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Friends of Ferals works year-round to help cats in our community

By Sarah Richardson

Laura Whitcomb, president of the Friends of Feral and Homeless Cats and Kittens rescue organization in Alderson, has always been in the habit of helping animals. "I



Edgar, a sweet boy who arrived at Friends of Ferals with a severely broken front leg, was quickly on the mend after surgery. His leg, which had been broken for quite some time, unfortunately required amputation. After his recovery, Edgar found his forever home thanks to Friends of Ferals.

actually started in Connecticut at my horse farm, where people were always bringing us cats and we'd find them homes, but that started to get expensive," she explained.

Whitcomb, together with Missy VanMeter and other volunteers, runs the Friends of Ferals no-kill rescue with a goal of reducing the feral cat population in and around the Greenbrier Valley. The group focuses on the "trap, neuter, and release" model for feral cats who are simply too wild to be adopted, and also works to socialize kittens so they can be placed into homes.

"My first 501(c)(3) was started in Connecticut, and

as we got more into it we started to realize the feral colonies were where lots of the kittens are coming from," said Whitcomb. "We focus on TNR (trap/neuter/release) as we try and find a more permanent solution to the problem and stop it at the source."

The TNR model is applied when a healthy adult cat that has a safe living situation is spayed or neutered to prevent them from producing more kittens and exacerbating the homeless cat population numbers. They are given a rabies shot, are ear-tipped to show that they are

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Pictured here are some of the 45 adoptable cats and kittens on a transport headed north on their way to their forever homes through the efforts of Friends of Feral and Homeless Cats and Kittens.

'TubaChristmas' comes to town this weekend

By Adam Pack

Lewisburg looks to add a new Christmas tradition to its repertoire with its own rendition of "TubaChristmas." The first TubaChristmas, a gathering of artists playing a variety of instruments in the "big horn" family, was conducted at Rockefeller Plaza in New York in 1974. It was the brainchild of Harvey Phillips, who wanted to honor the memory of his childhood mentor William J. Bell. Bell was an influential music educator and stellar tuba player who was, importantly, born on Christmas Day 1902. Paul Lavalley conducted the first ever TubaChristmas in New York and it has been a staple there ever since, and has spread to communities all around the county.

Jim Alder, Greenbrier East High School Band Director, is organizing Lewisburg's first TubaChristmas. Alder has been attending Tuba Christmases in both Harper's Ferry and Alexandria since 2016, and says that those small town celebrations acted as the inspiration for wanting to organize a TubaChristmas here in Lewisburg.

"Harper's Ferry and Alexandria's Old Town are such historic places and to see this, which is a tribute originally, in and around so much history, it made me think that Lewisburg would be perfect for this sort of thing.

We've got a really beautiful, historic region," said Alder, who believes that See "TubaChristmas" Page 2

Nature's Way

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Greenbrier Cleaners becomes Greenbrier Valley Cleaners under new ownership

Ryan and Kristen McClung are excited to announce that they have taken over ownership and management of the local dry cleaners, Greenbrier Cleaners, which is now Greenbrier Valley Cleaners. They are still at the same convenient location on 219 in Fairlea, across from the Dodge dealership. They will offer the same services: dry cleaning, sheets, blankets, comforters, and wash and fold of your everyday laundry. They are looking for a seamstress to add alteration services. Please come in, drop off your laundry, and meet the new manager Joe Terry. Be on the lookout for new business hours. They look forward to continuing to serve the Greenbrier Valley with their cleaning needs.

Gov. Justice and WVDNR announce third annual Hunting & Fishing License Giveaway

West Virginia residents and nonresidents encouraged to enter

Gov. Jim Justice announced this week that the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources (WVDNR) third annual Hunting & Fishing License Giveaway is officially open.

Anyone who purchases an annual 2022 hunting, trapping, or fishing license in the month of December will automatically be entered to win one of several prizes, including the grand prize of a combination hunting, trapping and fishing lifetime license for a WV resident.

Other prizes include \$200 WV State Parks gift cards, Pipestem Resort State Park zipline tour tickets with a three night lodge stay, two-night cabin stays at WV State Parks, and gift bags with exclusive merchandise. The prize drawing is sponsored by the WVDNR and the WV Dept. of Tourism and winners will be announced in January 2022.

"It's always an honor to share the great things our WVDNR does for those who love hunting and fishing in Almost Heaven West Virginia," Gov. Justice said. "This license giveaway is an especially exciting opportunity and I absolutely encourage all West Virginians and visitors to our beautiful state to get their licenses early so they'll be entered to win some great prizes."

