee on Aging.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Lee Brooks in 2019; sister, Betty Church; and brothers, Haywood Smith, Bob Smith, Hobert Smith, John Smith, Carol Smith, Edward Smith and David Smith.

She is survived by two daughters, Nellie Elizabeth Wade (J.D.) of Crows, VA and Cindy Dolin (Kenny) of Alvon; son, Rickie Church (Rejetta) of Alvon; sister, Pauline Bennett of Lewisburg; grandchildren, Sunja Craft (Joe), Amanda Kersey (Boo), Adam Dolin (Shannon), Keri Spradlin (Mark), and Shane Dolin (Madison); and great-grandchildren, Alexis Richmond, Mark Spradlin, Tessa Spradlin, Ava Spradlin, Olivia Spradlin, Joshua Dolin and Emberlee Dolin.

Service was held on Tuesday, Nov. 16, at the Alvon Living Word Church in Alvon, with Pastors Bobby McClintic and Buck Caldwell officiating. Burial will follow in Greenbrier Memorial Gardens in Lewisburg.

Visitation for family and friends was on Monday evening, Nov. 15, at Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in White Sulphur Springs.

Pallbearers were: Adam Dolin, Shane Dolin, Tommy Brooks, D.J. Harris, Justin Dolin and Mark Spradlin, Jr. with Jeff Church serving as honorary pallbearer.

Please send online condolences by visiting www.WallaceandWallaceFH.com

Dr. William Harold Roush



Alderson-Dr. William (Bill) Harold Roush was born in Alderson, WV, on Feb. 17, 1927, the second of three sons to parents Earl Ray and Mary Lydia (Dameron) Roush. After graduation from Alderson High School, Bill attended Berea College in Berea, Kentucky, graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry. In 1951, during his second year of medical school, he married Grace D'Albora, a registered nurse, who he would proudly tell you supported him and their growing family through the remainder of his medi-

cal training.

In 1953, Bill graduated from the SUNY Downstate College of Medicine in Brooklyn, New York. He went on to complete a residency in internal medicine at the Medical College of Virginia and Ohio State University, followed by a research fellowship in endocrinology at Ohio State. During this time, he also served for two years as a Captain in the Army Medical Corps at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. He then joined the staff as an internist and endocrinologist at a clinic in Point Pleasant, West Virginia, until moving his family and joining the staff of the Veterans Administrative Hospital in Temple, Texas, in 1963. In 1969 Bill decided he could better serve his patients as a radiologist, completing a three-year residency at Scott and White Hospital. He practiced Radiology at the VA Hospital until his retirement in 1995.

Following the death of his wife, Grace, in 1999, Bill married his longtime friend and associate, Maria Elena Bassel, MD, who practiced internal medicine at the VA hospital for 32 years.

Bill was an avid and lifelong sports fan and athlete, playing football in high school. As an adult he enjoyed tennis, weightlifting, swimming, and snow skiing well into his seventies, and was one of the founding members of the Temple Tennis Club. He also loved classical music, woodworking, photography, and discovered ball room dancing with Maria. Without question, Bill found unlimited joy in following the lives of his children and many grandchildren. He loved nothing more than sharing pictures of them with family and friends. Bill was admired by many, but none more than his children and grandchildren for his wit, wisdom, and staunch support of their academic endeavors.

Bill is survived by a daughter, Julie Butler of Temple, Texas, son, Billy Roush (Kay) of Austin, Texas, son, David Roush (Arlynda) of Troy, Texas, son, Paul Bassel (Katrina) of Dallas, Texas, and son, Dabney Bassel (Pam) of Fort Worth, Texas. He is also survived by 12 grandchildren, Rachel Butler of Austin, Texas, Will Butler of West Palm Beach, FL, Preston Roush (Emily) of Dallas, Texas, William Patrick Roush (Rachael) of Columbia, MO, Phillip Roush of Austin, Texas, Emily Roush of Belton, Texas, Caroline Roush of Dallas, Texas, Brandon Aguilar (Sarah) of Buda, Texas, Brooke Epperson (Zachary) of New Braunfels, Texas, Emily Bassel of Dallas, Texas, Rose Bassel of Dallas, Texas and Katherine Bassel of Seattle, WA. He is also survived by eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents Ray and Mary Roush, brothers Bob and Tom Roush, and wives Grace Roush and Maria Roush.

Graveside service and burial was held on

Thursday, Nov. 18, at the Old Greenbrier Memorial Cemetery in Alderson where Pastor Derek Hall officiated.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Baylor Scott and White Cancer Research Fund, or to Alzheimer's Association at 225 N. Michigan Ave., Fl. 17, Chicago, IL 60601.

Online condolences and memories may be shared with the Roush family at www.lobbanfh.com

Arrangements by Lobban Funeral Home, Alderson, WV.

