## Tree Lighting Ceremony draws holiday-goers to Lewisburg

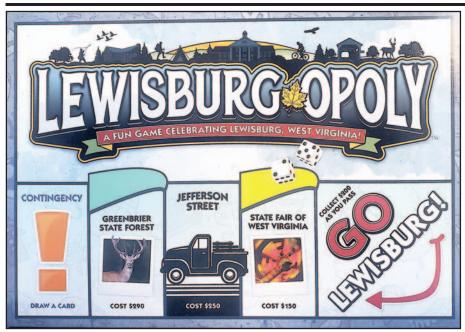
By Sarah Richardson

The highly-anticipated Magic of Christmas in Lewisburg held a successful kick-off to the holiday festivities last weekend on Saturday, Nov. 20, with a packed tree lighting ceremony at the Green Space downtown. Mayor Beverly White gave the opening remarks before the tree was lit, and Cassidy Hicks led the sing-a-long with classic Christmas carols.

The Magic of Christmas in Lewisburg continues through Dec. 24 with extended shopping hours and special giveaways at many downtown merchants, magical Christmas décor, and carriage rides from 2 to 6 p.m. every Saturday starting at the Green Space. Vote for your favorite Christmas window at the Visitor's Center to be entered to win one of five \$100 gift cards to your favorite local shop or restau-

The Lewisburg Christmas Parade will run on Saturday, Dec. 4, starting at noon.





#### New board game sees Lewisburg Monopolized

By Adam Pack

All the buzz around Lewisburg this Christmas season is the release of Late for the Sky's new-

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est custom board game, "Lewisburg-opoly."

Picking up a copy of Lewisburg-opoly, one is immediately struck by the neat design, crisp illustration, and the creativity involved.

The rules are exactly like the original Monopoly game we all know and love, but this holiday season you may find yourself, four hours and a dozen sugar cookies later, haggling not for St.

James Place or Pennsylvania Avenue, but rather for General Lewis Inn or Lost World Caverns.

The local theme extends to every property on the board, as players can vie for a chance to buy up as much of Lewisburg and the surrounding area as possible.

Despite its familiar shape and color, the utilities, cards, have seen innovative re-imaging, and various other features

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### **Alderson Decorating** Contest dates announced

The judges for the Christmas Decorating Contest, sponsored by Alderson Main Street, may have the hardest job of the season. Fawn Valentine, chair of the Judging Committee, said, "Thank you to everyone in Alderson who makes this holiday season bright with outdoor decorations. Your time and effort contribute to our community spirit and help us to feel connected to each other at Christmas." She and her team of judges will be driving throughout Alderson on Wednesday, Dec. 8 starting See "Alderson Decorating" \_\_\_ Page 2



This is the sign that will be placed in the yards of the winners of the Alderson Decorating Contest sponsored by Alderson Main Street.

# **Commission meets to discuss** JUUL lawsuit, trade show space at Fairgrounds

By Adam Pack

The Greenbrier County Commission met Tuesday, Nov. 23, to discuss, among other matters, the possibility of joining a class action lawsuit against popular e-cigarette manufacturer JUUL. West Virginia Attorney Charles Webb appeared before the Commission to brief them on the class action lawsuit being filed against the company by himself and his firm.

Webb, who represents 45 counties and cities in West Virginia in the ongoing opioid class action lawsuit, explained that the JUUL lawsuit "takes the exact same theory, which is public nuisance [laws infringement], and applies it to the vaping that is prevalent in West Virginia, primarily among teenagers and young adults."

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## **GVCF** distributes over \$42,000 in internal grants in 2021

The Greenbrier Valley Community Foundation awarded over \$42,000 in internal grants in 2021 to 18 organizations and educational programs in Greenbrier, Monroe, and Pocahontas counties. This figure includes only grant programs administered internally by GVCF, most of which are application based, and is not inclusive of all fund distributions and scholarships from the Community Foundation as a whole, which is nearing approximately \$830,000 for the year to date.

The following GVCF grants have been awarded.

The GVCF Endowment Challenge, a renewed opportunity, aims to help Greenbrier County nonprofits create an endowment to provide long-term financial sustainability to the organization. Thanks to a generous grant from the James F. B. Peyton Fund to the GVCF Community Fund, GVCF has selected three organizations to receive \$7,500 each in matching funds to create an endowment. Those organizations include the Greenbrier County Committee on Aging, the Child and Youth Advocacy Center, and Communities in Schools of Greenbrier County.

Alvin and Betty Gordon Fund for Education and the Arts provides grant funding for

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### Mail your wishes to Santa in Lewisburg's very own Santa Mailbox

In case you don't get a chance to see Santa Claus personally this year, he arranged for a magical mailbox in the heart of downtown Lewisburg where you can send him a letter.

Drop your letter into the mail slot and off it goes directly to the North Pole. One of Santa's official helpers will write you back, so be sure to include a return address.

Mailbox Santa's here for "The Magic of Christmas in Lewisburg," a five-week long holiday celebration throughout downtown Lewisburg, including Horse drawn carriage rides, a storywalk, a Christmas window contest, prizes, specials and lots of holiday spirit!

The Magic of Christmas



in Lewisburg is an event created by the Lewisburg Downtown Business Association and sponsored by City National Bank and

Dinsmore Legal Services

and the efforts of many others.

For all details follow The Magic of Christmas on FaceBook or call 888-702-1076.



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#### **GVCF Grants**

arts education programming in our three-county region. The 2021 recipient of the \$2,000 grant award is the Pocahontas County Arts Council. They are using the award to provide art enrichment programs in all Pocahontas County schools. Also awarded was Appalachian Headwaters for their environmental education programming from a pass-through contribution from an anonymous GVCF Board Member.

The Mary B. Nickell Grant for Arts and Education was established to provide funding for art enrichment programs in Greenbrier County. The 2021 awardees include Davis Stuart to support their Arts Education programming, which includes classes, theatrical performances, concerts, and field trips to local arts institutions. Also funded by the 2021 grant was Weaving Baskets with History class, administered to fifth grade students at Crichton Elementary by Kathy Talley in partnership with

The newly established Pete and Marilyn Carpenter Fund provided their first grant award to the City of White Sulphur Springs to support youth recreation programming. Future grants from the Carpenter Fund will focus on supporting area feeding programs to combat food insecurity in the region.

The Moore Family Community Fund Grant was established by members of the Moore Family to provide funding for projects that improve the quality of life in our community, particularly through youth recreation programming. This year's grant recipients included High Rocks Educational Corporation to support their annual Celtic Knot Run/Walk, which raises funds for their summer camp. Also awarded in 2021 was the Friends of Monroe for their A Toolbox for Me program, aiming to improve mental and physical health among middle school students in Monroe County. Finally, the Moore Family Community Fund Grant provided funding to the Greenbrier Valley Aquatic Center, a project nearing completion.

The Greenbrier Valley Women's Fund was established as a donor-advised fund to provide funding to local nonprofit organizations that work to empower women

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in Greenbrier, Monroe, and Pocahontas counties. The Committee elected to support High Rocks Educational Corporation's transformational summer camps, which offer academic and leadership training to young women in the region. Also selected was the Yew Mountain Center for their Wild and Wonderful Women in the Woods retreat, which offers healthful meals, time for reflection, guided group activities and walks, and arts experiences. The Committee was especially excited about this program, as they used the funding to provide scholarships to women serving on the frontlines of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Greenbrier Valley Women's Fund also provided sponsorship to the inaugural Greenbrier Valley Pride event in June.

The Williamsburg Community Fund Grant was established by members of the Board of Directors of the Northern Greenbrier Health Clinic to continue its legacy of caring for the community. It provides funding for projects that improve the quality of life in the Greater Williamsburg area. The Williamsburg Community Action Group received \$4,800 in funding in 2021 for building upgrades and renovations.

Finally, the GVCF Mini-Grant Program funded by the GVCF Community Fund, provides small grants twice annually to support the broad operations and programming of nonprofit organizations and educational programs in Greenbrier, Monroe, and Pocahontas counties.

Pocahontas County High School, Green Bank Elementary/Middle, Family Refuge Center, Greenbrier County 4-H, Yew Mountain Center, North Central WV Community Action, and the White Sulphur Springs Farmers Market all received grants from this program, for a total of \$3,500.

Please direct any questions to Anne at 304-645-5620 or info@gvfoundation.org. To contribute to any of these funds, send checks payable to GVCF to PO Box 1682, Lewisburg WV 24901. Be sure to include the fund name in the memo line. Donations can also be made online at gvfoundation.org.

#### Lewisburg-opoly **Continued from Front Page**



have been added to the game to spice it up and make for a unique gaming experience alongside the classic framework of Monopoly.

Truly a one of a kind custom commissioned piece from Late for the Sky, out of Cincinnati, this new spin on an old classic is made completely from recycled materials, as all of their games are. The Ohio-based company boasts of continuing to find even more sustainable options going forward.

#### Alderson Decorating Continued from Front Page

There is no registration required. Just have your lights turned on and ready by 6 p.m. on Dec. 8. Categories are likely to be the same as last year and include Best Nativity; Old Fashioned Christmas; Children's Fantasy; Spirit of Christmas; Gem of the Hills Christmas; Most Festive Doorway and Porch; Large Business; and Small Business.

Winners will have a sign placed in their yards by Alderson Main Street and will receive recognition on

Alderson Main Street President Judy Lohmeyer said, "We hope to have every house in town decorated for Christmas. People from all over come to Alderson to 'drive under the lights' and enjoy the other decorations. Let's give them a big show this year."

