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2021 News in Review

January

Lewisburg's Shanghai Parade is cancelled due to the pandemic; Gov. Jim Justice declares that West Virginia is continuing to lead the nation in the rate of COVID-19 vaccine distribution and administration; West Virginia Music Festival is cancelled; a large group of protestors questioning the validity of the General election results force their way into the U.S. Capitol building; Gov. Justice calls for all pre-kindergarten through eighth grade students to return to in-person learning on Jan. 19; the Greater Greenbrier COVID-19 Task Force are recipients of the Volunteer of the Year Award; cell phone footage from The Greenbrier's New Year's Eve party draws the ire of many; Governor announces vaccine will be available for people 65 and older and people with pre-existing conditions or comorbidities as soon as possible; Greenbrier County Commission reappoints Commission President Lowell Rose; cancellation of the traditional Martin Luther King, Jr. Day march, community lunch, and program at the Lewisburg United Methodist Church leads to a celebration video made for YouTube distribution; Sheriff Bruce Sloan confirmed during a press conference held Jan. 21 that Oreanna Antoinette Myers, 25, killed five children shortly before starting a fire at her house on Flynn's Creek Road near Williamsburg, she left a note blaming her mental illness and then took her own life; sidewalk construction running from Silo Lane to Piercy Drive begins mid-January; the Meadow River Rail Trail receives \$1.8 million grant; new statewide system is established for scheduling vaccination by calling 833-734-0965 or visiting vaccination.wv.gov;

February

Northrop Grumman names the NG-15 Cygnus spacecraft after former NASA mathematician Katherine Coleman Johnson; Greenbrier Valley Aquatic Center holds a "Drive-In Public Celebration" to give the community an update on the project, which is currently under construction; Anthony and Fanny Carter are the subject of the newest exhibit from the Greenbrier Historical Society, located at the North House in Lewisburg; the West Virginia Division of Highways, West Virginia State Rail Authority, and the owners of the Durbin & Greenbrier Valley Railroad are work together to reopen the Trout Run Bridge which spans the Greenbrier River and connect the rail line from Durbin to Cass and back; GVT Board of Trustees select Matthew Scott Campbell to succeed Cathey Sawyer as the new artistic director; in Ronceverte, renovation of Rudy's building is put on hold pending repairs to wall of neighboring Rexall building; Lieutenant J.R. Byer, Jr., previously the officer in charge of the Alderson Police Department, is named chief of police;

March

The Mountain Messenger launches a new app; parts/system failure at a Mon Power substation cascades into numerous power failures from Pocahontas County to Lewisburg to Clintonville; low-lying areas are affected by high river crests, standing water, flooding, and other issues after most of the state received heavy rainfall combined with melting snowpack; Local School Improvement Council presents report indicating a higher rate of class failure than in previous years due to the COVID-19 pandemic and a mixed schedule; Greenbrier Co. Board of Education school presentations contain a mixture of disappointment with remote learning results and hope for immediate in-person return to class; The Friends of Ronceverte hold bucket drive to raise funds for a scholarship and community beautification; former attorney E. Lavoyd Morgan pleads no contest to the charge of negligent homicide and is placed on Home Confinement;

April

Alderson adopts a 1 percent B&O tax across the board for every business that is not a nonprofit; the Greenbrier Valley and Mountain Media News launches their own podcast - The Stage on a Stage podcast features local and casual interviews with students, teachers, representatives from the perspective of Greenbrier Valley youth; Sears kit house next to the Lewisburg Courthouse is moved across the alley to an adjacent lot; Rainelle gets a new chief of police, John Sergeant; Briergarten opens in Stratton Alley in Lewisburg; WV State Fire Marshal's office increases reward being offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the perpetrator(s) from \$5,000 to \$10,000 in the homicide of Danny and Daisy Foster and subsequent arson of their home in April of 2020; Greenbrier Valley Aquatic Center construction continues and roof is put in place; Lynch Construction tears down the old Greenbrier County Jailhouse; West Virginia launches its "Ascend WV Remote Worker Program," aimed at recruiting outdoor-enthusiast professionals to the Mountain State; White Sulphur Springs City Council announces that the new pool and wellness center will hold their grand opening on the first day of the Dandelion Festival, Friday, May 28; Tamarack Foundation grants Greenbrier County native Kelsie Tyson one of its 2021 Emerging Artist Fellowships for her work celebrating body positivity, fat liberation, and Appalachia itself; Alderson Community Center will become the new Alderson Elementary School thanks to an \$11 million investment from the School Building Authority and Greenbrier County Schools; U.S. Census Bureau announces the first release of 2020 Census data, outlining population change on the state level through-

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Local EMS rings in New Year with charity for Kentucky

The first responders of Greenbrier County are proud to announce that on Jan. 7 and 8, 2022, they will be holding a simultaneous "Fill the Boot" Drive at select locations throughout the area. All proceeds will go to benefit first responders and their families from Kentucky that have suffered during the recent tornados.

Area residents are no stranger to life-changing weather events, as the Greenbrier Valley has endured both the 2012 Derecho and the 2016 flood which devastated our communities.

We were fortunate to have been the recipient of aid then and we all hope you will join us in giving back the way others have given to us. An account has been set up at City National Bank under "Greenbrier County First Responders for Kentucky" and donations can be made to that as well.

For questions please contact Jeff Doss at 304-992-1674 or Bart Baker at: 304-647-6634.

City Council moves forward with sidewalk improvements, board appointments



Portion of sidewalk on Lafayette Street in need of repair

By Sarah Richardson

Lewisburg City Council met last week to discuss the Lafayette Street sidewalk project, name the Volunteer of the Year for 2021, and to hear updates on the ongoing parks upgrades and City Hall exterior revitalization project.

The city had applied for \$144,097.50 in federal grant project funds through the WV Department of Transportation Division of Highways for the purpose of "US 60 South Lafayette sidewalk improvements."

The DOH has "tentatively" approved \$115,278 in these federal funds, contingent on the City of Lewisburg executing a 20 percent match for the project for \$28,819.50. The council unanimously approved the resolution to use funds for this match.

Mayor Beverly White announced that she has nominated the COVID-19 Task Force to be named as Volunteer of the Year for 2021. The group also received the Volunteer of the Year title in 2020.

"I know normally we go into executive session to discuss this, but I felt that the COVID-19 Task Force, because they were [Volunteer of the Year] last year they should receive that honor this year because we are still fighting COVID-19," said Mayor White.

City Manager Misty Hill gave an overview of the final parks projects that wrapped

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County Commission approves new precinct maps

By Adam Pack

The Greenbrier County Commission met Tuesday, Dec. 28, to discuss the approval of the new precinct maps drafted by County Clerk Robin Loudermilk. After numerous hours and much difficulty, Clerk Loudermilk presented a completed map at a public hearing before the regular business of the commission.

The completed map comes as a response by the county to the state legislature's redistricting work earlier in 2021, which was a response to the census data from the 2020 census. With the usual attendant losses and gains in population, many political lines needed redrawn. Loudermilk's map was discussed at the last meeting of the commission, and was approved with a unanimous vote.

Clerk Loudermilk explained that if a voter's polling place was updated, the voter's registration will be updated automatically. "Citizens don't need to do anything," said Loudermilk. "If someone's polling place changed due to a change in precinct, their registration will be changed in the record by the county, by us."

Furthermore, the county is making sure to communicate any potential changes to the public directly.

"If your polling place has changed, we'll be sending official letters to you to notify you. Those should go out sometime between February and March, well in time for people to know where to vote in primary elections next spring."

The next meeting of the Greenbrier County Commission meeting will take place on Jan. 11, 2022. The public is invited to attend.