Wandalee June Walker



Rupert-Wandalee June Walker, 67, passed away Sunday, Nov. 14, 2021, at Greenbrier Valley Medical Center.

Born June 24, 1954, in Ronceverte, she was the daughter of the late James Arthur and Wanda Lou Collins Ramsey.

Wandalee had worked the past 11 years for Your Choice Home Care. She was of the Methodist faith.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a son, Delvin James Aldridge, and brother, Gregory Allen Ramsey.

Survivors include her husband, Norman Walker; son, Jordan Lance Aldridge (Stacy) of Belington, WV; daughter, Leeann Finn (Wilbert) of Rainelle; brothers, James Arthur Ramsey, Jr. of Groton, NY, and Kirby Ramsey (Bonnie) of Lewisburg; grandchildren, Nathaniel Aldridge, Kyra and Kearsten Finn, Jaylynn Aldridge, Levi Koch, and Brittney Aldridge.

A memorial service will be held at 12 Noon, Friday, Nov. 19, at the Morgan Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Jim Johnson officiating.

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

Online guestbook may be signed at www.morganfh.net

Marjorie Madeline Workman



Cornstalk-Marjorie Madeline Workman, 96, of Cornstalk, WV, passed away peacefully at her home, Friday, Nov. 12, 2021.

Born Sept. 8, 1925 in Williamsburg, WV, she was a homemaker.

Marjorie served her community by volunteering at community functions and working on the Williamsburg Rescue Squad. She loved quilting and she donated quilts to families in need, she also provided childcare for several local families. Marjorie was a member of Andrew Chapel United Methodist Church. She

was well loved and will be missed by all her family and friends in the community.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Osie Winfrey; her husband, Pat Workman; son, Basil Workman; two sisters, Violet Williams, and Mildred McMillion; two brothers, Dewey, and Melvin Winfrey.

Marjorie is survived by three brothers, Homer Winfrey of Howard, OH, Donnie Winfrey (Rose) of Ocala, FL and Clyde Winfrey (Debbie) of Williamsburg, WV; two daughters, Shirley Workman of Cornstalk and Gale Lowe of Lewisburg; seven grandchildren, Rick Webb of Alderson, Scott Webb of Fairlea, Hope Jordan (Joey) of Cornstalk, Pat Workman (Heather) of Neola, Doug Lowe (Leah) of Chesapeake, OH, David Lowe of Olive Branch, MS and Darren Lowe of Lewisburg. Also surviving are 17 great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren, several nieces, and nephews.

Funeral service was held Wednesday, Nov. 17, at the Morgan Funeral Home Chapel where Pastor Denver Tiller officiated. Burial followed in the James Chapel UMC Cemetery, Clintonville. Visitation was one hour prior to the Wednesday service at the funeral home.

Online guestbook may be signed at www.morganfh.net.

Elizabeth Ann Lephew Honaker



Alderson-Elizabeth Ann Lephew Honaker, 81, went peacefully to be with the Lord on Wednesday, Nov. 10, 2021 at her home in Riverside Rest, following a short illness.

Born Aug. 23, 1940 in Union, she was the daughter of the late Arthur Lephew and the late Edith Dunbar Lephew Dixon.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her stepfather, Roy Dixon; her husband of 59 years, Lacy Rowan "Red" Honaker; son, Marshall Rowan Honaker; two brothers, Gene Lephew and Woodrow Lephew; two sisters, Joyce Evans and Faith Lephew; and stepson-in-law, Cordell Hooper.

Mrs. Honaker was a retired co-owner of Honaker's Well Drilling Company, Riverside Rest, Alderson, WV, having retired after 50 years of service to the area. She was also an Avon Representative for 20 plus years and a homemaker. Mrs. Honaker was a member of the Sinks Grove Baptist Church in Sinks Grove. She enjoyed ceramics, sewing, quilting, cooking, and puzzle books. Mrs. Honaker loved to spend time with her family and friends and will always be remembered for her love and willingness to help others.

Survivors include one son, Raymond Arthur Honaker and wife Kamia of Alderson; two daughters, Karen Mae Pinter and husband John of Spotylvania, VA, and Mary

Ann Bowyer and husband Richard Jr. of Alderson; daughter-in-law, Wendy Gadd Honaker of Marie, WV; three stepdaughters, Hattie Victoria Wickline and husband Orville of White Sulphur Springs, Carol Jean Hooper of Pensacola, FL, and Margaret Louise Ogden and husband Ora of Bainbridge, Ohio; three brothers, Johnny Dixon and wife Becky of Union, Steve Dixon and wife Connie of Sinks Grove, and Tony Dixon and wife Jackie of Sinks Grove; many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and extended family members.