### Gov. Justic and WVDNR announce 'Big Buck Photo Contest' and encourage all hunters in West Virginia to participate

Hunters in West Virginia have more to look forward to this year, including the chance to show off their harvests and win prizes by participating in the first ever "Big Buck Photo Contest," open from Nov. 22 to Dec. 27.

"Hunting is a treasured pastime of West Virginians young and old, and I invite all those who enjoy the tradition to participate in this photo contest," Gov. Justice said. "Head into the woods prepared for a safe and successful hunt and then take it one step further by submitting a photo of you with your buck for a chance to win some amazing prizes. This is one more reason to take advantage of the world-class hunting opportunities we have in West Virginia. Not only do you have the chance to make memories with your loved ones and bring home a big buck, but you also have a chance to win big!"

The contest is open both to West Virginia residents and nonresidents and includes two divisions: a Youth Division for hunters 17 and younger, and an Adult Division for hunters 18 and older. Five participants from each division will win prizes.

#### **Youth Division:**

- 5 winners can select one of the following:
- Free lifetime WV hunting license (must be a WV
- \$250 Bass Pro Shops gift card
- \$250 Cabela's gift card

#### **Adult Division:**

- 5 winners can select one of the following:
- Free lifetime WV hunting license (must be a WV resident)
- \$500 Bass Pro Shops gift card
- \$500 Cabela's gift card
- Two-night stay in a Cabwaylingo State Forest cabin

- Two-night stay in a Seneca State Forest cabin

To enter the contest, take a photo of yourself with the buck you harvested during a 2021 hunting season, write a short account of your hunt and upload the photo to the Big Buck Photo Contest entry form online at wvdnr.gov/ photocontest. Those entering must have a valid 2021 West Virginia Hunting License and will need to enter the 13-digit DNR-issued game check number for their bucks. Official rules for the contest can be found here. "This is a really exciting opportunity and we hope

hunters of all ages join the contest," said WVDNR Director Steven McDaniel. "Gov. Justice and I really want to see more and more young people take up hunting and fishing in West Virginia. They are the next generation of hunters and anglers and it's important that outdoor traditions continue for years to come. The Big Buck Photo Contest is just one more way to share your love for hunting and the beautiful natural resources our state has to offer."

After the entry period closes on Dec. 27, a random drawing from all eligible entries will select 20 finalist entries from the Youth Division and 20 finalist entries from the Adult Division. These finalist entries will be presented to a judging committee made up of Gov. Justice and WVDNR Director McDaniel (or their designated representatives) who will evaluate each entry based on photo composition, size of antlers, number of antler points, and quality of narrative describing the hunt and determine the winning entries. Winners will be an-

nounced in January 2022. West Virginia's buck firearms season is an ideal time

to participate in the photo contest. The season began today, Monday, Nov. 22, and will continue through Sunday, Dec. 5. Hunters are required to use their permanent DNR identification number to check in their game by phone at 1-844-WVCHECK (1-844-982-4325), by computer at wvhunt.com, or at a hunting and fishing license agent.

More information about the season can be found online at WVdnr.gov. Hunters are also encouraged to review the 2021-2022 Hunting and Trapping Regulations Summary before going afield.

All details about the Big Buck Photo Contest are available at WVdnr.gov/photocontest.

# **Voting precincts** to be redrawn as a result of redistricting

By Adam Pack

As a result of the state legislature's redistricting of the house and senatorial maps earlier this year, the Greenbrier County Commission has been left with a bit of extra work to do. Greenbrier County Clerk Robin Loudermilk has spent a considerable amount of time since the maps were released several weeks ago redrawing the magisterial districts and voting precincts.

Causing the most headache is the fact that while the House map borders cut across the county at Rt. 219, some voting precincts run across 219. This is problematic, because it is a violation of state law for precincts to be in two different house districts. There were 12 precincts affected in the county which now must be redrawn. These precincts must, however, be proportional and fair to the citizens within them. As the legislators in Charleston can attest, the work of redistricting can be quite the migraine. It will affect 3,353 people of voting age, with Clerk Loudermilk adding that, "We don't know if all those people are registered voters." County Commissioner Rose said the new borders

"create a multitude of problems for Mrs. Loudermilk's elections department." Commissioner McClung added, "This created quite a

dilemma for her, and the information she needed was really late in coming; in the 11th hour she had to be involved in the redistricting of multiple maps. The legislature did not follow the precinct lines, and created a huge problem for her."

The commissioners thanked Loudermilk for her efforts and for the dedication she's shown to her public

The public is invited to attend Greenbrier County Commission meetings on Dec. 14 and 28, to discuss the new maps. Preliminary maps will be presented at the Dec. 28 meeting.

# PICK OF THE LITTER

**KATHERINE** Katherine is a two-year-old

female domestic shorthair.

#### **POLLUX**

Pollux is a sixmonth-old male hound mix and weighs 40 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 firstcome, 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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Irish Corner District

# Briefly

#### American Heritage Music Hall, Inc.

located at 496 Island Park, Ronceverte, is open to the public, all welcome, handicap accessible. Listeners and tourists welcome. Admission \$7 Tuesday nights, \$10 Saturday - Audience provides food. Doors open at 7 p.m. Jam & Dance every Tuesday 7 to 10 p.m. 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.

#### Rescheduled: An Evening of Mbira at WSS Librarv

The White Sulphur Springs Public Library will be hosting an African Mbira concert and discussion on Thursday, Dec. 2, beginning at 6 p.m., featuring Sarah Hann and Cassidy Hicks. Hann will be performing traditional Shona pieces on the mbira dzavadzimu from Zimbabwe as well as performing contemporary songs arranged for mbira, and Hicks will be singing.

#### Republican Club to hold meeting

The Greenbrier County Republican Club will conduct its monthly meeting on Thursday, Dec. 2 at 6:30 p.m. at the County Courthouse. The agenda is discussion of the "Let's Go Brandon" theme. Attendees will have a final opportunity to purchase reservations for the Christmas Dinner on Friday, Dec. 10 to be held at the Elks Country Club. Reservations close on Friday, Dec. 3. Featured speaker is Evan Jenkins, Chief Justice of the WV Supreme Court and former Republican representative for the 3rd District. The Chief Justice will speak on the WV court system. Dues for 2022 membership may also be paid. The public is invited to attend.

#### 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**

The 2021 Community Christmas Cantata is set for 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 fbcsharp@gmail.com or call 304-645-3533.

#### **Greenbrier County Magistrate Court Convictions**

Joseph McCoy, Ronceverte, making, issuing worthless checks (3 counts), NCP, fine \$10 each count Michael John Holliday, Ronceverte, obstructing an officer, NCP, fine \$50, jail 30 days - suspended and placed on 12 months unsupervised probation

Lajuana Agripina Lopez, Rupert, petit larceny, NCP, fine \$10, jail 30 days - suspended and placed on 12 months unsupervised probation

Anthony M. Hubbard, Union, using cell phone or electronic communications device without hands-free equipment while driving, GP, fine \$100

Edmond Joe Akers, Kegley, loaded gun in vehicle, GP. fine \$30

Freddy Don Bostic, Jr., Ronceverte, obstructing an officer, GP, jail 10 days - credit for 6 days served Andrew Wayne Boone, Caldwell, domestic battery,

GV, fine \$50, jail 60 days - suspended and placed on 12 months unsupervised probation Calvin Edward Howard, Jr., White Sulphur Springs,

obstructing officer, NCP, jail 45 days - suspended and placed on 12 months unsupervised probation Kain Alexander Bower, Ronceverte, 1) hunting 1/2

hour after sunset/1/2 hour before sunrise, GP, fine \$50; 2) unauthorized acts with regard to wildlife without license or permit, fine \$30 George Michael Ballengee, Alderson, 1) hunting 1/2

hour after sunset/1/2 hour before sunrise, GP, fine \$20; 2) hunting without permission, fine \$20 Richard W. Webb II, Alderson, distracted driving - use

of hand held cell phone, NCP, fine \$100

Jeremy Carson Stout, Covington, VA, 1) illegal possession of wildlife 9 pt., GP, fine \$50; 2) illegal posseison of wildlife 10 pt, fine \$50

Angela L. Tipton, Frankford, no passing zones - left of center, NCP, fine \$10

Erin Rae Sharp, Clintonville, obstructing officer, NCP, fine \$50

Glen Anthony Garrison, Lewisburg, possession of controlled substance without a valid prescription, NCP, fine \$200

Pepper M. Messik, Lewisburg, fraudulent schemes, NCP, fine \$100 Clay Matthew Hunter, Union, fraudulent schemes,

NCP, jail 30 days - suspended and placed on 12 months unsupervised probation

Theodore McCoy Petitt III, Barboursville, reckless driving, GP, fine \$200, jail 5 days - suspended and

placed on 9 months unsupervised probation Dudley Allen Walton, Ronceverte, 1) domestic battery, NCP, jail 100 days - suspended and placed on 12 months unsupervised probation; 2) petit larceny, fine \$100, jail 20 days - suspended and placed on 12 months unsupervised probation

#### **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

#### 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.

#### Planning & Zoning Commission

will meet via teleconference. For information on how to participate contact Lewisburg City Hall at 304-645-2080 by 4:30 on Thursday, Dec. 2. On the agenda:

- Approval of Minutes Nov. 4, 2021
- Comments from the public
- Review and discuss bed and breakfast regulations in Historic District
- Continue to review and discuss Scenic Corridor Overlay Regulations
- Review and discuss the Permissible Use Table
- Comments from the Planning Commission
- Comments from the Zoning Officer
- Determine the next LUSD Clinic date

The next scheduled Planning Commission meeting will be on Thursday, Feb. 3, with a deadline of Jan. 13.