Nature's Way

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out the country and due to shifting demographics both in the state and in other states, West Virginia's declining population is expected to lose a seat in the House of Representatives;

May

The Seneca Health Services team distributes an overdose preventing medicine and recovery literature across Greenbrier Co.; water lines are repaired in Ronceverte; excessive fuel purchasing causes many local stations across the Greenbrier Valley to run out of gas; the Board of Carnegie Hall names Cathy Rennard as President/CEO effective May 10, succeeding Sara Crickenberger; four Ronceverte mayoral candidates gather in the Clifford Community & Recreation Center for a debate; the Alderson Veterans of Foreign Wars Department of West Virginia - 6723 Tri-County Memorial Post relocates to City Hall; City Council motions to purchase property spanning over 33 acres located adjacent to the Lewisburg Water Plant in Caldwell along Stonehouse Road;

June

Swimming pool in White Sulphur Springs opens Memorial Day Weekend; the West Virginia Renaissance Festival opens June 5-6; Ronceverte River Festival announces their 2021 schedule - Friday, June 11, and Saturday, June 12; Edgerton Cafe reopens as a local cafe and coffee shop called RNCVRT; GVT reopens; the Greenbrier County Commission opens bids for the addition and renovation of the Greenbrier County Courthouse; June 15 is World Elder Abuse Awareness Day; heavy rains and increased turbidity in the water supply force a boil water advisory in the area; Ronceverte's Rubber Ducky Race is postponed; Lewisburg City Council and the Greenbrier Historical Society announce plans for a new facade for the front of City Hall; Greenbrier River Trail is added to the National Trails System; a new boat launch opens along the Meadow River just outside Charmco; area recognizes five-year anniversary of 2016 flood; inaugural Greenbrier Valley Pride event - parade and block party - held June 26;

July

Carnegie Hall announces return of TOOT second weekend in October; Frankford resident Tracy Brownell is winner of a brand-new, custom-outfitted truck by Gov. Justice and his bulldog, Babydog in second round of sweepstakes held as part of vaccine initiative; U.S. Senator Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV) makes multiple stops in Greenbrier County focused on flood recovery efforts, economic development, and diversification; police seek information on vandalism at Greenbrier Memorial Cemetery; new home of the Greenbrier Community School (GCS), the old Bolling School building, is ready for students; State Police apprehend the suspect from an armed robbery that occurred at a bank in Rupert; campers at Camp Alleghany donate blessing bags to those less fortunate; three new Lewisburg City Council members - Frank Johnson, John Little, and Valerie Pritt - are sworn in by Lewisburg Mayor Beverly White at City Hall; Big Draft Brewing holds their official grand opening in White Sulphur Springs; easements are granted to enable upgrades of the Lewisburg municipal water plant; downtown Alderson gains a new town clock where C.D. Hanger's Jewelry Store once stood as a way to pay homage to the clock that used to be affixed to the building; retired healthcare worker Wanda Coleman of Ronceverte receives a surprise visit from Gov. Jim Justice, Mrs. Justice and Babydog who present her with a check for \$1 million as part of the Do It for Babydog vaccination campaign; vendor applications are sought for the 37th annual Taste of Our Towns (TOOT) festival set for Oct. 9;

August

The West Virginia Board of Education (WVBE) and the West Virginia Department of Education (WVDE) release back-to-school guidance for the 2021-22 school year leaving mask requirements up to each county; State Fair opens Aug. 12; Amy Hubbard, the driving force behind West Virginia Helping Hands announces intention to open a full-scale transitional educational facility and community center in Ronceverte in the old hospital building for those who are just down on their luck and have nowhere else to turn; Lewisburg City Hall project to repoint and paint the building gets underway; Greenbrier County Schools announces they will open all 13 schools in the county for full-time in-person learning for all students; Alderson Town Council discusses updating water lines and extensions going around Riverside Rest, Glen Ray, and up to Stuart's Smokehouse, and the replacement and relocation of the water plant; Gov. Justice announces a second round of "Do it for Babydog" vaccination sweepstakes;

September

Alderson welcomes Fruits of Labor at their new location in the Alderson Visitor's Center; Jeremiah Bleu Powell, 32, of Marlinton, was taken into custody and charged with two counts of 1st degree murder in connection with the deaths of Joseph (Danny) and Daisy Foster that occurred at their residence on Fullen Cemetery Road in Ronceverte on Apr. 2, 2020; on September 11, the White Sulphur Springs Lions Club carries American Flags across three interstate bridges in White Sulphur and Lewisburg as they have done every year in remembrance; Alderson Mayor Travis Copenhaver and Lloyd "Billy" Lightner are apprehended by State Police and charged with child neglect, conspiracy, assault and burglary; West Virginia Press Association release the results of their 2020 Newspaper Editorial and Advertising Contest - *Mountain Messenger* scored a total of five awards, including first place overall in the editorial category Best COVID-19 Coverage; Carnegie Hall announces cancellation of TOOT because of rise in COVID cases in Greenbrier County; Edgewood Presbyterian Church cancels their Arts & Craft Show; WV Living magazine honors Lewisburg Mayor Beverly White as one of their West Virginia Wonder Women; Gov. Jim Justice withdraws his name from consideration as the boys basketball coach at Greenbrier East High School and also withdraws his grievance with the Greenbrier County Board of Education; property owner at remote wooded area near Alderson/Fort Spring reports finding human skeletal remains - Greenbrier County Sheriff's Office, West Virginia State Police, and the Greenbrier County Drug and Violent Crime Task Force begin an investigation;

October

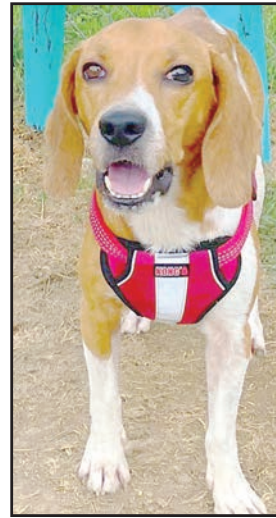
J.P. Stevens is appointed Chief of Police for the Town of Rainelle; 100th anniversary of Greenbrier Hall is celebrated; County Commission votes to lift Health Department's mask mandate; Ronceverte native Chris Rodriguez-Stanley and local nonprofit Friends of Ronceverte are awarded a \$15,000 grant from the Greater Kanawha Valley Foundation and the James F. B. Peyton Fund for the upcoming Ronceverte Island Dog Park; Judge Stover rules there was probable cause for the felony charges against Alderson Mayor Copenhaver. The case now moves to Greenbrier County Circuit Court; Brian Miluk receives the Lifetime Service to Wrestling Award from the WV Chapter of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame; West Virginia is named a Top Travel Region to visit in 2022 by Lonely Planet, as a part of its annual Best in Travel awards. West Virginia, the only state in the country selected, joins a first-class group of international destinations;

November

Gov. Justice announces over \$41.5 million in federal grant funding for several hazard mitigation projects to help protect communities across West Virginia from future disasters; the engineering class at Greenbrier East High School are the recipients of the Lemelson MIT InvenTeam grant for 2021/22; plans announced for a new recreational facility to be installed at Dick Gunnoe Memorial Park in White Sulphur Springs; Shepherd's Centers of America announces that Sally Lane with the Shepherd's Center of Greenbrier Valley has been nominated for the 2021 Donald Owen Smith National Volunteer Leadership Award; local veterans - 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 - were honored Nov. 11 with Quilts of Valor from the Alderson Quilt Guild; Lewisburg City Council motions to recommend a one

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PICK OF THE LITTER



JIMBO

Jimbo is an approximately three-year-old beagle mix and weighs 25 pounds.

CISCO

Cisco is an approximately year-and-a-half old mixed breed and weighs 50 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.

DON'T SHOP • ADOPT!

Justice announces program to improve education, retention, and recruitment of nurses

Gov. Justice announced that West Virginia will invest \$48 million in a new program to improve and expand nursing education, retention, and recruitment in the state.

"We have a shortage of nurses right now in West Virginia," Gov. Justice said. "Last year alone, 1,700 West Virginia nurses didn't renew their license, and 68% of them said the reason they didn't is because they were just plain tired.

"Our hospitals are overrun and understaffed," Gov. Justice continued. "That's why we need to start this program to aggressively recruit, staff, and train more and more nurses."

The initiative will tackle the recent nursing shortage on multiple fronts.

Education

The program will expand nursing programs and increase scholarship opportunities for both faculty and students at three West Virginia institutions - Concord University, Glenville State College, and BridgeValley Community and Technical College - while also continuing work to expand similar programs at other West Virginia institutions.

Retention

The program will also incentivize West Virginia's current workforce of nurses and evaluate scope of practice to alleviate burdens and provide new opportunities for skilled workers.

Recruitment

Additionally, the program will expand the nursing workforce by recruiting healthcare professionals from surrounding states and major metropolitan areas to work in West Virginia.

"Not only will this give us a boost in West Virginia, but it could very well set an example across our entire country," Gov. Justice said.

The Governor was joined for the announcement by Dr. Cynthia Persily of the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission, Glenville State College President Mark Manchin, Concord University President Kendra Boggess, and BridgeValley Community and Technical College President Casey Sacks.

"It's been especially visible and true over the last few years that nurses are the heart of our healthcare system. Their work and dedication are invaluable. The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the critical shortages of nurses that we have, both in West Virginia as well as across the nation," Dr. Persily said. "Governor, we would like to thank you for this remarkable investment. We are ready to get to work and we believe this is a tremendous way to strengthen our West Virginia nursing workforce for the future and to secure the health and well-being of all West Virginians."

"No words can adequately describe how I feel about today," President Manchin said. "We're excited about this opportunity, and I want to say 'thank you' to Governor Justice for taking this initiative. It's going to make a real difference."

"As we all continue to navigate the challenges of COVID-19, the demand for healthcare workers is greater than ever. Concord University is very grateful for the opportunity to serve the region and the state by establishing a nursing program," President Boggess said. "I cannot tell you how excited we all are. I want to thank you especially, Governor Justice, for making this happen."