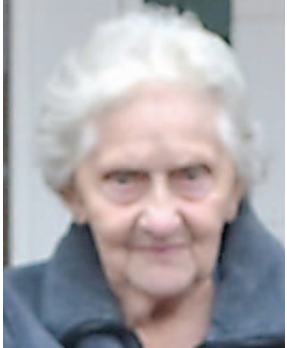
Funeral services were held Sunday, Nov. 14, at the Lobban Funeral Home Chapel in Alderson, where Pastor Clark Morgan, Thomas Skaggs, Kim Thompson and her grandson, U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Lacy Gunnoe officiated. Burial followed in the New Lebanon Cemetery at Pickaway, WV.

Friends called at the funeral home before the service on Sunday.

Serving as pallbearers were: Brian Honaker, Jonathan O'Neill, Lacy Gunnoe, Ricky Bowyer, Adam Bowyer, and Jason Lewis.

Online condolences and memories may be shared with the Honaker family at www.lobbanfh.com

Glenna L. Waid



Alvon-Glenna L. Waid, 93, passed away Saturday, Nov. 13, 2021 at Greenbrier Valley Medical Center in Fairlea, following a short illness.

She was born Feb. 22, 1928 in Alvon, the daughter of the late Clarence and Nellie Boggs.

Glenna and her husband Glenn Waid owned and operated Green Acres Grocery Store in Alvon, WV, for over 30 years, and she was a beloved member of her small community. In her life, she was devoted to and loved her family dearly. To her children and grandchildren, she was an inspiration, a mentor and a dear friend. Glenna was a blessing to her family and all who loved her and she will be sadly missed.

Glenna was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Glenn G. Waid, by her sister Vanisha Suls-er and her son-in-law Telford Scott, Sr.

Glenna is survived by her two daughters, Jeannie Scott and Joy Bland and husband Butch; grandchildren, Telford Scott, Jr., Stacey Scott Goodwin and husband Sean, and Levi Bland and Julie Smith; great-grandchildren, Autumn Scott Judy and husband Channing, Johnathan Scott and wife Sarah, Makayla Scott, Brooklyn Scott and Jesse Scott, Lilly and Ella Goodwin and boyfriend Tyler Deskins, Greyson and Rowan Bland, Hudson and Gracen Smith; great-great grandchildren, Dani Rae and Sawyer Judy; as well as several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

There was a graveside service for Mrs. Waid on Wednesday, Nov. 17, at Alvon Methodist Church

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There seems to be a lot of paper recycling. What products are made from recycled paper?

Just Curious

Dear Just Curious,

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Dear Recycle Lady,

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To Sign or Not Sign

Dear To Sign or Not Sign,

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However, there are pre-

cautions to consider before signing a petition. Do you trust the organization sponsoring the petition? Do you think this change is possible? Does the petition have a compelling message and is it targeted to a decision maker who could affect change? Is the petition looking for addresses to add to a database or to sell to other organizations? Is it simply a way to raise funds? Petitions should state a clear problem and a viable solution. According to <https://billmoyers.com>, online petitions are a tactic that have been used in many successful campaigns from stopping the Keystone XL Pipeline to preserving net neutrality. “Signing a petition to end nuclear war or to solve climate change is pointless,” says Jason Mogus, a strategist and founder of NetChange Consulting. A good petition with lots of signatures can make a difference, but a bad petition can clog your inbox with spam!

Note: The Oxford English Dictionary defines “slacktivism” as the study of digital activism. It is actions performed via the internet in support of a political or social cause but regarded as requiring little time or involvement, e.g. signing an online petition or joining a campaign group on a social media website or application.

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1. **Call to Order**
2. **Approval of Minutes:** November 4, 2021.
3. **Comments from the Public:**
4. Minor Subdivision: Wal-Bucks LLC, 1976 Jefferson Street North, Lewisburg WV
5. Preliminary Plat Review, 1976 Jefferson Street North, Tax Map 12 Parcel 0104, Deed Book 452 Page 274.
6. Site Plan Review: Starbucks, 1976 Jefferson Street North, Lewisburg WV
7. **Comments from Planning Commission Members**
8. **Comments from Planning and Zoning Officer:** Marsha Cunningham
9. **Adjournment.**

The next scheduled meeting of the Lewisburg Planning Commission will be held on January 6, 2022 with a deadline of December 14, 2021.

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Bid openings will be held at 10:01 a.m. on December 7th, 2021.

It shall be the bidder's responsibility to determine their method of transmittal such that their bids will arrive in the Owner's office prior to the scheduled bid opening. Proposals received by the Owner after the scheduled opening will be left unopened. Fixed bids will not be accepted.

All proposals must be enclosed in sealed envelopes bearing the name and address of the bidder and must be marked "Eastern WV Community and Technical College Volvo."