### Crimebox

### Kanawha Co. woman sentenced in voter registration fraud case

A Kanawha County woman was recently sentenced for voter registration fraud after quick action taken by the Kanawha County Clerk's Office and by the West Virginia Secretary of State's Office.

According to Secretary of State Mac Warner, election officials flagged a suspicious online voter registration change of address request made for an individual that died in 2020. The Kanawha County Clerk initially declined the registration pending further investigation into the registration of a deceased individual.

"The West Virginia Secretary of State's Office and our county clerks take any attempt to defraud our voter registration system very seriously," Warner said. "Quick action by Kanawha County Clerk Vera McCormick's Office and the coordinated effort by my office, Randall Sampson of the Attorney General's Office, and the Kanawha County Sheriff's Office led to a quick conviction."

Coordination with Detective B.S. Middleton of the Kanawha County Sheriff's Office connected a broader fraud scheme. "The suspicious activity originally reported to the West Virginia Secretary of State, combined with the Kanawha County Sheriff's Office investigation of a separate fraud case, resulted in Elizabeth Durham's subsequent arrest in October. Durham was charged with five felonies including one count of computer fraud in the attempt to unlawfully register to vote and four counts involving check fraud," said Secretary Warner.

On Nov. 10, Durham reached a plea agreement with the Kanawha County Prosecuting Attorney's Office. According to the agreement, Durham pled no contest to one charge of petit larceny and one charge of unlawful voter registration. She received a 30-day sentence, which was suspended for 6 months of probation.

"If you attempt to defraud our voter registration system or process, we will catch you and we will prosecute you," Warner said.

"Our office is proud to have played a role in this successful prosecution," Attorney General Morrisey said. "Voter fraud erodes citizens' confidence in election integrity. This is why we will investigate any alleged violation of law when there is evidence of wrong doing.

The case against Elizabeth Durham makes the sixth election fraud case led by Warner's office that led to a conviction.

#### JUUL Lawsuit

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Webb said he would "love it if the Greenbrier County Board of Education would join in tandem with the County Commissions in this suit."

Webb cited concerning statistics in regard to vaping. "1 in 3 WV high school students use e-cigarettes, that's a 150% increase between 2017 and 2019. In 2019, over 60% of high school students had tried e-cigarettes, up from 44% in 2017. Since 2017 high school students who report frequent use (20 days a month or more) has increased by 440%."

The County Commission had two resolutions on the table in relation to this issue, a resolution to declare that JUUL had caused a public nuisance to the people of Greenbrier County, and an agreement for legal services for e-cigarette litigation.

The Commission voted "aye" unanimously on both

'Vaping has quickly become the habit of young people that has so many negative effects. Greenbrier County's participation in this lawsuit is a small step in trying to curb this problem by focusing on our youth," said Commissioner Tammy Shifflett-Tincher Furthermore, the Commission discussed the selection

of an architect for a Trade Show and Expo Center to be located at the West Virginia State Fairgrounds in Fairlea. In recent years, vendors have come to use space at

the fairgrounds for expos and showcase events. One thing the vendors have expressed an interest in would be some indoor space for marketing purposes. When showing RVs, an example mentioned more than once by Commissioner Rose, there are a number of adjacent industries who would benefit from the ability to show their products nearby. These expos have already been a success, with Commissioner Rose pointing out that "some of those RVs can run upwards of one million dollars apiece. This would be very good for the economic development of the county if we could expand that sort of business opportunity to a dedicated trade show/expo

The space will be built with a grant and the county will incur no cost. At this meeting, the Commission selected E.T. Boggess Associates as the construction part-

ner, with further details to be discussed next month.

#### For the Record

#### **Deeds**

Samuel Wallace and Lacey Wallace to Jeremy Hale Reinhold and Linda Jean Renhold, Lots No 12, 13, and Block C, Holly Hills Subdivision, Lewisburg District Joshua and Jessica Workman to Joseph and Amanda O'Dell, 0.52 acres, Meadow Bluff District

Jennifer S. Brown to David Jay Mullens, 68 acres, Williamsburg District

Connie Sue Stone to Rosaletta Maria Hudson, 0.3716 Acres, Ronceverte, City of Ronceverte

K&B Properties LLC to Misty Mountain LLC, Lots No. 24, 25, Crickmer Place Addition, City of Ronceverte Kennth Dunn to Rocky D. Birchfield, 0.144 acres, Meadow Bluff District

White Gate Village, White Sulphur Municipality Erin Wease to Whitney Wease, Lot No. 4, Drewry Addition, White Sulphur Municipality

Thanya Mercado to JNT Holdings INC., Unit No. 37,

Jasmine Properties to John M. Hirt, 1.01 Acres, White Sulphur Springs District

Jason W. Hedrick to Harvey J. Whanger, 2.66 Acres,

Ashley Palmer to Randall Halcomb, Lots No. 17 and

18, Colonial Acres Subdivision, Fort Springs District Robert J. Hanna and Lauren T. Hanna to Justin Girardi and Kristle Girardi, 3.03 Acres, Lewisburg District Autumn K. Doolin Ensor to Mina Botross, Lot No. 10, Lewisburg District

Edwin Ray Longanacre to Action Remodeling and Handyman Services, LLC., 1.04 Acres, Irish Corner District

Ronald Earl Hancock Jr. and Matthew Wyatt Jenkins to Jacob Kessler Crist and Brynn Amber Alderman, Lot Nos. 1 and 2, White Sulphur District

Brian S. Witt and Lori A. Brown to Jeremy Michael Parenti and Meredith Lindsey Parneti, 0.918 Acres, Anthony Creek District Deborah White to Griffin J. King, Lot No. 2, Stone-Glen

Subdivision, Lewisburg District Michael Zimmerman and Robert Anderson to Phillip

Surprenant, 5.108 Acres, Frankford District Walter L. Young to David M. Reed, Robert S. Willis, and Carlan D. Frame, .0.53 Acres, Village of Spring Creek, Frankford District

Misty Landis to Marcus Hernandez Berry, Lot No. 41, Ronceverte, City of Ronceverte District John Deaton and Diana Deaton to Frank Leslie Van

Deman and Stephanie Marie Van Deman, 1.654 Acres, Meadow Bluff District Jon Riffe to Riffe Insurance & Financial Services, Inc., a West Virginia corporation, Parcels 1 and 2, 1.12

Acres, Town of Rainelle, Rainelle Municipality Carl R. Holmes and April Polzin-Holmes to Donald R. Moore, Jr. and Stephanie Moore, Parcels A and B,

32.262 Acres, Fort Spring District James R. Paris to Jose De Jesus Vazquez Sarracino and Diana Karen Mendieta Garcia, Lot. No 25, Harper Heights Addition, White Sulphur District

Christopher Hinkey to Jeffrey G. Davis and Robin M. Davis, Lot No. 19, Echols Acres Subdivision. Addition No. 2, Lewisburg District

Robert E. Scruggs to Anna Scruggs, Parcels 27.1, 29.1, & 30, Rupert, Meadow Bluff District

E. Lee Skaggs, Jr. to Dale Shaw and Ruth Ann Shaw, Lot No. 104, G.S. and J.M. Addition, Town of Alderson Martha E. McClung to Wana K. Nunnery, 0.371 Acres, Rupert Corporate District

Geneva Blankenship to Ralph Douglas Blankenship,

4.0 Acres, Anthony Creek District Garret A. Holliday and Daniel Ray Honaker to Amanada Butcher and Bradley Butcher, Lot Nos. 2 and 3, 4.21

Acres, Bell View Tracts, Frankford District Coastal Capital Partners, LLC. to James R. Booth and Karen L. Booth, Lot. 22, Greenbrier Sporting Club, White Sulphur District

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# **OPINION**

### Nature's Way

By Karen Cohen Master Gardener/Photojournalist/Artist

#### **ThankFULL**

Thanks is something we expect, but also have to give to receive. Thanksgiving time is when we share our garden's harvest of veggies with our family. Butternut squash, garlic, onions, kale, and beets are all being sliced up and cooked in our dinners for November and might appear on our Thanksgiving tables.

One of the most popular and commonly served dishes for this holiday is green bean casserole. Perhaps you have blanched your beans from the garden picked before frost. Add your sautéed onions and whatever else your family loves to your green beans and put it all in the oven for a classic comfort side dish.

Brussel sprouts have gained so much popularity and are served in restaurants all over the US quickly becoming THE vegetable of the 2020's. Every restaurant has their own secret ingredients. My favorite recipe is adding a mixture of maple syrup that I spice up with some red pepper flakes or hot sauce from the bottle and also a tsp of fish oil or soy sauce to add a salty flavor. Of course adding bacon to anything will make it delectable, just hold off on salting your food if you add bacon. Fry up some bacon until crispy and shred that on top of the cooked brussel sprouts adding the sauce as a dressing and toss. I promise even your finicky meat loving husband will devour these green things on his plate. You can substitute balsamic vinegar and brown sugar for your secret sauce, too. Play around till you get the flavors that taste great and then, add the bacon! Number 1 rule of cooking is to taste your food before you serve it, then you have a chance to doctor it up as needed. More salt, a tsp of sugar or honey? You will define your flavors with your own tastes.

Who celebrates Thanksgiving without a turkey? Vegetarians go meatless and they may create a tofu turkey or a veggie lasagna. Side dishes still include the beans, the brussel sprouts, the mashed potatoes, etc. and let's not forget the biscuits.