"Thank you so much, Governor Justice. This is a really big deal for Bridge Valley. We thank you for selecting us," President Sacks said. "Our nursing faculty are absolutely some of the very best in the state, and we're all really excited to be able to expand the program and do more good work for the people of West Virginia. So we greatly appreciate your faith in us and we are excited to work with the state to be able to expand this important program."

"Is this not testimony to exactly what we ought to be doing?" Gov. Justice said. "Absolutely, we want to commit in this direction right here; to give our hospitals within this state the adequate staffing that they truly need."

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Briefly

American Heritage Music Hall, Inc.

located at 496 Island Park, Ronceverte, is open to the public, all welcome, handicap accessible. Listeners and tourists welcome. Admission \$7 Tuesday nights, \$10 Saturday - Audience provides food. Doors open at 7 p.m. Jam & Dance every Tuesday 7 to 10 p.m. Friday New Year's Eve Dance on Dec. 31 will also feature Ivan & the Outlaws from 7 to Midnight. 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

Williamsburg Community

Shooting Match

will start Saturday, Jan. 8, at 7 p.m., but food concessions will open at 6 p.m. The match will be eight rounds, 12-gauge guns only. Full choke, .660 inch minimum. Screw in chokes must be from a recognized supplier (patented) and extend no more than 3 inches beyond original barrel. Barrel length 34" maximum. First seven rounds are \$2 per shot, eighth round 50/50 is \$5 per shot. Shooters must compete in the first seven rounds in order to compete in the eighth round. 50/50 splatter match is \$1 per chance between rounds. Cash prizes will be awarded. You do not need to be a shooter to win! Come early! Come hungry! Delicious hot food and refreshments will be available starting at 6 p.m. Families welcome - you don't have to shoot to come get a meal. The match will be held at the Community Building on Sinking Creek Road next door to the fire department. We hope to see you all there. Proceeds will benefit Williamsburg Community service projects. These events are sponsored by a joint effort of the Williamsburg Community Action and the Williamsburg Ruritans. For more information and directions visit www.williamsburgwv.com.

100th Birthday Invitation

Clayton Tyree will celebrate his 100th birthday on Jan. 9, 2022! A birthday party in his honor will be held at the Dutch Haus Restaurant on Sunday, Jan. 9 from 1 to 4 p.m. All are welcome. No presents, please. In lieu of presents you may bring a donation or something the Animal Shelter can use.

Shepherd's Center plans meetings for January, February 2022

The Shepherd's Center of Greenbrier Valley is excited to announce that there will be several opportunities for virtual and in person meetings for the months of January and February. Events will include virtual Coffee Talk on Jan. 6, at 10 a.m. via Zoom, Book Group on Jan. 13, at 10 a.m. at the Lewisburg United Methodist Church Asbury Room, virtual Coffee Talk on Feb. 3, at 10 a.m. via Zoom, Book Group on Feb. 10, at 10 a.m. at the Lewisburg United Methodist Church Asbury Room, and a Lunch and Learn on Feb. 17, at 11:30 a.m. at the Lewisburg United Methodist Church. For the virtual events, zoom links will be sent out via email and through the Shepherd's Center Facebook page. If you are interested in participating in the virtual or in person events, please contact our office at 304-645-4196 for more information.

Addiction Screenings available

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

Public Meetings

Gbr. Co. Farmland Protection Board

will meet Thursday, Dec. 9 at 10:30 a.m. at 804 Industrial Drive, Suite 5, in Maxwelton. The public is invited to attend. Call 304-520-3221 for more information.

Rainelle Town Council

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

Historic Landmarks Commission

will meet Monday, January 10, at 5 p.m. at Lewisburg City Hall, 942 Washington Street West. Also available via Teleconference. For Information on how to participate on ZOOM call 304-645-2080 on Monday, Jan. 10, by 4 p.m. On the agenda:

- Approval of Minutes - Dec. 13, 2021
- Comments from the public
- Seldomridge & Shafer CPAS PLLC, 703 Jefferson Street South - 37x71 sign. Colors burgundy and black, installed on existing brick columns.
- Donna Toney/Catherine Kuleish, 937 Washington Street West, Cat & Kates Boutique - Paint exterior door pink and add door sign.
- Russ Higginbotham, 1018 Washington Street - replace nine (9) second story windows with Pella Reserve Traditional Series.
- Melanie Cibrowski, 1102 Washington Street - sign for Mountain Momma Consignment Shop.
- Kevin Workman, 1146 Washington Street East - sign
- Don Joint, 221 Austin Street - room addition.
- Comments from the Commissioners
- Comments from Planning and Zoning Officer

The Next scheduled meeting of the Lewisburg Historic Commission will be Monday, Feb. 14 with a deadline of Thursday, Jan. 27.

Greenbrier County Magistrate Court Convictions

George H. Mentz, White Sulphur Springs, speeding, GP, fine \$12

Kevin Wayne Davis, Lewisburg, reckless driving, NCP, fine \$50, jail 90 days - suspended and placed on 12 months of unsupervised probation

Christopher Lee Drennen, Caldwell, driving revoked for DUI, NCP, fine \$100, jail 30 days to be served on Greenbrier County Home Confinement

Laken Lewis Waid, Rainelle, domestic battery, GP, fine \$100, jail 30 days - time served

Tony Dehaven Baxter, Lewisburg, hunting deer 1/2 hour after dark, NCP, fine \$25

Summer Brooks Martin, Lewisburg, leash law violation, NCP, fine \$20

Patrick Hunter Hall, White Sulphur Springs, domestic battery, NCP, jail 90 days with 64 days credit - remainder suspended and placed on 12 months unsupervised probation

Josue David Mendez, Lewisburg, no operators, GP, fine \$50

Stefan M. Johnson, Canton, OH, speeding, NCP, fine \$5

Michah R. Gwinn, Meadow Bridge, speeding, GP, fine \$10

Stephen Allen Hefner, Marlinton, possession of controlled substance without a prescription, GP, fine \$200

Gail Linette McClung, Charmco, GP, speeding, fine \$26

Justin Johnathan Utberg, Rainelle, driving a vehicle while impaired, NCP, fine \$100, jail 90 days to be served on Home Confinement

Brandon Terrence Groce, Columbus, OH, speeding, GP, fine \$6

Jedediah Seth Turner, Lewisburg, destruction of property, NCP, fine \$100

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percent sales tax for "mainly retail" transactions within Lewisburg city limits with the funds will going directly to city maintenance, improvements, and daily operations;

December

The Annual Christmas Parade in Alderson is held on Dec. 3; Ronceverte revives a winter tradition with the Snow Queen Pageant will be held for the first time in 29 years; Late for the Sky's newest custom board game, "Lewisburg-opoly," is released; Santa's Mailbox and the lighted Christmas tree return to Green Space in downtown Lewisburg; as a result of the state legislature's redistricting of the house and senatorial maps earlier this year, Greenbrier County Clerk Robin Loudermilk spends a considerable amount of time redrawing the magisterial districts and voting precincts; Greenbrier County Commissioner Mike McClung pleads not guilty to three misdemeanor charges during a Raleigh County Circuit Court hearing; McClung was charged with unauthorized access to computer services, unauthorized possession of computer data, and unauthorized possession of computer information stemming from an incident that occurred at the Greenbrier Valley Airport on Aug. 23, 2019; Barry Bruce, one of our two House of Delegates representatives for the 42nd district, announces that effective Dec. 3, 2021 he will resign his seat in the House, citing health issues that require a knee replacement and back surgery; Democrat State Senator and State Senate Minority Leader Stephen Baldwin announces he will seek re-election to the newly drafted District 10 that now includes Nicholas County; West-Virginia native Liza Jonathan's three-book romance series set in Lewisburg are ranked by Amazon as #1 in Paranormal Romance, #7 in Contemporary Romance, and #7 in Genre Fiction; for the first time in the history of the fundraiser, the Lewisburg Lions Club could not sell Christmas trees to the public this year due to recent droughts that decreased the Christmas tree supply; lifestyle magazine Garden and Gun announces that the Appalachian Beekeeping Collective's Black Locust Honey won the top prize in the "Made in the South" category for their 2020 food awards; Ronceverte Tradition, the Ronceverte Volunteer Fire Department holds the annual Christmas Stocking Give-away on Dec. 24 at Island Park; Cat & Kate Boutique is newest addition to the downtown shopping district; at the Dec. 21 Lewisburg City Council meeting, Planning and Zoning Officer Marsha Cunningham announces that Starbucks is coming to the Greenbrier Valley; "Best of West Virginia" awards are announced by West Virginia Living Magazine. Their annual contest includes several first place awards for the Greenbrier Valley, including: Best Antique/Vintage Store: 1st Place - The Alderson Store, 2nd Place - Patina; Best Downtown: 1st Place - Lewisburg, Most Inclusive Town: 1st Place - Lewisburg, Best Golf Course: 1st Place - The Greenbrier, Best Spa: 1st Place - The Salt Cave and Spa, Best Unique Tourist Attraction: 1st Place - Lost World Caverns, Best Fair/Festival/Event: 1st Place - The West Virginia State Fair Best Cidery: 1st Place - Hawk's Knob, Best Brunch: 1st Place - The French Goat, Best Fine Dining: 1st Place - The French Goat, Best Bank: 1st Place - Bank of Monroe, and Best Real Estate Agency: 1st Place - Greenbrier Real Estate Services; the annual Shanghai Parade, scheduled for New Year's Day every year, is canceled due to concerns over rising Covid case numbers; Gov. Jim Justice appoints Michael Honaker of Lewisburg to the WV House of Delegates, representing the 42nd District which covers parts of Greenbrier, Summers, and Monroe counties. Honaker fills the vacancy created by the resignation of Barry Bruce earlier this month and will serve the remainder of the unexpired term.