The bids will be awarded or rejected within 60 days after bid opening. The Owner reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids, and to waive any and/or all formalities as it may deem in its best interest. The Owner reserves the right to make an award based on what is in the best interest of the college. The Owner also reserves the right to reject any or all proposals or any parts thereof. All bids will remain on file for two years after the award.

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Funding secured for domestic violence protection

It started when Lauren Plymale, a Cabell County assistant prosecutor, reached out to her state senator, Bob Plymale (D-Wayne). Something was off. The VOCA (Victims of Crime Act) funding from the federal government had slowly been decreasing over the past 3-4 years, and suddenly, it was gone. These funds provide critical services for victims of sexual and domestic abuse and assault, such as child advocacy centers, rape crisis centers and hotlines, domestic violence shelters, and - of special interest to Plymale - prosecutors and law enforcement officials who specialize in this work. Plymale just needed to know how long the county would be unfunded so they could plan accordingly.

Senator Plymale checked with his staff,

who reached out to stakeholders, who confirmed the worst: there was a federal funding interruption, and unless the state stepped in to fill the gap, jobs, programs, and lives were at risk.

“We refused to allow these cuts to take effect in West Virginia,” said Minority Leader Stephen Baldwin (D-Greenbrier). “Those who protect women and children from domestic and sexual violence already work with very limited resources. They could not absorb more cuts.”

In just one year, state child advocacy centers served more than 4,600 children experiencing serious physical or sexual abuse. Data tells us 1 out of every 10 children will be sexually abused, 1 in 12 women will experience attempted or completed rape, and the social pres-

ures of the pandemic have only increased the risk to the most vulnerable.

Congress approved a plan in July of 2021 which will more fully fund VOCA in the future by fixing certain loopholes in the federal law and implementing new funding sources for VOCA (such as pre-trial diversion court fees and other alternative sentencing actions); however, these fees will not accumulate enough to sustain current services until 2023.

“We couldn’t wait that long,” said Plymale. “The kids can’t wait that long.”

Senate Democrats, under the leadership of Baldwin, were able to secure full funding to keep them all going. “In order to get this done, we worked with Governor Justice, Speaker Hanshaw, and Senate President Blair, and I

thank them for recognizing the urgency of the situation and acting swiftly. I also want to thank our terrific attorney, Wes Toney, who formerly worked with victims of domestic violence as a prosecutor and understood the gravity of the issue. By all working together, we solved it and protected vulnerable citizens.”

During the October special session, the WV Legislature passed a supplemental of \$ million to fully fund current VOCA-funded service levels for the remainder of the fiscal year.

“This funding is critical to protecting West Virginia families, and I am glad the Governor approved our request,” said Senator Richard Lindsay (D-Kanawha).

“This takes care of the current fiscal year. We may need to fill this gap

one additional year for 2022, but as of 2023 the federal government will take over full funding,” explained Baldwin. “If we do need to fund it one more year, it will be worth every penny to protect victims of abuse. We look forward to a broad coalition of support again next year if it’s needed.”

Senate Democrats have called attention to the underfunding of rape crisis centers, child advocacy centers, and specialized law enforcement for years. “This has long been a high priority for our caucus, and also a high priority of mine,” said Minority Whip Mike Woelfel (D-Cabell). Since his election to the Senate in 2014, Woelfel has been the lead sponsor of several bills designed to increase the rights of sexual assault victims and provide training and assistance for law enforcement dealing with these cases. Under his watch, bills requiring training for law enforcement officers investigating sexual assault, protecting victims

from invasive physical examinations, speeding up the processing time for DNA rape kits, and the Sexual Assault Victims’ Bill of Rights have passed the legislature. Woelfel was recognized for his advocacy in 2020 with the Visionary Voice Award recipient from the West Virginia Foundation for Rape Information and Services.

Several coalitions (the Sexual Abuse Coalition, Domestic Violence Coalition, Child Advocacy Center Network, and Court Appointed Special Advocates, among others) joined together in support of the recent effort to ensure that we do not lose valuable prosecutors, child abuse advocates, victim shelters, and other victim support services.

“As a caucus, we continue to believe the work of advocacy for crime victims is vitally important,” Baldwin concluded. “We thank all those in law enforcement, the courts, and advocacy for fighting to protect victims each and every day.”

WV Secretary of State launches new strategy to report election law violations by cell phone

According to West Virginia’s chief election official, it’s time to plan for fair and secure 2022 midterm elections.

Last week, WV Secretary of State Mac Warner announced the launching of his office’s new “See Something, Text Something!” election security campaign. The program leverages the technology of common communication devices to quickly and securely report allegations of wrongdoing directly into the WVSOS Investigations Division.

Warner said the text to report technology makes it easier than ever to report possible violations. Warner sees a double benefit of this program: on one hand the easy-to-use text to report technology will encourage people to report possible election fraud, while on the other, the accessibility and speed of the ability to report will deter offenders from engaging in errant behavior. With investigators situated around the state, the immediate transfer of information will allow them to get to work quickly.