If you have never left the mountains of West Virginia, you may not know that other parts of the country do not include biscuits at any of their meals. Does that sound sacrilegious? Even the Mickey Dee's up North doesn't serve biscuits and gravy with their meals! (They do have biscuits more like English muffins). Here's a way to have your biscuits at the dinner table without also having another bread product, such as stuffing as a side dish. Stuff your biscuits. This is a new idea for me and one I will try this holiday season. Using the classic stuffing ingredients such as fennel, rosemary, sage, and cooked scallions, all of which give that aromatic smell to Thanksgiving, make butternut biscuits using your own recipe or buying a mix ready to go. Chop all the spices into very tiny pieces and then add to your biscuit dough, bake as usual till golden brown. Adding your gravy to the top of these delicious



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baked goodies will send everyone back for more. It is also an easy recipe to create a few days ahead of time, make the dough with all the ingredients, form your biscuits and place them on waxed paper, stack them in containers, and then pop in the freezer. When it's time to bake, you can put them straight into the oven frozen after brushing the tops with buttermilk. Easy!

A friend of mine likes to have cornbread for breakfast with eggs and also as a side dish for Thanksgiving. He grows his own corn, a variety called Bloody Butchers Corn which was developed in Virginia back in the 1800's. It is well known in these here hills. I've purchased a ground up bag of it in Lewisburg at a shop. It gets its name because the kernels turn red and purple when the ears ripen. White cornmeal is common but bloody butcher corn, dried and finely ground, will lend color and a bold corn taste. You can buy the seeds online or find a farmer who still grows this type of corn.

#### Letter to the Editor

### An open letter for **Thanksgiving**

**Dear Editor:** 

In this season of Thanksgiving I want to thank our first responders, our Healthcare Providers, our citizens, our employees, and our volunteers on our Board and Commissions. I would like for each and every business that is located in the city to know I am so grateful for you being here and that you chose Lewisburg for your home to do It has not been an easy time for any of us, however,

you have gone above and beyond to keep your business up and running. You have made sure your employees were safe and anyone coming to your business was safe as well. You asked people to wear their masks, to use hand sanitizer, and would provide it to those who didn't have either. You limited the number of customers in your place of business so everyone would be comfortable being there and you kept your premises sanitized. You took all these measures so you could stay open and keep the

I cannot express enough how proud I am of all of you and our City. The feedback I get from people in town has been praise for a job well done and for a positive experi-

Keep up the good work!

May your Holidays be Blessed with continued Success. Sincerely,

Mayor Beverly White

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Come together for Thanksgiving to celebrate another year! Happy Thanksgiving!

(Karen Cohen is a Master Gardener, Organic grower, photojournalist, DJ and explorer.)

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#### Commentary

### Senator Manchin urges increased oversight at VA Medical Center

Earlier this week, U.S. Senator Joe Manchin, member of the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee (SVAC), questioned Chris Wilber, Counselor to the Inspector General at the Veterans Affairs (VA) Office of the Inspector General (OIG) and Brianna Ogilvie, Assistant Deputy Undersecretary for Policy and Oversight at the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) during the SVAC committee hearing

Senator Manchin has been working to hold the VA and leadership accountable for their failures to protect the West Virginia Veterans receiving care at the Clarksburg VAMC, ensure transparency and make certain the horrific crimes that happened at the Clarksburg VAMC never happen again.

Senator Manchin said in part, "I've worked to pass legislation to install security cameras, fix shortcomings and staff training and accountability standards and give the VA Office of Inspector General the authority needs to conduct the investigations. These are all important steps but I think there's so much more that we need to do."

Since the sentencing, Senator Manchin has called on the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee to schedule a VA patient safety oversight hearing to identify solutions to help verify that all VA employees are meeting the proper

patient safety standards.

"Mr. Wilbur, you know what we're talking about is a sobering look at the issues that the VA in your office investigates on a daily basis. The issues you spoke of with hiring practices and quality of care in North Carolina and Mississippi sound eerily similar to those we experienced in West Virginia. Unfortunately, that confirms my fears that the failures that led to the Veterans being murdered in West Virginia are indicative of systematic VA failures everywhere. So I would ask Chairman Tester, I've been working on scheduling a VA patient safety oversight hearing in the very near future. I would ask if you would help us set that up? There's some things I think that it can be brought to light that would help us very much as far as getting to the crux of what our problems would be," Senator Manchin continued.

In August 2021, Senator Manchin introduced the Strengthening Oversight for Veterans Act of 2021 which would provide VA's Office of Inspector General (OIG) the authority to subpoena testimony from former VA employees who have left federal service, former contractor personnel who performed work for the Department, or other potentially relevant individuals during the course of its inspections, reviews and investigations. The Strengthening Oversight for Veterans Act of 2021 would fix this problem and ensure that going forward the OIG's office has every tool at their disposal to fully investigate failures

Senator Manchin said in part, "Miss Ogilvie, if you will, I introduced Senate Bill 2687, Strengthening Oversight for Veterans Act of 2021 again with Chairman Tester and Senator Boozman to give the Office of Inspector General the authority to subpoena. So my question would be, what more can we do to hold to hold these employees responsible for failures that happened at the VA so the Veterans can build the trust back to the VA that we need? Is there more that we can be done? We're trying to get the information, but is there something more that we can do to give you all the ability and power that you need and to prevent this from ever happening?"

## Commentary

### **Utility Scam Awareness**

By Charlotte Lane, Chair,

West Virginia Public Service Commission

National Utility Scam Awareness Day was Wednesday, Nov. 17. The observance may only last one day, but awareness of utility scams must be all year long. Thousands of utility scams happen every day all over the country, including here in West Virginia. Scammers often target the elderly, but anyone can be a victim.

The Public Service Commission frequently takes calls from utility scam victims, but unfortunately there is not much we can do to help. We can, however, help you recognize a scam and report it properly. There are three main elements to most utility scams.

Usually someone will contact you to say that your utility bill is seriously past due and demanding a large sum of money - at least several hundred dollars. They will threaten to disconnect your service if you don't pay. The second indication of a scam is the request for a

prepaid debit card or gift card. No legitimate utility will ever ask you to pay by this method. Once you give them the card number the scammer has immediate access to the funds you put on the card. That money cannot be traced or refunded, it is simply gone. Do not give scammers your bank or credit card information. That is a gateway to identity theft, which can cost you far more than just cash.

It can ruin your credit for years. The third hint you are talking to a scammer is a demand that you pay immediately. The scammer will give you a

short amount of time in which to arrange payment. Often

they will threaten to disconnect your service if you don't meet their demands in less than an hour.

Scammers are extremely aggressive. They may call you on the phone or come to your door. There are internet and email scams, but most utility scammers seem to prefer in-person contact because it is much easier to pressure their victims. If someone threatens you on the phone, hang up immediately. If they come to your home, shut and lock the door and call the police. Never let anyone who is being pushy or threatening into your home.

If you believe you have been targeted by a utility scam, immediately report it to the police and then contact your utility company.

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# SCHOOL

# **New River CTC removes financial** barriers for students by using federal funds to pay off student debts

New River Community and Technical College has written off more than \$400,000 in outstanding student balances. Federal stimulus funds from the "American Rescue Plan" were used to pay off student balances owed to the college.

"Financial hardship can keep students from completing their program of study," explained New River CTC President Dr. Bonny Copenhaver. "By using the federal funds to assist our students, we're helping them to get closer to the career that they are working toward."

New River CTC notified students earlier this month that their balances had been paid for fall 2021. Students from the previous five terms, spring 2020, summer 2020, fall 2020, spring 2021 and summer 2021, have also had their balances paid using

federal stimulus funds.

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

Visit www.newriver.edu, email admissions@newriver.edu, or call 1-866-349-3739 for more information about degree and certificate programs offered at New River CTC.

# WVDEP accepting applications for 2022 teacher awards

The West Virginia Department Environmental Protection's (WVDEP) Rehabilitation Environmental Action Plan (REAP) is accepting applications for the 2022 Make It Shine Environmental Teacher of the Year awards. The deadline to submit an application is Feb. 14, 2022.

Winners will be chosen on the elementary, middle and high school levels, with each winner receiving a \$500 personal award, plus a \$1,000 award to be used in promoting STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) programs at their

Educators eligible for nomination must teach either full-time or parttime, or volunteer in a classroom setting in a West Virginia public, private or charter school and have had their program established for at least one year. Teachers can be nominated by themselves, colleagues, principals, students, or anyone familiar with their environmental program.

Awards will be presented to educators who have demonstrated exemplary environmental leadership through the creation of lesson plans, implementation of school programs, or participation in activities that promote environmental stewardship.

The 2021 Environmental Teachers of the Year were:

- Sarah Hann, White Sulphur Elementary, Greenbrier Springs
- Robert Miller, Boone Career and Technical Center, Boone County

To nominate yourself or a fellow educator for the 2022 awards, applications are available at: https://dep.

wv.gov/environmental-advocate/ reap/wvmis/Pages/default.aspx.

For more information, con-Annette Hoskins Annette.L.Hoskins@wv.gov or call 1-800-322-5530.

REAP's motto is "Keeping West Virginia Clean and Green." It was created in 2005 and strives to clean up West Virginia and rid the state of litter. The program empowers citizens to take ownership of their communities by providing technical, financial and resource assistance in cleanup and recycling efforts. Make It Shine is a program under REAP that focuses on volunteer cleanup efforts and rewards towns and cities for proactive approaches to keeping their communities clean.

## A Look Back .



Courtesy of the West Virginia Regional History Center.

#### "Skip" By William

Deegans County's Greenbrier first courthouse is shown in this undated photo. While early county land documents have been lost, it is thought this log house was located on one of Lewisburg's original town lots at the corner of Washington and Church Streets (in front of The Market sandwich shop). It served as the courthouse until about 1804.