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Supreme Court welcomes Intermediate Court of Appeals appointees

Supreme Court Justices welcomed attorneys from Huntington, Charleston and Wheeling into the West Virginia Judiciary this week after Governor Jim Justice appointed them to the new Intermediate Court of Appeals. They will take office sometime between May 1, 2022 and the Court's opening on July 1, 2022.

"The Supreme Court welcomes Governor Justices' appointments to the new Intermediate Court of Appeals and congratulates each of these well-qualified individuals on being selected. We are committed to working together to improve our justice system," said Chief Justice Evan Jenkins.

The Judicial Vacancy Advisory Committee recommended three people for each term last week. Governor Justice appointed Huntington attorney Thomas E. Scarr to a term ending Dec. 31, 2024; Charleston attorney Daniel W. Greear to a term ending Dec. 31, 2026; and Wheeling attorney Donald A. Nickerson, Jr., to a term ending Dec. 31, 2028.

Mr. Scarr is president of the West Virginia State Bar and has specialized in civil litigation, labor and employment law, and white-collar criminal defense at Jenkins Fenstermaker, PLLC. He has a bachelor's degree from the University of Virginia and a law degree from the Marshall-Wythe School of Law at the College of William and Mary.

Mr. Greear served as chief of staff for the House of Delegates in 2014, then was appointed to serve as an interim Kanawha circuit judge in 2018 before returning to the House of Delegates as chief counsel later that year. He is a former member of the House of Delegates. He has a bachelor's degree from Liberty University and a law degree from the West Virginia University College of Law.

Mr. Nickerson specializes in assisting business clients, residential and commercial real estate transactions, and trust and estate planning and administration. He is a current Ohio County commissioner, a former Wheeling Municipal Court judge and fiduciary commissioner. He has a bachelor's degree from West Liberty University and a law degree from Capital University.

The appointees must be confirmed by the West Virginia Senate during the 2022 regular session. After the initial appointees' terms end, Intermediate Court of Appeals judges will be elected in nonpartisan races to 10-year terms.

Justice John Hutchison, who will become Chief Jus-

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For the Record

Deeds

Bennett Trust 1 to Everette Wright and Betty Lou Foster, 0.44 acres, Monroe Draft School Site, Irish Corner District

Gary M. McComas to Anna Nicole Brown and Michael Shae Brown, Lot No. 3, Seneca Heights Addition, Lewisburg Municipality

Bruce Properties, LLC., to Charles A. Donelan, III, Lot No. 8, Ghent Addition, White Sulphur District

Dannie Lee Huffman to Lester Ray Huffman and Lauren K. Huffman, 2.00 acres, Lewisburg District

Janet L. Cline to Lindsey Gindoff and Joshua Brownell, 20 acres, Falling Springs District

Kimberly Adams to Rose Dean, Lot No. 32, Quinwood Heights Addition No. 2, Quinwood Municipality

Correction

In the Dec. 25, 2021 edition of the *Mountain Messenger*, within the "Greenbrier Valley nabs several wins in 'Best of West Virginia' Contest" article, Alderson's Store was unintentionally omitted from being listed as the First Place Winner of the Best Antique/Vintage Store category, and Patina was marked as a Third Place Winner instead of Second Place Winner in the same category. We apologize for any inconvenience or confusion this may have caused.

OPINION

Nature's Way

By Karen Cohen

Master Gardener/Photojournalist/Artist

The Best Teacher

Many people say the best way to learn is from direct experience. You've probably heard about visual or auditory learners. How about tactile learners or kinesthetic learners, folks who learn best by engaging in an activity? What kind of learner are you? Do you have to reread sentences to comprehend and memorize what you read? Research says 65% of people are visual learners. Do you prefer to listen to instructions out loud and go forward that way? 30% of people are considered auditory learners. These are the folks who can sometimes repeat what you just said word for word. 5% of humans are kinesthetic learners who find lectures boring and reading very draining. They learn and memorize from experiencing activities for themselves.

How does this relate to gardening? Reading gardening books, watching videos online about growing food, or listening to lectures are all useful ways to pick up tips and good information but with growing, I believe that actually doing it is how we learn best.

Here's an example. My uncle enjoyed growing vegetables in his backyard garden year after year. He tested his soil annually and added the recommended fertilizers when needed. Following directions on seed packets is important for knowing when to start your seeds and how much sunlight they require, etc. His garden was well tended, weeded daily, and he watered by hand about one inch per week, the stated requirement for maximum growth. His hard work paid off in a productive garden.

Then new folks moved in next door to him. They neglected their backyard garden filled with weeds. They were inspired by his garden but had no intention of putting in that amount of work. So, they bought tomato plants at the local nursery and plopped them in the ground amidst all the weeds and dead leaves. Then they forgot all about them. Late summer, my friend would watch them bringing in baskets of large ripened tomatoes into the house. He could only scratch his head in dismay and wonder how they did it.

1. First year gardens, in my experience, are always pumping if you have decent soil that isn't compacted. Plenty of nutrients from dead leaves and weeds have decomposed, feeding the soil without any help from chemicals or additives.

2. When you cultivate your garden soil by hand or with a hoe you stir up new seeds that have been dormant, exposing them to sunlight and they germinate.

3. Pulling weeds at the wrong time of the year will release the seeds that have been stored for future growth and those drop down into the dirt and grow.


4. Bare soil invites trouble so keeping your beds free of anything natural is not a good idea. The soil becomes dry and cracked from lack of moisture. Top soil gets washed away easily. Instead sprinkle chopped fall leaves, homemade compost, even smashed eggs shells around your plants to keep the soil moist for worms.

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Justice on January 1, said, "I look forward to working closely with each of the new judges as we set up the operations of West Virginia's first Intermediate Court of Appeals."

Justice Beth Walker said, "The Intermediate Court of Appeals is a historic addition to the West Virginia Judiciary, and I congratulate the new judges appointed today. We are all committed to making sure this new court,



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Bare soil is an easy target for birds to drop seeds (in their poop), and you may find plants growing that you never saw in your life!

5. Weeds can be beneficial. How so? I leave a row of weeds around my garden which will attract destructive insects and give them something to munch on besides my precious veggies. I make sure that I don't allow the weeds to go to seed and pull them out before they do. I lay them down in my garden aisles to dry out so they can break down over the season.

6. Rocks in your head are considered bad BUT in your garden they add small traces of valuable minerals into the soil.

All the books or lectures or videos in the world cannot give you the experience and JOY of growing anything from a seed with your own hands. Seeing with your own eyes and tasting the results of your efforts confirm that you learn from the very act of planting a seed and watching it grow. As Albert Einstein once said, "The only source of knowledge is experience."

(Karen Cohen is a Master Gardener, organic grower, photojournalist, DJ and explorer. Email your tips and comments to: natureswaykaren@gmail.com)

Commentary

Guest editorial by Chief Justice Evan Jenkins

As my year as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia ends, I thank those who contributed to the state court system's progress in 2021. I would also like to highlight the ways in which access and service were improved for all who are served by the courts and the judicial system.

The West Virginia Constitution mandates that "the courts of this State shall be open" and that "justice shall be administered without . . . delay." When COVID-19 became a pandemic in 2020, simply shutting our doors was not an option. In 2021, we continued to operate courts virtually but increasingly moved to in-person hearings as the year progressed. Our employees worked tirelessly to keep courts open. During the summer of 2021, I personally visited every county courthouse on behalf of the Supreme Court to thank our 1,500 employees and to let them know how much their work is appreciated.