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“In West Virginia, we’re continuing our effort in making it easy to vote and hard to cheat,” said Secretary Warner. “The general public plays a vital role in helping my office and our county clerks keep elections fair and secure.”

“The See Something, Text Something! campaign is another way for us to use today’s technology to increase voter confidence in the election process,” Warner said. “The higher the level of confidence, the higher voter participation is in our elections.”

Lee Durham, CEO of Global Mobile, the company providing the technology for the platform stated “We

are very excited to support the security efforts of the West Virginia Secretary of State making reporting of election issues as simple as possible”

A national study released by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) for the 2020 election cycle reported that West Virginia was one of the top ten states in the nation in voter confidence. Last month, Democracy Works, a national non-partisan organization, presented the WV Secretary of State’s Office with the organization’s “Voter Information Project VIP Partner Award” for effective communication with voters and transparency with the general public.

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SCHOOL

EGMS honors Veterans



Eastern Greenbrier Middle School students honored Veterans on Nov. 10 by wearing red, white, and blue to school. The students listened to two wonderful speeches by Student Government Association co-presidents Skylar Shockley and Kimberlie Butler.

Anderson sets new school record at 12th annual Tooth Fairy Race



Joella Craft (left), Tobias White, Paxton Radford, Braxton Honaker, Emelia Stacy, Henley Anderson, and Addison DeHaven (Not pictured: Paige Ridgeway)

The 12th annual Tooth Fairy 200 meter foot race was held in conjunction with physical education classes at White Sulphur Springs Elementary School. One hundred and seventy-five runners from kindergarten to second grade ran a 200m course around the playground, racing against the clock for sprinters glory. Categories for racers were by grade level with the fastest times for boys and girls being crowned Tooth Fairy Grand Champions.

"This was an idea that was cooked up twelve years ago to get the younger students involved with fitness, hygiene and to tie their own shoes," said Physical Education teacher Tracy Asbury. It worked too as several kids learned to tie shoes

during the week. "That's a lot less bending over for faculty and parents, less tripping too."

This year's titles were won by second graders. Henley Anderson won for the third year in a row to take the Boys Grand Champion with a lap of 30.94 seconds and a new all time school record. Henley's blazing lap bested an eight year record set by Isaiah Mattox in 2013. Second grader Addison DeHaven recorded a lap of 37.09 seconds to win the Girl's Grand Champion trophy.

All students were awarded a special certificate and some gifts while grade level champions received recognition at a school announcements and prizes.

"With good running times being

turned in each year, either the course is shrinking or my students are getting faster," said Asbury. "The thing about this race is that we will have new qualifiers all of the time. The Tooth Fairy is the busiest dude I know of, even busier than Santa and Easter Bunny. There isn't a recession with the Tooth Fairy."

This has become quite the prestigious award for kindergarten to second grade students at WSES, adding to the saying, "The will to win must be accompanied by the will to prepare."

"All of the excitement and anticipation for the race encourages the younger students to work harder in PE class," said Asbury.

Asbury and the students would like to dedicate this year's race to Ronald Asbury who is battling and winning against cancer. By showing us the courage of how to fight his personal battle with class and dedication, we dedicate the 2021 WSES Tooth Fairy 200 to him.

The list of winners is as follows:

Grand Champions:
Boy: Henley Anderson, 30.94 sec., 2nd grade
Girl: Addison DeHaven, 37.09 sec., 2nd grade

Kindergarten Champions:
Boy: Paxton Radford, 41.50 sec.
Girl: Joella Craft, 41.63 sec.

First Grade Champions:
Boy: Braxton Honaker, 34.58 sec.
Girl: Emelia Stacy, 40.97 sec.

Second Grade Champions:
Boy: Tobias White, 36.87 sec.
Girl: Paige Ridgeway, 37.46 sec.

UPDATE

Greenbrier County Schools mask protocol announced each Friday for following week

Due to data updates, the WVDHHR map color is sometimes adjusted retroactively, confusing schools' daily map-based mask protocol. For this reason, Greenbrier County Schools will now announce mask protocol for the following WEEK based on the WVDHHR map color update each FRIDAY. The protocol for the next week will be communicated to families and staff each Friday through our School Messenger notification system and the district Facebook page @GreenbrierCountySchools.

As a reminder, masks are required in schools for the following week when our county's map status is Red, Orange, or Gold on Friday. If the county is Yellow or Green on Friday, masks will be optional for the following week. Masks must be worn on buses at all times per federal requirements.

WVDOE to pilot new student assessment video score reports

A new resource to help families support their children's learning will soon be available in the Mountain State. The West Virginia Department of Education (WVDE) is conducting a statewide pilot of new student assessment video score reports designed to make it easier to understand annual assessment data.