About 1792, Michael

Holland, an unpopular schoolteacher in Botetourt County, Virginia, was accused of murdering a man. In an effort for fairness, the trial was moved to Greenbrier County's courthouse. Dr. George Holland, a well-to-do Virginia physician, engaged Patrick Henry, lawyer and famed orator, to defend his son. In a packed courthouse and before two judges, Henry presented a vigorous defense in a 14-hour trial. How would

the accused old parents feel if the jury rendered a mistaken verdict that resulted in the death of their son? One of the judges said, Henry's defense was "done in such a manner so solemn and touching, and in a tone so irresistible, that it was impossible for the stoutest heart not to take sides with the criminal." In short order, the jury return a verdict of not guilty. The court, however, reminded them they might find an inferior degree of homicide. They brought in another verdict of manslaughter.

After the county sold the

courthouse to move to a larger building, it became a residence, and the logs were covered with clapboards. For many years, it was owned by William Smithee, a shoemaker, and his descendants. According to local historian, Ruth Woods Dayton, the house was razed about 1920.

Sources: The Georgia Frontier Vol. III, Descendants of Virginia, North Carolina, and South Carolina Families by Jeannette Holland Austin; Greenbrier Pioneers and Their Homes by Ruth Woods Dayton; History of Greenbrier County by J. R. Cole.

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# Capito nominates West Virginians for admission to U.S. **Service Academies**

Tristan Deeds of Greenbrier County is among those selected

U.S. Senator Shelley Moore Capito announced U.S. Service Academy nominations for 21 qualified high school seniors from 12 counties in West Virginia. A board chosen by Senator Capito reviewed each nominee's application, interviewed candidates, and made recommendations.

Among those recommended is Tristan Thomas Deeds of Greenbrier County, who was nominated for the U.S. Military Academy.

"Each year, I have the honor and privilege of nominating West Virginia's best and brightest to our nation's prestigious service academies," Senator Capito said. "I am proud to nominate this group of exemplary West Virginians who are smart, talented, and driven. This nomination is just the beginning for these students as they continue their education to become our next leaders. I wish each of these nominees the best of luck, and I can't wait to see all they will go on to accomplish in the future."

### Dear Recycle Lady,



#### Dear Recycle Lady,

Yesterday I purchased a Barbie doll for my daughter. Almost the entire front of the box was plastic so the doll could be seen. When box was opened, I noticed that the plastic in the front panel was hard. Must this piece of hard plastic be removed before the box is recycled?

Cardboard Recycler

#### Dear Cardboard Recycler,

Yes, the hard plastic panel on the front of the box must be removed before putting the box in with cardboard recyclables. Otherwise, it could contaminate an entire load of recyclable cardboard. Large cities often have the equipment to recycle hard or rigid plastics, but unfortunately, that equipment is not available locally. Soft, single use plastics can be recycled at Kroger, Wal-Mart, and Lowe's.

#### Dear Recycle Lady,

Although this isn't a clear match for your column, it might help some readers. Years ago, your grandmother probably stored cottage cheese and sour cream in containers upside down in the refrigerator to length their usable life. People should still be doing this today as placing the container upside down creates a vacuum that stifles the growth of bacteria. A friend has been storing his cottage cheese and sour cream upside down for many years and says it really works.

Cheerful Cook

#### Dear Cheerful Cook,

Thanks for the information about better ways to store food. Knowing ways to extend the life of food is always helpful, especially today with the rising cost

#### Dear Recycle Lady,

It greatly distresses me to have to throw #1 plastic clam shells and berry boxes in the trash. Since these containers all are #1 plastics and #1 plastics are recyclable, why can't clam shells and berry boxes be recycled?

Want to Recycle Them

#### Dear Wants to Recycle Them,

According to https://bettermeetsreality.com/reasons-why-some-plastic-cant-be-recycled, there are several reasons why some plastics can't be recycled. First, the chemical makeup of the plastic. For example, the chlorine atoms in PVC make it hard to recycle. Second, the item has already been recycled too many times. Recycling shortens, and weakens the fibers, thus causing the loss of quality and integrity. Third, one type of plastic can't be mixed with other types of plastics, for example, hard plastics and soft plastics. Fourth, the product design makes it hard to recycle. For example, a sports drink can have three different and incompatible types of plastic: the bottle, the lid, and the shrink-wrapped film. Fifth, recycling isn't economically feasible or profitable as determined by market demand and value of the recycled product. Sixth, recycling facilities need upgrading or changed. Last, but not least, is the contamination of plastics by food waste or scraps.

Kudos to Lands' End for making the insulation for one of their coats out of recycled bottles

Interesting information: More detailed maps exist for the planet, Mars, than for the ocean floor of the Earth. According towww.freetheocean.com, orbiting satellites have been creating detailed maps of Mars for the past 19 years. Yet, more than 80% of the Earth's ocean floor has never been mapped or explored!

Have questions about recycling, or interesting information about recycling? Send questions or requests to recyclelady@greenbrier-swa.com. Dear Recycle Lady is sponsored jointly by the Greenbrier Recycling Center and Greenworks Recycling.



# **O**BITUARIES

#### **Alice Paige Jeffries**

Alderson-Alice Paige Jeffries, 85, formerly of Fairlea, passed away at her residence on Sunday, Nov. 21,

She was born Dec. 7, 1935 in Lewisburg, the daughter of the late Charles W. and Florence A. McClung Plumley.

Alice was a member of Old Stone Presby-

terian Church and a former member of the Fairlea Firemenettes.

Other than her parents she was preceded in death by her husband, Ira E. Jeffries, Jr.; and a brother, John Plumley.

Surviving are her daughters, Laura Cochran and husband David of Alderson and Lillian Simmons and husband Shannon of Moneta, VA; grandchildren, Christian Simmons, Hunter Simmons, Savanna Simmons, Madison Simmons, Lindsay Cochran, Jeremy Cochran and Caleb Cochran; great-grandchildren, Kinslee McNeely, Levi Simmons, Aubree Simmons and Raelynne Simmons; sister, Grace Hinkle and husband Harold of Lewisburg; brother, Charles "Chuck" Plumley and wife Patti of Lewisburg; sister-in-law, Linda Plumley of Texas; and various nieces and nephews.

A graveside service will be held at a later date at Greenbrier Memorial Gardens beside her husband. Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Ronceverte is

in charge of arrangements. Please send online condolences by visiting www. WallaceandWallaceFH.com

# Club & Church

# **Support Children's Home Society** this year with a Little Red Stocking

The Children's Home Society (CHS) of West Virginia and area businesses are currently partnering up for CHS's annual Little Red Stocking campaign. The campaign models itself after other popular fundraising campaigns, as customers at participating businesses can request or be prompted to buy a "Little Red Stocking" for \$1 to support CHS. Customers can then put their Little Red Stocking on a designated space in the business.

Last year, the Little Red Stocking campaign assisted 5,500 children and families during the holidays across West Virginia. All funds raised in a community go to that communities nearest site, so Red Stocking funds will go a long way to helping children and families here in Lewisburg, as well as services provided in the rest of Greenbrier, Summers, Monroe, and Pocahontas

Local programs include an emergency child shelter in Rupert, which provides a safe living environment for up to 14 children, age 7-18, as well as an Independent Living program, a We Can Mentoring program, and a Healthy Grandfamilies program. CHS also provides families with necessities for children like winter coats, shoes, car seats, cribs, beds, school supplies, and more.

So when you're out this Christmas season, make sure to look for CHS's Little Red Stockings and ask to buy one for just \$1. If you own an area business and would like to partner with CHS to help at risk and vulnerable children in out community, please call 304-647-3430, or email at MCarr@childhswv.org

# Women of Henning Church of hold October meeting

The Ladies of the Henning Church of God met on Tuesday, Oct. 2, in the church fellowship hall for their regular monthly meeting. President Carole Spencer presided and Joan Vance led in prayer.

Dyan Hefner presented the devotion, "Thanksgiving Top 10 List," with scripture reference Psalm 100:4. The Thanksgiving top 10 list of most people include home, food, clothes, health, country, teachers, friends, family, and parents. However, for a Christian the most important one is Jesus. No one loves us like Jesus.

A Friend." It is a story about two horses in a field. One is blind and the other horse has a bell around her neck. The horse with a bell around her neck is constantly checking on the blind one. She makes sure he is listening and following her. The owner chose not to dispose of the blind horse.

God is like the owner and he does not throw us away. He helps us in need. Sometimes we guide and sometimes we are guided. Please listen to the bell if someone needs you. We need to be a good friend and we have a friend in Jesus. She also played, "You Got a Friend in Me," from Toy Story.

Seldomridge Barb brought the missionary education report concerning the kidnapping of 17 missionaries in Haiti on Oct. 16 by the group 400 Mawozo. The group consisted of 16 missionaries from the United States and one Canadian. The group was associated with an Ohiobased Christian Aid Ministries. The group includes five children. The leader of the kidnappers, Wilson Joseph, demanded \$17 million in ransom for their safe release. He threatened to shoot them in the head if he does not receive the ransom. The missionaries remain kidnapped as of this date and the Biden administration has seen evidence that the missionaries are

She also shared, "Need still alive. What we need to do is pray and pray some more for their safe release, pray for the families of the missionaries and for the gang that kidnapped them. The Lord knows the plans he has for us, plans to give us hope and a future in Jeremiah 29:11.

> Pauline Perkins read last month's minutes.

Carole Spencer reminded the group about serving the Maxwelton Ruritans on Nov. 18 and our Christmas Dinner Dec. 7. She reminded the group to bring Christ's Birthday Offering, secret pal gifts and the blessing cup offering.