As promised, we ensured this work was accomplished in a fiscally responsible manner. Our judicial branch budget request for the 2021-22 fiscal year was \$139,400,000. That was more than \$2 million less than the budget for fiscal year 2017 and less than 3 percent of total state general revenue. Spending remains on track with our estimate for the first six months of the fiscal year.

In 2021, the Legislature enacted a law establishing an Intermediate Court of Appeals. The Justices and staff spent much of the year developing the new court's procedures and rules, as well as determining its staffing, facility, and technology needs. That preparation will continue with the assistance of the three intermediate court judges that Governor Jim Justice appointed earlier this week: Thomas Scarr, Daniel Greear, and Donald Nickerson Jr.

In May, the Supreme Court announced the addition of a civility pledge to the oath lawyers take when they are admitted to the practice of law. West Virginians are known for our friendliness, but the Court wanted to ensure that judges and attorneys remain civil even when divisive matters are decided in our courts. Legal professionals are leaders in our communities, and we should be models of appropriate behavior.

In November, the Justices and other court personnel gathered again to proclaim November Juror Appreciation Month in West Virginia and to announce the release of a new jury orientation video and updated juror handbook, both of which are available on the West Virginia Judiciary website: <http://www.courtswv.gov/public-resources/jury-information.html>. Citizens in a civil society have two duties: to vote and to serve on a jury when called. As a court system, it is important that we take time to thank those who serve.

Service is a theme of the judicial system's work. The importance of providing access to victims seeking protection was magnified during the pandemic. In response to concerns, in August 2021, the Supreme Court launched a pilot project to allow victims to file petitions for domestic violence protective orders and personal safety orders without going to a courthouse. Victims can also attend follow-up hearings virtually from specific advocacy offices, so they do not have to be in the same room with their alleged assailants. The system is now operational in Cabell, Jefferson, Kanawha, and Ohio Counties, and it is expected to expand in 2022.

Family Treatment Courts marked their two-year anniversary in October 2021 and are serving participants in 11 counties. West Virginia also has 29 Adult Drug Courts covering 46 counties and 17 Juvenile Drug Courts covering 18 counties. Nine counties have Veterans Treatment Courts within their Adult Drug Courts.

Another notable anniversary is that the Juvenile Justice Commission celebrated its tenth year. The commission was created out of tragedy and its initial purpose was to examine the Division of Juvenile Services' operations and programs. The commission now reviews facilities and programs operated or contracted by the Bureau of Juvenile Services and the Department of Health and Human Resources, looking for strengths, challenges, and gaps in West Virginia's juvenile justice processes. As the commission enters its second decade, it will continue to help West Virginia's children succeed.

It has been a unique honor and privilege to serve as Chief Justice in 2021. I know incoming Chief Justice John Hutchison shares that sentiment. We, along with Justices Beth Walker, Tim Armstead, and Bill Wooton will continue to work to move the state's justice system forward.

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up at the end of the year in order to qualify for CARES Act Reimbursement funds, including new storage constructed at Hollowell Park and new lights at the skate park that are now in use.

She noted that the exterior renovations to the outside of City Hall are also coming to a close. The project appears to be coming in under budget, and the city hopes that remaining funds from this project can be used to renovate the two bathrooms at Dorie Miller Park.

Hill also said that there are new cameras installed outside of City Hall which record the main intersection downtown, the main sidewalk, the front and back of City Hill, and the Green Space. Lewisburg Police Chief Teubert said that the cameras on the intersection are especially "invaluable" when it comes to accidents and pedestrian safety downtown.

In other news:
 • Sam Argabright and Jamie Crosier were renamed to the Board of Zoning Appeals in a unanimous vote.
 • Ryan King was named to the Parks Commission for a six-year-term in a unanimous vote. King is also the new Ascend West Virginia representative for Lewisburg.

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CLUB & CHURCH

Glad tidings of Christmas with the Williamsburg CEOs



The Williamsburg CEOs Club brought "glad tidings of Christmas" to each other while enjoying lunch at the Dutch Haus in Lewisburg. The day's events were planned and carried out by club member Linda Spencer. Everyone enjoyed the gift drawing and Christmas treats.

Williamsburg CEOs - Seated: Laura Rose (left), Blanche Knicely, Virginia Hanna, Laura and Jerry Sevy of the RSVP; Standing: Linda Spencer (left), Cassandria Perkins, Barbara Deeds, Patty Post, Burl Post, Loretta Shirley and LauraAnn Tiller.

Ruritan of the Year named

Recently, the Maxwellton Ruritan Club presented member Brenda Wallace with the 2021 Maxwellton Ruritan of the Year.

Brenda has been an active member of the Maxwellton Ruritan Club since 2017 and contributes many hours to help make the club's ice cream concession stand at the State Fair of WV a success. She also volunteers with Operation Christmas Child overseeing the drop-off location at the State Fairgrounds. Brenda is active in her church teaching bible studies and volunteers with the Senior Adult Ministries. Brenda loves her community and is always looking for ways to help improve it. The club congratulates Brenda on this honor and achievement.

The Maxwellton Ruritan Club is civic organization



Brenda Wallace (left) and Maxwellton Ruritan Club President Gary Wallace

that has been serving the local area since 1953. The members operate an ice cream concession stand at the State Fair of WV and all proceeds benefit the local community including donations to local organi-

zations and provide two scholarships to area high school seniors. We strive to make our area a better place to live, work and raise a family. The club meets the fourth Thursday of each month at the Henning Church of God on

Vago Road.

If you would like to attend an upcoming meeting, please email ldbowman84@hotmail.com. We would love to meet you and tell you about Ruritan. You can also follow us on Facebook.

Dr. David R. Perkins Scholarship endowed through NRCTC Foundation

The New River Community and Technical College Foundation is pleased to announce that the Dr. David R. Perkins Scholarship has been endowed. The scholarship will benefit New River CTC students.

Perkins was the first president of New River CTC and an advocate for establishing a statewide community and technical college system in West Virginia.

"Dr. Perkins contributed to the creation and vision of New River CTC, and we're pleased that his legacy will continue to serve our communities by helping New River CTC students achieve their goals," said Executive Director for Institutional Advancement and the New River CTC Foundation Michael Green.

New River CTC and the New River CTC Foundation recognized Perkins in a dedication

ceremony at the Greenbrier County Campus in Lewisburg on Dec. 14, 2021.

Perkins was an educator for 45 years beginning as a teacher in the Greenbrier County school system and ending his full-time career as the first president of New River CTC in 2004. He is a graduate of West Virginia Wesleyan College, where he earned a B.A. in history. He received his M.A. in history from Marshall University and his doctorate in education, with a specialization in community college education, from Virginia Tech. He completed additional graduate level courses in history, education and research at West Virginia University.

The New River CTC Foundation awards more than \$125,000 in student scholarships each year. For more information, contact 304-929-6734 or visit www.nrctcf.org.

New grant program aims to save and preserve historic buildings in WV

The Preservation Alliance of West Virginia - the statewide nonprofit organization dedicated to historic preservation in the Mountain State - recently announced it is accepting grant applications for its Saving Historic Places Grant. The purpose of the Saving Historic Places grant program is to save certified historic buildings in rural communities from demolition by neglect. Funding will be provided for building emergencies, building stabilization, and pre-development costs.

"The Alliance created the Saving Historic Places Grant Program in 2019, to provide funding to help communities save the places that matter most to them," explained Danielle Parker, executive director for the Alliance. Parker confirmed that earlier in 2021, the Alliance received a Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Grant from the National Park Service, Department of the Interior to expand this program and has approximately \$485,000 to award in grants for this application period. Complete grant applications are due Mar. 18, 2022.

To qualify for this grant, buildings must either be individually listed in the National Register of Historic Places or listed as a contributing building in a historic district on the National Register of Historic Places. "Eligible applicants for this program include just about everyone from business owners to nonprofit organizations and municipalities," explained Parker. Eligible costs should focus on stabilizing the building to prevent further degradation and can include but are not limited to roof replacement, masonry repointing, foundation treatment, and window rehabilitation. To review the full guidelines for the Saving Historic Places Grant and to download an application form, visit <https://www.pawv.org>. Call 304-345-6005 if you have trouble accessing this information on the website.

The objective of the Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization grant program is to support the rehabilitation of historic properties at the National, State, and local level of significance in order to rehabilitate, protect, and foster economic development in rural communities (less than 50,000 population) through subgrants which come from States, Tribes, Certified Local Governments, and non-profits able to support a competitive subgrant program. This program will fund preservation projects for historic sites to include architectural/engineering services (not to exceed 20% of the grant award) and physical preservation.

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OBITUARIES

Armilda Jean Coleman



White Sulphur Springs—Armilda Jean Coleman, 84, passed away on Sunday, Dec. 26, 2021 at Peyton Hospice House in Fairlea, WV, surrounded by loving family.

She was born Aug. 17, 1937 in White Sulphur Springs, the daughter of the late Alfred Craft and Isabell Terry.