The individual student video reports are customized for each public-school student in Grade 3-8 who took the West Virginia General Summative Assessment (WVGS), and for each Grade 11 student who took the SAT School Day in spring 2021. Students who have Spanish as the primary language spoken in their home listed in the state's information system also will receive a link to a Spanish version of the video.

Each year after a student takes the WVGS and the SAT School Day, their family receives a printed report detailing performance on the exam along with a list of data sets that may be difficult to understand. The video reports provide information about the child's academic performance on the exams and resources that pinpoint gaps in learning. This empowers families with solutions to address their children's academic challenges.

"We are very excited about these new student assessment video score reports, and we encourage all districts to distribute them to their students and their families as soon as it is feasible," State Superintendent of Schools W. Clayton Burch said. "The printed data families receive can be intimidating, difficult to understand and eventually lead to frustration if scores reflect learning deficits. However, we believe students and parents will find these video reports informative, engaging and an important building block of a successful academic journey."

The reports present students' assessment results in a video format designed to complement the printed score reports students received earlier in the school year. The WVGS reports provide a visual representation of each student's performance, including a comparison of the student's scores in each content area to previous year's scores, as well as challenging areas the student may have based on the scores. The video also

shows how the student's scores compare to those of other students in the state, district and school.

The SAT School Day video reports also show how students' scores compare to average scores in the state, district and school, and includes an explanation of the difference between the College Board's college- and career-readiness benchmarks and the state's Grade 11 achievement levels set by a panel of West Virginia educators.

Links to the video score reports are expected to be provided to county school systems next week for distribution to students. Each video report is unique to each student based on their spring 2021 assessment results. The method for distributing the video reports is up to each county. Once students receive the secure link to their respective videos, they will need to log in to access the videos, as well as links to various supporting resources.

"Although we are piloting this year's distribution of the new video reports now, we plan to have the video reports released next year at the same time as the printed score reports," Superintendent Burch said.

The WVGS video reports include links to the new West Virginia Student Progress Explorer website complete with resources and suggested next steps for students and families to address any challenging areas identified in the results.

"We hope families take the opportunity to view the video reports and discuss the results with their students and their students' teachers," Superintendent Burch said. "The reports present the perfect opportunity to connect to children's learning and to promote further conversations with educators."

The WVDE encourages students and their families to provide feedback on the new video score reports to help make improvements on future reports. If families have questions about the video report, they may contact their child's school.

To view a sample video, please visit <https://wvde.us/assessment/learn-more-about-testing/> and click the WVGS or SAT School Day tab.

For media inquiries, contact Christy Day, West Virginia Department of Education Office of Communications, at 304-558-2699 or Christy.Day@k12.wv.us.

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A Look Back

By William “Skip” Deegans

This week’s 1938 photo shows Major General John L. Hines, seated in uniform, getting ready to speak at the West Virginia State Fairgrounds during a celebration of Greenbrier County’s 160th anniversary. Hines was born in White Sulphur Springs to Irish parents, Edward and Mary Hines. Mary Hines was a housekeeper, and Edward Hines was a merchant and the town’s postmaster. John Hines graduated from the Military Academy at West Point in 1888 and was commissioner a lieutenant in the Army’s Second Infantry. During World War I, he rose to Colonel and commanded the 16th Infantry of the First Division. Later, as a Brigadier General, he commanded the First Brigade of the First Division. The rank of Major General followed, and he commanded the Fourth Division in the Battle of St. Mihiel. During the march into and occupation of Germany, he commanded the 3rd Army Corps.

After returning to the United States, Hines was appointed Deputy Chief of Staff in 1922 and Chief of Staff in 1924. Among his many awards, Hines received the Distinguished Service Cross and the Distinguished Service Medal. From France, he received the Commanded of the Legion of Honor and the Croix de Guerre with Palm. Great Britain awarded him the Knight Commander of the Order of St. Michael and St. George.

Hines retired in 1932 and died at the age of 100 at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. He is buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

Sources: Historical Booklet Greenbrier County 160th Anniversary, Arlington National Cemetery, The Greenbrier Independent.



Courtesy of Greenbrier Historical Society.

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

Deal
RATED

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TODAY'S WORD

"Isn't it about time you
_____ in this heap?"