Joan Vance wanted to inspire the ladies. She helped with Tyrand Ministries in Mill Creek recently. She shared that two ladies, 94 years young, helped with the thrift store and preparing the meals. One of the ladies even worked at Snowshoe as a line cook. The group also discussed that one of the ladies at church, Betty Lou Byers, will be turning 90 years young on

Dec. 8. The next meeting will be Dec. 7 at 6 p.m. for our Christmas celebration. Marty Burns dismissed in prayer.

Attending were: Alice Coff, Barb Seldomridge, Carole Spencer, Cindy Fleshman, Donna Scott, Dyan Hefner, Joan Vance, Marty Burns, Patty Owens, Pauline Perkins, and Peggy Seldomridge.

**Congratulations to Greenbrier County's newest Master Gardeners** 



Cathy Bogucki, Amber Auld, Marit Withrow, Norman Ahern, Jr., Verle Pyles, and LeAnn Montgomery.

Current Greenbrier County Master Gardeners gave a warm welcome to our new graduates and now Master Gardeners at our November meeting. The graduates successfully completed the Master Gardener Training Program through either online or in person instruction. The graduates received 51 hours of instruction in a variety of topics, including botany, plant propagation, entomology, pesticides and pest management, turfgrass management, vegetable gardening, tree fruits, small fruit, pruning, landscape design, woody ornamentals, indoor plants, herbaceous plants and garden wildlife management.

All of the new members passed a test and completed volunteer gardening hours in the Master Gardeners Garden at the WV Fairgrounds, Montwell Commons, and Greenbrier River Trailhead in Caldwell.

Master Gardeners are a community of active learners who share their interests, knowledge and practice with each other, community, state, and international members and teachers. If you are interested in more information you may call the Greenbrier County office of WVU Extension Master Gardeners 304-647-7408. https://extension.wvu.edu/lawngardening-pests/master-gardener-

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As Thanksgiving approaches, it's time to reflect with gratitude on the blessings and bounty that you've received. While making your holiday plans and reflecting on all you have to be thankful for, I encourage you to consider whether you could be of assistance to those in need.

At Family Refuge Center, we are committed to helping individuals and families, not just during the holidays, but throughout the year. We have assisted more individuals who have experienced domestic violence and sexual assault in 2021 than any other year.

This would not have been possible without the generosity of our donors. Let me take a moment to express my gratitude to your continued support of our organization and helping us to fulfill our mission.

We ask that you consider our organization this holiday season. All funds received will go toward services for domestic violence and sexual assault. What better way to celebrate Thanksgiving than to make a conscious decision to help members of your community?

> Thanks For Giving, Stephanie Moore, MA - Executive Director stephaniem@familyrefugecenter.org

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# Club & Church

## **Church Bulletin**

#### Winter Bazaar Caldwell Church

The Caldwell Pentecostal Holiness Church will have a Winter Bazaar on Saturday, Dec. 4 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the new church. The Bazaar will consist of candies, baked goods and crafts. Proceeds from the event will go toward a scholarship fund to award a graduating high school / college senior from out community. The youth from the church will provide a hot meal during the Bazaar, all the funds will go toward the expenses for Acceleran.

#### Caldwell Church presents Live **Nativity**

The Caldwell Pentecostal Holiness Church presents their Live Nativity on Saturday, Dec. 11 at 6 p.m. at the old church lot off Rt. 60 on the Camp Bailey Road. This Live Nativity will tell the story of the birth of Jesus. It will consist of the birth of Jesus and all the characters and animals included in the Bible. Live singing will be included by our local choir and others. Plan on attending and spending part of your Christmas time with us. Hot chocolate and cookies will be served at the church afterwards.



# Williamsburg CEOS learn about National Anthem, donate pajamas and slippers

Did you know there are five verses in the National Anthem, The Star Spangled Banner? The Williamsburg CEOS Club learned the history of our national anthem and the flag that inspired it from the WVU Extension Service lesson presented by club member Blanche Knicely at their November meeting.

Members participating include

Barbara Deeds, Laura Rose, Laura Ann Tiller, Cassandria Perkins, Burl and Patty Post, Loretta Shirley and Linda Spencer.

Members also brought pajamas and slippers which were donated to the Greenbrier Valley Children's Home in Rupert which is one of many community service projects the club is involved with. Each month the members also send cards and copies of the monthly programs to shut-ins.

The club's December meeting will be held Dec. 14. You have no idea what you are missing by not participating with the Community Educational Outreach Service! Call the WVU/Greenbrier County Extension Service at 304-645-7104 for more information.

# White Sulphur Lions participate in Veterans' Day Parade



The Lions of White Sulphur Springs honored Veterans on Nov. 11 by participating in the parade down Main Street in White Sulphur Springs. Those involved included Mary Ann Hensley, Dorothy Harbaugh, Venise LaGrande, Betty Gillespie, and Jim Miller (in Lions? costume). Lion President Mary Lee Buckland was one of the parade an-

The Lions remain very active in the community. They continue to purchase eyeglasses for those who cannot afford them, regularly collect and donate food items for the local food pantry, sponsor blood drives, participate in Adopt-a-Highway, and soon will be giving away a deer rifle for their annual raffle. Tickets are still being sold near Food Lion. These and other fundraisers provide dollars to help serve throughout the

The Lions meet at the Episcopal Church (near the library) each second and fourth Monday at 7 p.m. Contact any club member to learn

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# **Organ Cave CEOS meet**

Organ Cave Community Educational Outreach Service (CEOS) met for their Nov. 15 meeting at Elizabeth Chapel United Methodist Church. Meeting was called to order by members pledging the American Flag.

The following will serve as club officers for 2022: President, Janet Johnson; Vice President and Meditations, Cathy Queen; Secretary and Health Motivator, Sandy Perry; Committee Chairperson, Continuing Education, Carolyn Rodgers; Family, Sandy Perry; Marketing/Membership, Cathy Queen; Purposeful

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Programs planned are: 4-H Program, Danske Dandridge: The Poet who wrote of WV; 4-H Program; WV Rhythm: Music in the Mountain State; WV Women is Baseball; Hearts & Hands in Action: Engaging in Community

Service from Home. Members enjoyed a history lesson for their program: Covered Bridges of WV. Many covered bridges have been erected at parks and on private lands. There are 17 covered bridges in West Virginia listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The state's most historic and oldest is the Philippi Covered Bridge, built in 1852. The Carrollton Covered Bridge, a 140-foot span over the Buckhannon River was built in 1856 and repaired from a fire in 2017. The Barrackville Covered Bridge, also has a span of 140-foot over Buffalo Creek near Fairmont, in Marion County. Two are located in Harrison County: The Simpson Creek Covered Bridge, located near Bridgeport, was built in 1881; the second is the Fletcher Covered Bridge, is a structure over Ten Mile Creek and built in 1891. Jackson County has the Sarvis Fork Bridge near San-

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due to road construction.

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built in 1887 over Big Mill Creek, was relocated to Cedar Lakes FFA-FHA Camp in 1983. Greenbrier County is home to Herns Mill Bridge located west of Lewisburg on US 60 and Hokes Mill Bridge located just off of US 219 near Ronceverte. Monroe County also is home to two bridges, The Indian Creek Bridge located on US 219 south of Salt Sulphur Springs, and the Laurel Creek Bridge, located off US 219 near Union, is the state's smallest at 24 feet. The Fish Creek Bridge, built around 1881 is near Hundred in Wetzel County. The Dents Run Bridge is south of Westover in Monongalia County. The Walkersville Bridge spans right fork of the West Fork River in Lewis County. Currently under the control of the Doddridge County Historical is the Center Point Bridge near State Route 23. The Locust Creek Bridge, is south of Hillsboro in Pocahontas County. Located at the Cabell County Fairgrounds near Milton is the Mud River Bridge.

Members were reminded that all county CEOS meetings had been cancelled for 2021 due to Covid-19.

Please call the Greenbrier County Extension Office at 304-647-7408 if you are interested in joining a CEOS club.

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# WV Businesses should be aware of Third-Party Providers soliciting Annual Report services

WV Secretary of State Mac Warner's Office is issuing an important notice to West Virginia business owners regarding third-party solicitations to file 2022 Annual Reports on their behalf.

The WV Secretary of State's Office has received information that registered West Virginia business owners are currently receiving solicitations from third-party entities offering to file a state-required Annual Report on behalf of the businesses. According to Secretary Warner, the solicitations are being mailed to the business owners may strike an appearance of an official piece of mail from the State of West Virginia if the fine print is not read.

"I can assure everyone that these solicitations are not from my office and not from the state of West Virginia," said Secretary Warner. "We have modernized the business registration process in West Virginia so that nearly 99% of all businesses now file their Annual Report online. You do not have to hire an outside vendor to file your Annual Report."

All currently registered West Virginia businesses can file their Annual Report online through the Secretary of State's easy-to-use WV One Stop Business Portal at Business-4WV.gov. Registered businesses may also contact the WV Secretary of State's Business & Licensing Division at (304) 558-8000 for assis-

The total cost to file an Annual Report online with the WV Secretary of State's Office is just \$25. Some third-party vendors are charging as much as \$125 to file the exact same information.

Importantly, the 2022 Annual Report filing period begins on January 1, 2022 and ends July 1, 2022.

Secretary Warner encourages all business owners to be wary of any suspicious solicitations by U.S. Mail or online requesting sensitive financial or personal information. He also advised to confirm that the company is properly registered to conduct business in the State of West Virginia prior to contracting for services from a third-party solicitor. If

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Cunningham at 304-645-2080 by 4 p.m. December 30, 2021.