Armilda attended Mount Pleasant Community Church in Sinks Grove.

Armilda retired from The Greenbrier Hotel Resort with many years of service.

Other than her parents she was preceded in death by her two brothers, Tommy and Ralph Craft; her son-in-law, Marvin Snedegar; and her grandson, Jason Snedegar.

Armilda's survivors are her loving husband of 68 years, Donald Coleman of White Sulphur Springs; two daughters, Alydia Snedegar of Union, and Cindy Hylton (James) of Sinks Grove. She is also survived by one brother, Alfred Craft (Ruth) of Greenville, TN; three grandchildren, Nicholas Fogus, Jeremy Hylton and Isabella Hylton; two great-grandchildren, Jaedin Coleman and Nevaeh Coleman; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Armilda were held on Thursday, Dec. 30, at Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in White Sulphur Springs, where Pastor Gene Sizemore officiated.

Interment followed in the New Lebanon Cemetery in Pickaway, WV.

The family received their family and friends at the funeral home on Thursday before the service.

The family wants to thank Dr. Debra Sams and her staff and also the staff at Peyton Hospice House in Fairlea for their love and support during these difficult times.

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

Please send online condolences by visiting www.WallaceandWallaceFH.com

Bernard W. Shifflett



Lewisburg—Bernard W. "Jim" Shifflett, 95, passed away Monday, Dec. 13, 2021 at Beckley VA Medical Center.

He was born Feb. 9, 1926 at Cass, a son of the late Jesse Warren Shifflett and Mary Ellen Hamrick Shifflett.

Jim was a retired time study engineer with B.F. Goodrich, was of the Methodist Faith, was a member of Lewisburg Masonic Lodge where he received his 50 year pin and was a WWII US-

CG-Merchant Marine veteran.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Ruth Hill Shifflett; a still born daughter, Elaine Shifflett; two sisters, Susan Nadine Haislip and Mary Imogene Minnix and two brothers, Jesse Warren Shifflett, Jr. and Donald Wilmont Shifflett.

Survivors include a son, Bernard W. Shifflett of Salisbury, MD and two grandchildren, Matthew Shifflett and Sarah Shifflett.

In keeping with Jim's wishes, he will be cremated and a graveside service will be held in the spring at Rosewood Cemetery in Lewisburg.

In lieu of flowers, donations of sympathy may be made to the Alzheimer's Association in memory of Jim and Ruth Shifflett.

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

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Hilda Jean White



Organ Cave—Hilda Jean White, 73, passed away on Christmas, Saturday, Dec. 25, 2021 at her home surrounded by her loving family.

She was born Apr. 13, 1948 in Sinks Grove, the daughter of the late Warren and Danese Elmore Saunders.

Hilda was a lifelong member of Elizabeth Chapel United Methodist Church and had retired from Valley Medical.

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

Hilda's survivors include her husband of 54 years, Richard White; daughter, Katie (Richie) Evans of Ronceverte; son, Richard Scott (Debbie) White of Ronceverte; grandchildren, Carrie (David) Kirby, Kacie (Cameron) Reed, Sam (Morgan) White and Dusty White; great-grandchildren, Mason, Ethan, Garrison, Andrew, Adrianna, Tucker, Jake and honorary great-grandchild, Emerson Lanie; sisters, Sandy (Darrel) White, Corky Hunter, Libby (Steve) O'Neil, Cathy (Steve) Queen and Jennifer Saunders.

Funeral services for Hilda were held Thursday, Dec. 30, at the Elizabeth Chapel United Methodist Church, Organ Cave, where Rev. Sharon Howard officiated. Interment followed in the Church Cemetery.

The family received their family and friends on Wednesday evening, Dec. 29, at Elizabeth Chapel United Methodist Church.

Hilda's pallbearers were: David Kirby, Cameron Reed, Richie Evans, Samuel White, Dusty White and Roger Trent.

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Johnson Tobias Bell



Lewisburg—Johnson Tobias "Tobie" Bell, 72, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 22, 2021 at his home following a long battle with cancer.

He was born May 6, 1949, the son of the late Havelin B. Bell and Lucille V. Perry.

Tobie grew up in Frankford and graduated from the 1967 Class of Frankford High School.

He raised his family as co-owner of Bell-Ho Dairy Farm and loved telling stories of his farming days, particularly of his beloved horse, Kitty Clyde. Later in life, Tobie became a road construction superintendent for Vecellio & Grogan. One of his many accomplishments was developing Route 19 through Summersville as a scenic highway with his innovative benchmark cuts into sides of the mountain. Tobie was an avid Mountaineer fan and passed on this love to all four of his children. He was a great dancer and liked to cut a rug whenever the music moved him. Finally, Tobie loved playing card games, especially Setback with his family all gathered around the table.

In addition to his parents, Tobie was preceded in death by his sister, Cuba Jean Douglas and by his sister, Cathy L. Bell.

Survivors include his loving partner, Bonnie M. Walton; his sister, Janice K. Johnson (Archie); Lucy C. Bell, the mother of his four children, Laura J. Bell-Elmore (Greg), Michael S. Bell (Andrea), Mary K. "Katie" Long and John J. "Jared" Bell (Amanda); his nephew, Timothy "Tim" E. Johnson; his niece, Lucinda "Cindy" J. Cross; and his seven grandchildren. Tobie also leaves behind his long-time friends, Sherrie and Houston Mullins; and his beloved dog, Frankie.

His dying wish was to be buried in a coffin that was beautifully crafted by his sons, Michael and Jared Bell. The family would like to thank the upholsterer, Kenny Miller for his work on the casket. They would also like to say a special thank you to Nikki Painter White and the Peyton Hospice House for making his transition comfortable and peaceful.

Funeral services will be held Friday, Dec. 31, at 12 noon at Henning Church of God with Pastor Rick Hefner officiating.

Burial will follow in Greenbrier Memorial Gardens in Lewisburg.

The family will receive friends at the church one hour prior to the service.

Active pallbearers are: Jared Bell, Michael Bell, James Keys and Kevin Mullins. Honorary pallbearers are: Peyton Long, Archie Johnson, Tim Johnson and Houston Mullins.

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

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dolences by visiting www.WallaceandWallaceFH.com

Lynn Falls Geiger



Ronceverte—Lynn "Boots" Falls Geiger, 80, passed away Sunday, Dec. 26, 2021 at Greenbrier Valley Medical Center.

She was the second oldest of 11 children born of the union of Harry Franklin and Dora Jeanetta Roach Falls.

Boots had the heart of a warrior, overcoming many challenges, she never gave up. She loved her children and put them first in her life. She will be missed. Thank you, Aunt Katie, for always being the last voice she heard every evening.

She was a member of Ronceverte Christian Church and was a beautician for over 25 years and enjoyed every minute of it.

Boots was preceded in death by her husband, Chester "Tom" Geiger; a son, Raymond Allen Geiger; grandson, Thommy Geiger II; sisters, Shelvie Jean Wicks and Mary Alice Norris and her husband Les Norris; brother, Sydney Earl Dozier; brother-in-law, Jesse Hylton; sister-in-law, Delores; and a niece, Amber Falls.

Surviving are her loving children, Deborah Ann Geiger of Oak Hill, Margie Mae Geiger of Meadow Bridge and Dora Dee Richmond (Eddie) of Meadow Bridge; son, Thomas Eugene Geiger of Alderson; grandchildren, Kyle Geiger (Crystal Foster), Jeremy Allen Geiger, Travis Richmond (Keshia) and Courtney Richmond (Bill); great-grandchildren, Journey Gipson, Cole Groves, Kera Geiger, Aiden Geiger and Isaac Foster; sisters, Kathleen Hylton of Ronceverte, Dorothy Jean Hylton (Duke) of Sinks Grove, and Ginger Blackburn of Lewisburg; brothers, Thomas Harry Falls (Tottie) of Lewisburg, Alfred Falls of Fayetteville, Billy Ray Falls (Betsy) of Ronceverte and Norman Ray Falls of Ronceverte; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Mrs. Geiger were held on Thursday, Dec. 30, at Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Lewisburg where Pastor Clifford Stone officiated.

Interment followed in the Fairview Cemetery in Nettie.

The family received their family and friends Wednesday evening at the funeral home.

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

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Laurence K. Musselman



Renick—Laurence K. "Larry" Musselman, 91, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 26, 2021 at his home in Renick.

He was born June 11, 1930 at Zanesville, Ohio. He was a retired medical doctor having practiced at Marion General Hospital, was in private practice in Psychiatry at Blackford Mental Health Center.

Larry was a faithful member of the Church of Mary Immaculate Catholic Church in Williamsburg, WV, was a Third Degree member of the Knights of Columbus, White Sulphur Springs, was a member of Physicians without Borders, and was a Captain in the U.S. Army. He loved working with his hands, especially working on vehicles, and also loved photography.