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ **HOO BOY!**

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

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ACROSS

1 Whiteboard wipers
8 Ballpark figure
16 Ballpark figure
20 "Working Girl" actress Griffith
21 Device guiding a train off its track to avoid a collision
22 Wed. follower
23 Functional again after an outage
25 Gas: Prefix
26 "Do Ya" rock gp.
27 Salty Greek cheese
28 Figure skater Midori —
29 "The Pleasure — Company" (Fred Astaire film)
30 Musical key with two sharps: Abbr.
32 Brief hesitation to let words hang in the air
38 Napoleon exile site
42 Milan locale
43 Designer McCartney
44 Symbol used twice after "http."
48 Guys who read gas or water gauges
50 Open space
51 Dwayne who played Dobbie Gillis
53 Apt to snoop
54 Really mean
57 Rat — (knock noise)
58 Certain choir voice
62 Summer hrs.
63 Phenomenon in hypnosis
67 Inedible kind of orange
69 Christmas seasons
70 Whac- — (carnival game)
71 Emily Dickinson poem with the line "Meek my Vive le roi!"
78 Greek letters before kis
79 Henchman of Captain Hook
80 Erie sign
81 Get 40 winks
82 "New Jack City" actor
83 Actor Gavin
86 Birds of a given region
88 Eyelash cosmetics
92 Periodical datum indicating years
95 Dog collar jinglers
96 Duelist Burr
97 Radiation units
98 Guernsey's archipelago
102 Intl. oil group
106 Queen, in Madrid
107 Counterparts of egos
108 Skating leap
112 Pep rally cry
113 Writer Sarah — Jewett
114 Device on which you might see the first words of seven answers in this puzzle
120 Molson, e.g.
121 Government bureaus
122 Deny
123 Little whirlpool
124 Put limits on
125 Possibilities

DOWN

1 Plant firmly
2 Ruler's land
3 Tinfoil maker
4 Cinch — (Hefty brand)
5 Sufficient, in dialect
6 In season
7 Bench, e.g.
8 Actor Byrnes
9 Sun. homily
10 Mr. Capote, to his friends
11 Bond creator Fleming
12 Make smaller
13 Samuel of justice
14 Certain choir voice
15 Unit of work
16 Newspaper employee
17 A ship's steerer has control of it
18 Ear or heart part
19 Isolda's love
24 Get 40 winks
29 Repeatedly
31 Sabbath observers, collectively
33 Feel crummy
34 Actress Hagen
35 Kimono tie
36 K thru 12
37 Lordly home
39 Cato's lang.
40 Singer Mars
41 End in — (finish even)
44 Groups of devotees
45 Arboreal marsupial
46 Paraphrase
47 Zaire's Mobutu — Seko
48 Business school subj.
49 "Zine online
52 Resulting in something
55 "Here, have a sample"
56 "In — face!"
58 \$ dispenser
59 Little big cat
60 Part of TNT
61 Bad rating, perhaps
63 Furry friend
64 Mel's Diner waitress
65 D.C. VIPs
66 — Diego
68 "Fancy that!"
72 Laryngitic
73 Urban rec facility
74 Toon frames
75 Sports group
76 "When will — learn?"
77 Think aloud
82 "You are not!" rebuttal
83 Carta lead-in
84 Roundish
85 Nick Jr. girl
87 "Fee, fi, fo, —!"
88 Bacterium, e.g.
89 Stuck
90 Soiled
91 Certain food factory
93 Actor Chaney
94 German conjunction
96 Green-light
99 Loyal subject
100 Just kills time
101 — -mo
103 Utah city
104 Use as a surface for a meal
105 Munches on
109 Reverse
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STEPPIN' OUT

Upcoming events at Alderson Artisans Gallery

The Alderson Artisans Gallery is pleased to announce the showing of fine prints of Vivian Reynolds. Opening night will be held Dec. 3 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be served.

Born in Charleston, WV, Vivian has been drawing and painting since childhood. While studying Nursing at Alderson Broaddus College, Philippi, she took art classes with master wood-engraver Herbert

Waters, a great source of inspiration.

After working as an RN for a few years, Vivian decided to pursue her calling as an artist.

Inspired by the beauty of the Greenbrier Valley, she and artist/photographer Richard Pranulis created Wolf Creek Printery. For many years, Vivian's vibrant oil paintings were the basis of the Wolf Creek Calendar.

The showing will run from Dec. 3 to Mar. 3, 2022. Vivian's works will be available framed and unframed.

Gallery hours are posted on our website at www.aldersongallery.com. The Alderson Artisans Gallery is a cooperative non-profit organization.



The Alderson Artist's Gallery will be showing the fine prints of Vivian Reynolds from Dec. 3 through Mar. 3, 2022.

Carnegie Hall seeking artists for 2022 Spring Class and Workshops and Kids' College



Jenny Bardwell teaching how to make salt-rising bread

Are you a butcher, a baker, or a candlestick maker? If so, Carnegie Hall wants to hear from you. Carnegie Hall is looking for artists and crafters to teach classes for their 2022 Spring Class and Workshop Series and for the July 2022 Kids' College program. Qualified applicants will have a love of what they do and a willingness to teach to others. No degree necessary.