Call to Order Approval of Minutes: October 28, 2021. **Comments from the Public:** 

Agenda:

- Donald and Judy Steel, 383 Alderson Street Request for a variance setback to the left side of the house to build a 2-car
- Kay Shirey, 149 Silo Square Unit 9 Variance request for a 6' (foot) privacy fence.
- **Comments from BZA Members**
- Comments from Planning and Zoning Officer: Marsha Cunningham
- Adjournment.

The next scheduled meeting of the Lewisburg Board of Zoning Appeal will be held on January 27, 2022 with a deadline of December 10, 2021.



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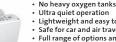
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# WVSOM vice president receives statewide advocate award

An administrator at the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine (WVSOM) was honored during a statewide conference for her career as a longtime community advocate.

Drema Hill, Ph.D., MSP, WV-SOM's vice president for community engagement and development, was named the recipient of the 2022 Small Communities, Big Solutions Advocate award. The Small Communities, Big Solutions Conference is hosted annually by the Alliance for Economic Development of Southern West Virginia, the West Virginia Community Development Hub and Coalfield Development.

Sara Payne Scarbro, operations council chair for the alliance, said the award recognizes Hill for working at the intersection of higher education, community workforce development, community engagement and partnerships to guide the creation, implementation and evaluation of strategies that generate health improvements. The award was one of seven whose recipients were announced during the conference.

"These awards are extremely competitive, and our awards committee likes to highlight the true change agents who are making a positive difference in the Mountain State," Scarbro said. "In her time with WVSOM, Hill has replicated 18 opioid prevention and awareness toolkits in West Virginia, created an international research project in partnership with Kilimanjaro Medical University



WVSOM's vice president for community engagement and development Drema Hill, Ph.D. MSP

in Tanzania and helped bring millions of dollars in funding to WV-SOM. Her love for service and for our people truly embodies the best of West Virginia."

Hill said she was honored to receive the award.

"I've spent many years working to build small community infrastructure in West Virginia. My goal is for our state to be prepared to create sustainable programs to improve the lives of West Virginians. I love our small communities and I'm happy to be a part of the big solutions," Hill said.

In her role at WVSOM, Hill oversees the school's Center for Rural and Community Health, WVSOM Foundation and WV-SOM Alumni Association. She has more than three decades of experience in public health leadership, including positions with

the West Virginia Bureau for Public Health, the Tennessee Department of Health, Vanderbilt University's Health Management Foundation and Comprehensive Care Center, and the Mid-Ohio Valley Regional Health Office.

Hill joined WVSOM in 2016 and became one of the school's seven vice presidents in 2019. James W. Nemitz, Ph.D., WV-SOM's president, praised Hill for her work at the osteopathic medical school and for her dedication to helping improve the well-being of residents of rural area.

"Dr. Hill has been an enduring positive presence in the field of rural health," Nemitz said. "As a trailblazer in making West Virginia's communities healthier places to live, she has led many successful local and state initiatives and programs, and she has done a great job of representing WVSOM on a broader scale at national and international gatherings of rural health leaders. I'm pleased that her important work is being acknowledged through this award."

The Alliance for Economic Development of Southern West Virginia is a consortium of 10 public higher education institutions in the state's southern region, including WVSOM, focused on fostering an environment for economic growth. Its Small Communities, Big Solutions Conference, showcasing successful projects and highlighting those who are bringing change to West Virginia, took place Nov. 15-18.

# Seneca Health receives funds

The US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) announced the distribution of funds to over 200 facilities across the nation. West Virginia received \$15 million for community mental health services. Senators Capito and Manchin announced Seneca Health Services, Inc. in Summersville, Southern Highlands Community Mental Health Center, Inc. in Princeton and Prestera Center for Mental Health Services, Inc. in Huntington will each receive \$5 million for community mental health services.

"I am pleased HHS is investing in three organizations to support West Virginians battling substance use and mental health crisis by improving crisis care services including telehealth, which are vital in rural communities where access to care is limited due to the pandemic," said Senator Manchin.

Marcie Vaughan, Pres/CEO of Seneca Health Services is excited to expand services across Greenbrier, Nicholas, Pocahontas, and Webster Counties. Ms. Vaughan indicates the CONNECT grant will work to reduce the number of individuals with mental illness or substance use disorder who become involved with law enforcement or admitted to hospitals. Program staff will work with officers and hospital staff to divert individuals to behavioral health supports instead of ERs or jails.

The program will also place connection hubs in small communities where individuals can walk into a set location and immediately be connected to same day behavioral health services. The CONNECT grant will provide immediate access to care through same day service, expanded crisis services in the community and reduce transportation barriers.

Senator Capito stated, "With the rise in opioid overdose deaths and substance abuse as a result of the CO-VID-19 pandemic, our country and state is facing an unprecedented level of challenging circumstances." Ms. Vaughan agrees and states the CONNECT grant will add qualified professionals to the workforce in these rural areas, allowing more individuals to be served.

Seneca Health Services held a meeting of community stakeholders in early November and is currently recruiting professionals to provide the expanded services.

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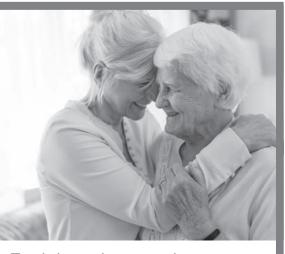
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& decorations. Catch your ride at the city Greenspace and enjoy!

The Hub invites you to a "Decorate your own Ornament" Christmas event and holiday drink specials like peppermint mocha lattes for 10% off. (232 N. Lee Street B ehind Lee Street Studios] 304-647-4994)

Stop by Sheena Pendley Design & Photography for Indoor Snow Photos! Winter photos without the cold! While you're there, take some time to warm up with free hot cocoa! They will also have scenic prints available for purchase just in time for

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Sign up for a chance to win a free \$50 gift card at Little Black Box. Use it for yourself or give it as a gift! Plus the End of the Year Sale continues with savings up to 60% off! Sale ends Dec. 31. (818 Jefferson Street South, 304-645-6646)

The Greenbrier Valley Visitors Center is pleased to announce December's Art in the Valley show which will feature young artists from Greenbrier East and Greenbrier West High Schools and Eastern Greenbrier and West-Greenbrier Middle ern

Schools. Their show titled "The Gifts of our Talents" will showcase a wide variety of artistic student creations from around Greenbrier County. A video presentation will also be shown throughout the evening and will feature additional student art accompanied by musicians from the schools represented. Don't miss the "mini" qilt sale in the Art Alcove featuring holiday creations by the Alderson Quilters and Crafters. Tickets will be available for their annual raffle qilt, with the lucky winner being chosen on Dec. 6. Stop by and show your support for these talented local artists and celebrate the holiday season! (905 Washington Street W 304-645-1000)

Better Homes and Gardens Real Estate Central is featuring hand-

made baskets, donated by members of the Southern West Virginia Basketmakers Guild. Buy a basket to benefit The Children's Home Society of West Virginia, Greenbrier. Stop in to buy a basket, chat and share drink and food. (1018 Washington Street West, 304-646-4408)

Aggie's and Vest invites you to enjoy holiday libations and candy tastings. (979 Washington Street West, 645-4063)

Edith's Store shares complimentary Peppermint Creme filled Dark Chocolate and Hazelnut Latte filled Milk Chocolate trees. (1035 Washington Street East, 645-7998)

Hill & Holler has a delicious new special to try and cold beers on tap. They are also featuring live music by Seldom Free from 7 to 9 p.m. (970 North Jefferson Street, 304-647-4429)

Greenbrier Theatre announces the opening of a brand new musical review "Christmas Time is Here" on Dec. 3. This show runs through Dec. 18. This is a family friendly show that will pack all of the holiday feel-goods you could possibly need to get into the holiday spirit! Christmas Time is Here will feature some GVT favorite performers, and possibly even that big guy in the red suit. (1038 East Washington Street, 304-645-

Stop by Patina for Live Celtic music by Patrick O'Flaherty along with complimentary drinks and Girl Scout cookies. (1046 Washington Street East, 520-4960)

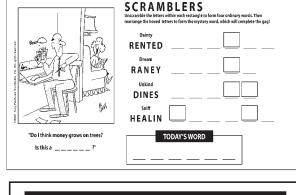
Finish off your evening at The Asylum and enjoy a Holiday Sangria! (399 Randolph Street East, 681-318-3515)

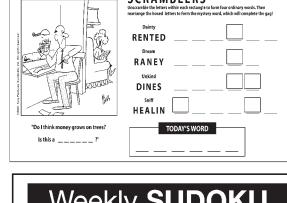
First Fridays is sponsored by City National Bank and the Shops & Restaurants of Downtown Lewisburg. For more information go to visitlewisburgwv.com or to FaceBook or call 304-645-4333.