He is survived by his loving wife of 65 years, Frances A. Paulin Musselman; a daughter, Mary Lou Musselman of Milwaukee, WI; two sons, Philip Musselman of Noblesville, IN and Paul Musselman and wife Merly of Monterey Park, CA; a daughter-in-law, Sally Musselman of Indiana; three grandchildren, Seann, Isaiah, and Melissa, and a great-granddaughter, Maddie.

Funeral mass will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 3, at the Church of Mary Immaculate Catholic Church in Williamsburg, WV, with Father Jim Conyers officiating.

Interment will follow in the Catholic Church Cemetery at Williamsburg.

Family and friends will be received one hour prior to the service at the church on Monday.

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

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Teresa Michelle Bennett



Teresa Michelle Bennett, 60, was a loving daughter, mother, and grandmother. She left us on Dec. 18, 2021 after an extended battle with cancer.

Teresa was born on May 13, 1961 to Edwin and Hilda Foster Bennett of White Sulphur Springs.

She graduated from Greenbrier East High School with a Scholarship

in basketball to Concord College in Athens, WV. Teresa continued to play basketball and graduated with a BS degree in education, which, coupled with her innate kindness and selflessness, allowed her to help countless children for the next 40 years. She was known for her coaching young boys and girls in the Ronceverte Junior League Basketball program, preparing many to excel in high school sports and on to college. Always the biggest advocate for the underdog, Teresa was drawn to the at-risk and special needs among us, aiding those who needed it the most with the greatest fervor.

She was preceded in death by her father, Edwin Bennett and ex-husband (but still constant companion), Milton Dean Serreno.

She is survived by her mother, Hilda Bennett; children Ashley Vallandingham, Amanda Serreno, Austin Serreno, and Adam Smith; grandchildren Tyler Meadows, Rei Vejnoka, and Camden Smith; brothers Randy Bennett and Tim Bennett; as well as many beloved nieces, nephews, and cousins.

As a mother and friend, Teresa was always the first to congratulate or to console. Her enormous heart preceded her everywhere she went, and allowed her to make effortless friends, whether it was a smoke with strangers outside an event... or talking her way out of eating somebody's food off their plate whom she thought had abandoned it.

Always the individual, Teresa was a gallery of nail art, a curator of unique clothing, and at the bleeding edge of extremely curly hairstyles. When the SVELTE license plate pulled up to your home, you were in for a great conversation, a strong hug, and a movie night where she might ask questions about fundamental aspects of the movie that had been clearly established in the first few minutes.

While Teresa was a wonderful friend and supporter, she truly excelled as a grandmother. She had a gift for kindling the imagination and burning brightly through craft projects - and taking off just before those projects had to be cleaned up. Her big heart overflowed for her grandchildren, and NanNan leaves a gap that will be impossible to fill.

Teresa was employed by the U. S. Census Bureau as a field supervisor, WVSOM as a curriculum planner and recently at Davis Stuart School for trouble teenagers.

Teresa did not want a formal funeral. A celebration of her life will be held around the time of her birthday in May.

In lieu of flowers, please consider continuing Teresa's work by donate to The Miracle Project. The Miracle Project provides fully inclusive theater, film, social skills, and expressive arts programs for individuals with autism and all abilities. <http://themiracleproject.org/donate/>

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Patty Sue Trentzsch Alderson-Patty Sue

Trentzsch, 57, passed away Sunday, Dec. 26, 2021, at her home.

Born Sept. 28, 1964, in Alexandria, VA, she was the daughter of the late Herbert Ray, Sr. and Shirley Lewis McMillion.

Patty worked for The Greenbrier as a housekeeper.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two sisters, Barbara Walton and Debbie Whanger and a brother, Junior McMillion.

Survivors include her husband, Barry Trentzsch Sr.; sons, Chris McCoy of Renick, Wesley Hanley of Danville, Barry Trentzsch Jr. (Ashley) of Ronceverte, and Douglas Trentzsch of Alderson; daughters, Violet Hanley of Covington, VA, and stepdaughter, Tiffany DeLauder of Lincoln, DE; brothers, Hobert McMillion (Ethel) of Lancaster, PA, and Tom McMillion (Carol) of Renick; sister, Helen Melendez (Polo) of Milton, DE; seven grandchildren, several nieces, and nephews.

Funeral service was held on Thursday, Dec. 30, at the Morgan Funeral Home Chapel, Lewisburg, where Pastor Wesley Bashlor officiated. Burial followed in the Morning-side Cemetery, Renick.

Visitation was Wednesday evening, Dec. 29, at

the funeral home.

Online guestbook may be signed at www.morganfh.net

Samuella Labelle Shawver Lewis



Alderson-Samuella Labelle Shawver Lewis, 91, formerly of Alderson, passed away on Saturday, Dec. 25, 2021 at her home in White Sulphur Springs, following a short illness.

Born Nov. 16, 1930 in Rainelle, she was the daughter of the late Alva "Red" Shawver and the late Hazel Rider Shawver.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Hobert Lewis; one daughter, Drema Kay Lewis; one son, Gary Reese Lewis; and two brothers, Richard Shawver and William Shawver.

Mrs. Lewis was a retired bookkeeper having retired from Greenbrier Valley National Bank in Alderson after 25 plus years of service. She was a 1948 graduate of Nuttall High School, Lookout, WV, where she loved to sing and was a member of the

All State Choir. Mrs. Lewis attended the Johnson Memorial United Methodist Church in Alderson and was a member of the Alderson Chapter No. 119 Order of the Eastern Star. She enjoyed painting and loved to write short stories and poetry. Mrs. Lewis loved to spend time with her family, especially her sister Nancy. Where you saw one, you always saw the other.

Survivors include four children, Craig Lewis and wife Brenda Lewis of Alderson, Dinah Lewis King and husband Elvis "Buddy" King of Dallas, GA, Mark Lewis and wife Carolyn Lewis of Forest Hill, WV, and Lisa Lewis Stacy and husband William "Bill" Stacy of White Sulphur Springs; one brother, Keith Shawver of Morganton, NC; one sister, Nancy Shawver of Fairlea; three granddaughters, Jennifer King Welton, Sarah Stacy, and Jennifer Stacy Taylor; three grandsons, Jason King, Adam Lewis, and Luke Stacy; 10 great-grandchildren; special friend and caregiver, Becky Navarro of Narrows, VA; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Graveside services and burial were held on Thursday, Dec. 30, at the Alderson Cemetery in Alderson, where the Rev. Sam Groves officiated.

Family and friends served as pallbearers.

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

Arrangements by Lobban Funeral Home, Alderson, WV.

Claude E. Gaujot



Lewisburg-Claude E. Gaujot, 80, passed away Monday, Dec. 27, 2021, at Greenbrier Valley Medical Center.

Born July 18, 1941, in Hurricane, WV, he was the son of the late Claude Leon Lafayette Gaujot, Jr. and Eula Hill Warwick Gaujot.

Claude attended Lewisburg Baptist Church. He attended Potomac State Junior College and George Washington University. Claude had worked for the CIA, Prudential Insurance Company, Transamerica Life, and as an Independent Broker for multiple insurance companies.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Jon René "Gojo" Gaujot, and two sisters, Constance Cooper, and Muriel Fowler.

Survivors include his

loving wife of 22 years, Rebecca Vasvary-Gaujot; son, Paul Antoine "Tony" Gaujot of Nashville, TN; daughter Claudette Mischelle Gaujot-Turner (Mike) of Harpers Ferry, WV; brother, Honorable Phillip Gaujot (Carol) of Morgantown; sisters, Phyllis Ann Rogers of Gainsville, VA, Jane Busby of Gainsville, VA and Diana Sue Murphy (LTC William Murphy) of Summerton, SC; grandchildren, Aaron Gaujot of Falls Church, VA, Nelson Gaujot of Nashville, TN, Mischelle Holohan (Justin Hartwick) of Nokesville, VA; and two great-grandchildren, Leah and Ryan Hartwick.

A memorial service will be held Friday, Jan. 21, at the Morgan Funeral Home Chapel, 252 Montvue Drive, Lewisburg, with Pastor Jonathan Comer officiating.

Online guestbook may be signed at www.morganfh.net

Myrtle F. Cooper O'Dell

Dunbar-Myrtle "Myrt" F. Cooper O'Dell passed away at the Villages at Greystone on Tuesday, Dec. 28, 2021.

She was born Nov. 9, 1929 at Hillsboro, in Pocahontas County, to the late Berlin and Georgie Moore Cooper.

Myrtle loved caring for her birds, flower garden-

ing and feeding her squirrels.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 60 Years, John O'Dell; three brothers, Clyde, Lewis and James "Jim" Cooper; sister and brother-in-law, Uva and Buck Coffman; and a niece, Donna.