Spring Classes and Workshops will be scheduled February through May and can be single day events or multiple day series. Classes can be tailored for youth, adults, or a combination of ages. Carnegie Hall has facilities for instruction in clay, dance, music, arts, weaving, cooking, photography, and more. Instructor pay is based on the number of participants per class, so encourage your friends and family to attend.

Carnegie Hall is also looking for instructors to participate in Kids' College, Carnegie Hall's two-week summer arts and science day camp. Kids' College 2022 will be held July 11-15 and July 18-22 and offers up to 5 classes for students per day. Instructors can teach mornings, afternoons, both, or for just one class period. Pay for Kids' College is based on a fixed per class rate, so income depends on the number of classes taught.

Any artist or crafter is welcome to submit a proposal by visiting www.carnegiehallwv.org/classes-and-workshops, or by contacting Harmony Flora, Carnegie Hall's Education Director, at 304-645-7917, or by email to education@carnegiehallwv.org. Interested Instructors can also stop by the Carnegie Hall business office at 611 Church Street in Lewisburg.

Barbara Nissman records eight new videos for 'Behind the Notes' series

Steinway Artist and Lewisburg resident Barbara Nissman has produced eight new programs for her "Behind the Notes" series of online conversations and performances of classical composers. Adding to her original 12-part series, the new series features work by composers Chopin, Schumann, Prokofiev, Bartok, as well as four sonatas of Beethoven. Recorded in her home studio in Greenbrier County, Nissman has donated "Behind The Notes" as a fundraiser for Carnegie Hall.

In each video Nissman connects both her performance and the listener to the music and its composer. She makes the music relevant to her audience, spinning out wonderful tales that we need to hear, especially now when access to in-person conversations and performances are limited. Nissman created the series in a specific order so that each segment builds scaffolding that enhances the viewer's experience of the following parts of the series.

The first program of the new eight-part series is Even More Chopin! Nissman introduces the viewer to more "comfort food" from the popular composer Frédéric Chopin; the story behind his Fantasy in F minor and the drama of his C minor Nocturne. Nissman concludes with his beautiful and dramatic Scherzo in Bb minor.

The program continues with romantic composer Robert Schumann. Nissman performs "Widmung," composed as a wedding present for his bride Clara, and the finger-breaking Toccata that ended Schumann's career as a pianist. She continues with his 2nd sonata in G minor, which is the work Clara played on her concert tours. She concludes with his touching Traumerei.

Program No. 15 features More Prokofiev! Nissman introduces the viewer to this giant of the 20th century and begins with his first opus written when Sergei Prokofiev was 15-years-old. Nissman continues



Barbara Nissman

with his "Fleeting Visions" as well as his finger-breaking Toccata. There is no doubt that Prokofiev was a wonderful pianist—just listen to his Third Sonata. Nissman also shares with us the Gavotte from his Classical Symphony and concludes with his famous Marche from the "Love of the Three Oranges."

The second half of the series begins with another giant of the 20th century, Bartók. Nissman begins the program with Béla Bartók's famous Allergro Barbaro followed by one of his Rumanian Dances. Some selections from his Mikrokosmos, a book of teaching pieces written for his young son Peter, are also heard and Nissman performs and discusses his masterpiece Out of Doors.

The last four programs focus on four sonatas by Ludwig van Beethoven. The first of these is Beethoven: "Les Adieux." Nissman shares some of the sonatas of Beethoven that she has been preparing for recording. Beethoven wrote this sonata for his good friend and patron, the Archduke Rudolf. He bids him good-bye in the first movement, misses him in the second and happily awaits his return in the final movement.

Program No. 18 is Beethoven: Sonata Op. 31 #3. This is one of Beethoven's funnier sonatas especially the first movement. Nissman shares how she arrived at her interpretation of this wonderful

work. The finale is quite virtuosic and even includes some "hunting calls."

Program No. 19 Beethoven: Sonata Op. 28 "The Pastoral" is one of Beethoven's most beautiful sonatas. Nissman takes us "behind the notes" and shares how she arrived at her interpretation of this wonderful four-movement work.

The last program in the new series is Beethoven: Sonata "The Tempest." With this masterwork, Beethoven makes the viewer imagine the storm that is brewing and introduces us to an interesting cast of characters. Nissman shows why listeners admire the genius and craftsmanship of this gifted composer. He has left us music to enjoy and rediscover over a lifetime.

"We are so lucky to have a great supporter like Barbara in our community," exclaims Development Director Sally Bray. Her "Behind the Notes" series has been a successful fundraiser for the Hall and we are so excited to share the new eight-part series. Perfect timing for the holidays."

To purchase the new series (Programs 13-20) or access the first series (Programs 1-12) visit carnegiehallwv.org/special-events/behind-the-notes. For a \$50 or higher donation to Carnegie Hall, viewers will have access to the new 8-part online series. All proceeds from the series will support Carnegie Hall.

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