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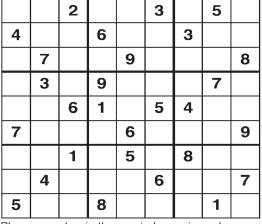
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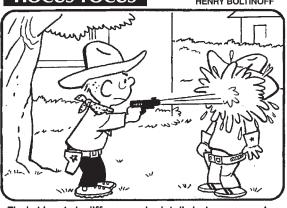


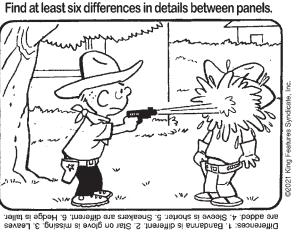
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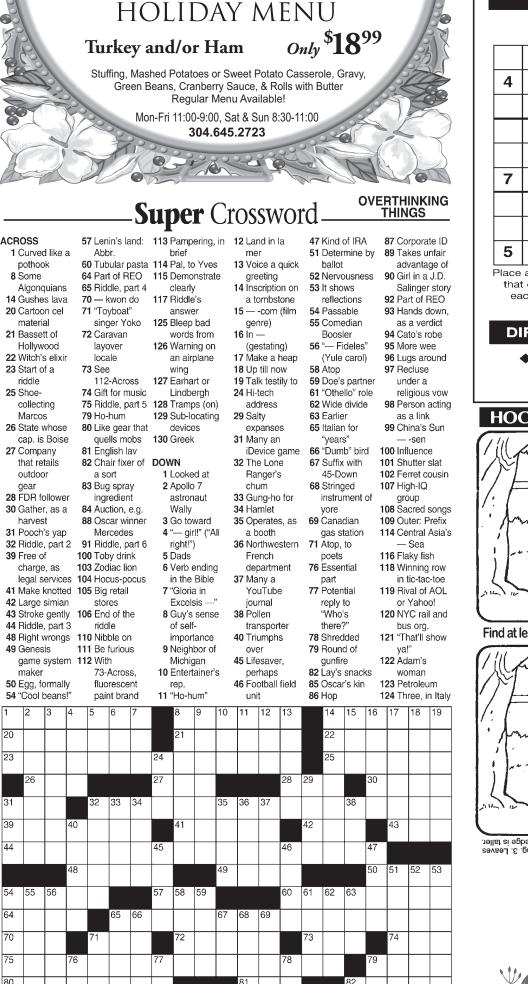
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# STEPPIN' OUT

### **Craft and Vendor Show** upcoming at American Heritage Music Hall

A Winter Wonderland Crafter/Vendor Show has been scheduled at the American Heritage Music Hall building in Ronceverte located 496 Island Park Road (the former skating rink) for Friday, Dec. 3, from 2 to 6 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 4, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Food concessions will be available from vendors with all proceeds of food sales donated to the music hall. A 50/50 drawing will be held on Friday and Saturday with 50 percent cash money going to the winner of the drawing, and the other 50 percent going

Also, on Dec. 4, Santa and one of his elves will be there to see all the children. Each child that talks to Santa will be registered in a drawing for a \$20 gift card, and the drawing will be held at 2:15 p.m. (You do not have to be present to win but will need to check in with Santa's elf to be eligible for the drawing). There will be free cookies and treats for the children.

A raffle has been in progress for a metal red truck with a Christmas tree in the back of it, a lovely Christmas decoration that has been donated and all proceeds from raffle goes to the music hall. The drawing this prize will be about half an hour before the show ends on Saturday. You can check it out on the American Heritage Music Hall Facebook page.

#### This is a great time to do Christmas shopping and keep it local with over 30 local crafters and vendors participating, including:

- Helen Dosier with assorted crafts (Asbury, WV) Kay Shafer with assorted crafts (Lewisburg)
- Melissa Miller with hair bows, keychains and other misc. items (Covington, VA) Millie Arbaugh with assorted crafts (Asbury, WV)
- elry and accessories (Covington, VA) Vicky Anderson with terrariums and cork planters

Ashley Myatt and Jill Mccully with paparazzi jew-

- (Sinks Grove, WV)
- Sonya Shafer with Greenbrier Valley Dyes (Lew-
- Kimberly Baker with KiKis Kreations (Ronceverte)
- Alexandria Hedrick with Pink Zebra
- Sawyer Hedrick with Sawyers Sweet Treats (Lew-
- Dinah Rhodes and Lionel Braught with CBD oils (White Sulphur Springs) Jonathan Hamrick with assorted new vendor items
- (Hillsboro, WV) Deborah Echols with silk flower arrangements
- (Lewisburg) Madison Jackson with Bored Kids Creations, jew-
- elry and western décor (Maxwelton) Heather Hefner with assorted crafts (White Sulphur Springs)
- Barry Shisler with hand woven baskets and jade bracelets (Gap Mills, WV)
- Martha Morgan with shadow boxes and assorted
- crafts (Ronceverte) Jessica Crane with assorted crafts (Crawley, WV)
- Bethany Burdette with WV Beef Jerky (Alderson,
- Kelsey Peters with assorted jewelry (Ronceverte)
- Whitney Bell and Bailey Callison with assorted crafts, Bell Creations (Lewisburg) Autumn Howard with baked goods, 4 Arrows Farm
- Amy Thompson with handmade shirts signs and ornaments (Hedgesville, WV)
- Karen Campbell with crafts, ceramics, and Avon
- (Ronceverte) Tina Fox with assorted crocheted items (Lewis-
- Bishop Family Farm with wool dryer balls (Craw-

ley, WV) The music hall is a nonprofit organization that is open to the public with fun and dancing for all ages. It

is a smoke free and alcohol free environment. Local musicians get together every Tuesday for a jam session from 7 to 10 p.m. Cover charge on Tuesdays is \$7 per person

On every second and fourth Saturday there is a live band is on stage from 7 to 10:30 p.m. Cover charge is \$10 per person.

Food is prepared by all individuals and brought in for everyone to enjoy each night. All ages are wel-

# Christmas at the Fair returns



The spectacular drive-through light event, Christmas at the Fair, returns as of Friday, Nov. 26, and runs Thursdays through Sundays until Dec. 19 from 6 to 9 p.m.

The State Fair of West Virginia is happy to announce Christmas at the Fair, its Christmas Light Drive-Thru experience is once again open to the public as of Friday, Nov. 26. The show will run from 6 to 9 p.m. and will be open Thursdays through Sundays until Dec. 19.

"We were blown away by the support from the community last season," State Fair CEO Kelly Collins stated. "So we've kept our promise and grown this event! As a new tradition, we hope to keep getting bigger every year."

Christmas at the Fair is available

to the public for donations only and will begin at the livestock gate on 219 North just past the horse barns. Patrons are asked to follow traffic patterns, and turn off headlights when driving through the show.

"This is a fun event for us, but it would not be possible without support from our local businesses," Collins continued. "They have really stepped up to help us with this event."

Major sponsors for this event include Greenbrier Physicians, People's Bank, First Energy, Lost World Caverns, Aviagen Turkey, Gayle Mason CPA, Bank of Monroe, Monroe Insurance Group, Red Oaks Shopping Center, Aggie's and Vest, Martin and Jones, Flanagan's Barber Shop, Manic Espresso, Pocahontas Memorial Hospital, Jerry and Linda Clemons, Meadows and Wilson Dentistry, Caring Acres Farm, Long Farm, Lowe's, David M. Moore Real Estate Law, and the Greenbrier Valley Airport.

For more information and a full calendar of events, please visit www.statefairofwv.com/christmas-at-the-fair.

# Holiday Happenings announced by Cross Creek Hospitality

There's no better time to discover all that White Sulphur Springs has to offer. At Cross Creek Hospitality - the folks who bring you Big Draft Brewing, Cross Creek Cafe, Cross Creek on Main, and Road Hog's BBQ - we've packed as much as we possibly could into the rest of 2021.

Here's your guide to all things merry from Cross Creek Hospitality:

• Friday, November 26 Big Draft Brewing: Ryan Cain & the Ables on the Cross Creek on Main Stage, 9 p.m., FREE

 Saturday, December 4 Cross Creek on Main: White Sulphur Springs Holiday Artisan Market, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Big Draft Brewing: The Kind Thieves with The Settlement on the Cross Creek on Main Stage, 8

• Thursday, December

Big Draft Brewing: Talks on Tap, Peter Ward, PhD, WVSOM Professor of Anatomy, 6 p.m., FREE

• Friday, December 10 Cross Creek on Main: Bennett Walker Wales with Nick Durm, 8 p.m.,

Saturday, December 11 Cross Creek on Main: Breakfast with Santa, 9-11 a.m., \$12/adults, \$7/13 & under, No reservation

Cross Creek on Main: Lillie King, 7:30 p.m., \$15 · Wednesday, Decem-

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WV Jazz Orchestra, 7

· Third Thursday, December 16

The Village Wine Shop: Wine Tasting, Theme TBA, 4-7 p.m., FREE

ative Series with Jacque Minarik, Holiday Printmaking, 5:30 p.m., \$35 • Friday, December 17

Cross Creek Cafe: Cre-

Big Draft Brewing:

Midnight Traffic on the Cross Creek on Main Stage, 9 p.m., FREE

· Saturday, December

Cross Creek on Main: Breakfast with Santa, 9-11 a.m., \$12/adults, \$7/13 & under, No reservation

• Thursday, December

Big Draft Brewing: Talks on Tap, Guest TBD,

 Friday, December 31 Cross Creek on Main: New Year's Eve Bash with Chad Nickel & the Loose

Change, 9 p.m., \$10 Cross Creek Hospitality is composed of the following properties and

- Catering & Space Rental: Cross Creek Hos-
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- Coffee, Lunch, Ice Cream, Retail & Meeting Space: Cross Creek Cafe
- WV Hardwood Smoked Barbecue: Road Hog's BBQ
- Wine, Accessories, Fine Meats & Cheeses: The Village Wine Shop

### City of WSS Christmas Lighting Contest

It's that time of year for the City of White Sulphur Springs Annual Christmas Lighting contest! To be sure your home is included in the contest for judging you may come into City Hall and fill out a form of participation. This contest is open for all residences within city limits. All decorating must be completed by Monday, Dec. 13, so that judging may begin. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.



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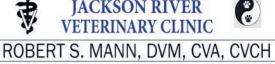
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