She is survived by her sisters-in-law, Sandy M. Cooper of Delphi, IN, and June Cooper of Buckhannon, WV; and the following nieces and nephews: Alan and Shelly Cooper of IN, Marsha A. Baker and her children Kendall, Kayleen, and Carson Baker of Indiana, Julian and Brenda Arbaugh and their children Julian (JR) and Meigon of West Virginia; Stanley and Marsi Fullen of North Carolina, and their sons, William and Johnathan and their wives of Kentucky.

Graveside services will be at 12 noon Tuesday, Jan. 4, at Asbury United Methodist Church Cemetery at Asbury. There will be no public visitation.

In lieu of flowers, donations of sympathy may be made to HospiceCare, Inc., 1606 Kanawha Blvd West, Charleston, WV 25387.

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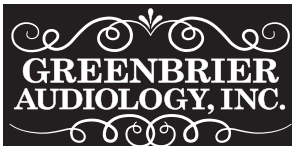
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By William "Skip" Deegans

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ed in Cleveland in 1874, the WCTU's main mission was the prohibition of alcohol. The West Virginia WCTU was formally organized in 1883, but it may have been active in the northern panhandle as early as 1877.

The temperance movement began in West Virginia well before statehood. The movement was fueled by the Methodist

Church that was later joined by the Presbyterian and Baptist churches. As West Virginia became more diverse with Europeans and southern African Americans migrating to the state to work in coal mines, on the railroads, and at manufacturing plants, interest in prohibition waned. Catholics, especially, opposed it. The WCTU,

however, persevered, and in 1919 Congress passed the 18th Amendment to the Constitution that authorized the national prohibition of alcohol. The legislation failed miserably, and in 1933, West Virginians repealed national prohibition.

While the WCTU was ultimately unsuccessful, women who were active in the move-

ment developed lobbying skills and became politically active. One might argue that the WCTU was an important contribution to the women's rights campaigns.

Sources: National Archives; Vending Vice: The Rise and Fall of West Virginia State Prohibition 1852-1943 (WVU thesis) by Michael J. Buseman.

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Fill the bottom with moist potting mix. Plant seeds according to the package directions. Gently

water until the excess runs out the bottom of the container.

Fellow gardener, Patricia, uses rolled newspaper or the cardboard tubes from toilet paper to help space and eventually transplant her winter sown seedlings. She makes newspaper pots by wrapping 22 1/2" x 5" strips of newspaper around a 2 1/2" diameter x 4" tall jar. She folds the end to create the bottom for a 3 1/2" tall pot. Secured with staples, she sets the pots or toilet paper rolls in the milk jug, fills with potting mix, tops them off with about half an inch of seed starting mix and then plants her seeds.

Label the inside and outside of the jug with a permanent marker. Close the lid and seal it shut with duct tape. Remove the cap before setting your milk jugs in a sunny location outdoors where rain and snow can reach it. Keep them handy to prevent water-logged soil during extremely wet weather.

Water your outdoor seed starting chambers during snow-free



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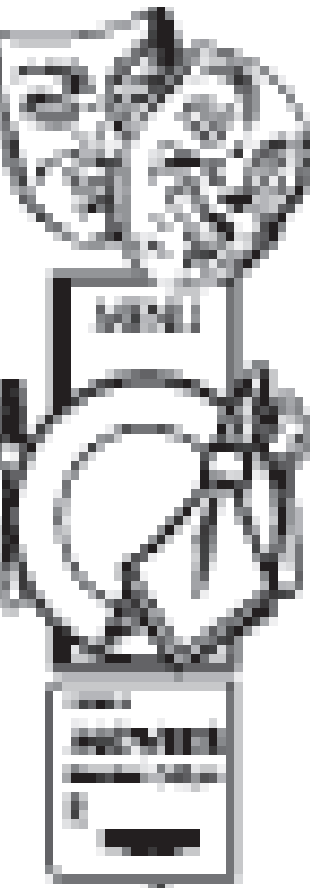
Winter sowing allows gardeners to start transplants from seeds outdoors by repurposing milk jugs or two-liter soda bottles.

and dry weather. This will be much less often than those seedlings growing indoors under artificial lights.

Your plants will be ready to move into the garden at the normal planting time. Just open the lids, harden off the plants and move them into the garden.

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by Linda Thistle

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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

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The benefits of making New Year's resolutions

The end of December is a busy time of year. Families are shopping for gifts for loved ones and friends, holiday celebrations are in full swing and thoughts begin to turn to the new year ahead.

At the stroke of midnight on New Year's Eve, it is customary to sip a glass of champagne and toast to the new year. Many people use the dawn of a new year as a time to create a list of resolutions that reflect positive changes they hope to make in the year ahead.

Between 40 and 45 percent of American adults make resolutions each year, according to the health and wellness group Proactive Mindfulness. According to John C. Norcross, Marci S. Mrykalo and Matthew D. Blagys, coauthors of the study "Auld Lang Syne: Success predictors, change processes, and self-reported outcomes of New Year's resolvers and nonresolvers," within six months of starting a resolution 46 percent of people are still maintaining their resolutions.

Resolutions may seem silly to some, but there are several positive reasons to make them.

- Resolutions provide practice setting goals. Goal-setting is an important component of life. Goals are key because they provide general direction in life. A goal is a map that can give you an idea of where you are heading and what path you need to take to get there, according to the self-improvement guide Success Consciousness. Resolutions can be fun, low-pressure goals. Think of them as dress rehearsals for bigger life changes.
- Resolutions offer time for reflection. Too often people are rushing through daily life without stopping or slowing down to truly assess the impact of their actions. Resolutions help you reflect on the past, present and future, figuring out what has been working and what may need to be changed to provide a boost, according to the wellness resource Alternative Daily.
- Resolutions can serve as a catalyst for positive change. When something isn't working with your routine, personal health or relationships, resolutions can serve as the catalyst that ultimately rights the ship.
- Resolutions can promote self-esteem and empowerment. Making resolutions and keeping them can provide a sense of accomplishment that comes with goal-setting and following through. Resolving to lose five pounds and then seeing the proof on a scale can be a powerful motivator that compels you to make other self-improvements. Accomplishing small goals also can boost self-esteem.

Resolutions are often made at the dawn of a new year. These efforts can provide the motivation and direction people need to make positive changes in their lives.



Family-friendly activities for New Year's Day

People spend so much time planning New Year's Eve revelry that they may not consider that they have another day on the holiday calendar to enjoy after the clock strikes 12. New Year's Day activities may differ significantly from the countdowns and parties of the night before, but that doesn't mean it can't be equally enjoyable.

Chances are children are home from school for holiday breaks, meaning New Year's Day activities should probably be family-friendly. Check out these family-friendly ways to spend New Year's Day.

• Catch (or play) a football game. New Year's Day and football go hand in hand, and families can likely find a game on television to enjoy together. Of course, it's also fun to burn off a few New Year's Eve calories by playing a game of football in the backyard on January 1.

• Host a New Year's Day meal. Give people plenty of time to recover from last night's antics by inviting neighbors or friends and their children over for a brunch, late lunch or early dinner. Potlucks are great for these occasions because no one will likely want to cook for a crowd.

• Enjoy a movie marathon. Spend the day in comfortable clothes and make a new family tradition. Select one movie for each family member to watch and then cue up the streaming service or dust off that DVD player. Use holiday mugs

for hot cocoa and dig into any leftovers from holiday dinners. If a marathon at home isn't up your alley, check out the showings at a nearby theater and enjoy an afternoon at the cinema.

• Take a hike. Enjoy the cold weather up close and personal with a hike in the brisk air. State parks or nearby nature preserves may not be busy on January 1, making them an even more relaxing respite.

• Tackle an organizational project. Get the whole family together and take on a project that has been pushed aside, such as organizing the garage or cleaning out the refrigerator.

• Volunteer with a local charity. Give back to the community and start off the new year on a positive note by volunteering as a family.

New Year's Day presents an ideal opportunity to spend time together as a family.

Did you know?

Though it might not be home to as many celebrants as Australia and the United States, the tiny Pacific island nation of Kiribati will be the first country to ring in the new year in 2022. This small nation beats New Zealand's Chatham Islands to the punch by 15 minutes. When Kiribati is welcoming the new year, it will only be 5 a.m. on December 31 in New York City. The uninhabited atoll Baker Island and the uninhabited coral island Howland Island are the last places to welcome 2022. These tiny islands do so seven hours after the ball drops in New York City's in Times Square.



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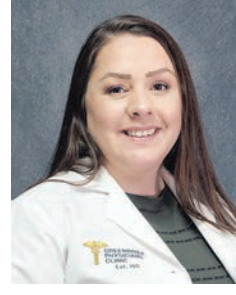
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