Eligible resident license purchases are the Class A, Class B, Class AH, Class X, Class XP, Class X3, Class XP3, Class XJ, and Class AHJ. Eligible nonresident license purchases are the Class E, Class EE, Class AAH, Class XXJ, Class AAHJ. Licenses can be purchased

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Local beekeepers produce award-winning honey

By Adam Pack

Last month, the popular lifestyle magazine Garden and Gun announced 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. The ABC's Black Locust honey took the top spot over other raw and natural foods from around the south.

The Appalachian Beekeeping Collective is a subsidiary of Appalachian Headwaters, a non-profit organization whose goal is to restore areas that have been deforested due to mountaintop mining, and is headquartered here in Lewisburg.

The group uses methods to help foster reforestation and conservation, but their chief one is the Appalachian Beekeeping Collective, an organizing hub for local small-scale beekeeping operations in the area, across both Virginia and West Virginia.

The ABC collects and markets various keepers' honey and splits the profits between compensation for the keepers themselves and the charitable work of Appalachian Headwaters. The ABC also donates honey for every purchase made.

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Appalachian Beekeeping Collective's Black Locust Honey won the top prize in the "Made in the South" category

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this tradition could begin with between 25 and 40 players performing.

The event will take place in the Greenspace downtown on Saturday, Dec. 11. Registration will be held in Academy Park at New River's campus. Registration will begin at 11 a.m. and conclude at 11:45. Participants are encouraged to register early and warm up in the interval so the group can jump right into rehearsal.

In the case of inclement weather, the registration and concert will be held at Hill and Holler.

Participants are required to bring with them a \$10 registration fee, their instrument (tuba, euphonium, baritone, sousaphone, tenor horn, flugelbone, ophicleide, etc.), a folding music stand, festive clothing, and a copy of "Carols for a merry TubaChristmas," by Alec Wilder, the official songbook of TubaChristmas. Alder states that according to TubaChristmas policy, photocopies of the songbook are not allowed, but stand partners may share one songbook. Books will be available for purchase at the registration table for \$20 (small) or \$25 (large). There will be both BC and TC versions available.

Rehearsals will cease at 1 p.m., and participants will be given a break for lunch and shopping in downtown Lewisburg until 2:45. Then, after reconvening and returning, the concert will begin at 3 and end at 4.

Taking the baton to conduct is Mercer County native and euphonium instructor for the U.S. Army School of Music, Brianna Williams.

Police Blotter

Shooting in Fairlea leaves one injured

On Sunday, Dec. 5, at approximately 6:35 a.m., members of the Greenbrier County Sheriff's Office, Lewisburg and Ronceverte Police Departments, and Fairlea EMS responded to a shooting incident in the Fairlea area.

An individual was determined to be the victim of a single gunshot wound and they were air-flighted to an out of area medical facility for treatment to their injuries. The victim's injuries appeared to be non-life threatening.

The shooting incident is under investigation and no arrests have been made at this time.

Lieutenant G. R. Workman of the Greenbrier County Sheriff's Department is the lead investigator.

PICK OF THE LITTER



BARRY
Barry is a four-year-old male domestic shorthair.



MARGO
Margo is a five-year-old female heeler mix and weighs 35 pounds.

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

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

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

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

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2022 Roadsides in Bloom calendar now available to order

The free calendar, sponsored by the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection's (WVDEP) Adopt A Highway program, includes 12 pictures of West Virginia wildflowers growing naturally along state roadways or in Operation Wildflower beds. The pictures were chosen from dozens of entries submitted by photographers from West Virginia and surrounding states.

The photographer winners in this year's calendar include: January - Beth Knotts, February - Karl Boone, March - Jane McGuffey, April - Janna Vaught, May - Cover Winner Jacque Jones, June - Ed Rehbein, July - Angie Bolen, August - Sandra Miller, September - Wendy Parks, October - Sharon Boone, November - Alan Tucker, December - Ann Walker

To order a calendar, visit <https://dep.wv.gov/environmental-advocate/reap/ow/Pages/default.aspx>, call 1-800-322-5530, or email dep.aah@wv.gov. If you call and get voicemail, please leave a message with your name and mailing address and you will be put on the order list. Requests are limited to one calendar per household. West Virginia residents receive priority.

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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.

Turkey Farming Informational meeting scheduled

There is an important informational meeting regarding Turkey Farming in Pasture and Artesian Water Areas scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 14, at the Monroe County Library in Union from 7 to 8 p.m. in the lower level. Some refreshments will be provided. Stop by, get information, enjoy a cup of coffee. This is very important - bring a friend.

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 at the Elks Country Club 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.

Red Cross: Donors needed to address historically low blood supply

Limited-edition long-sleeved T-shirts for those who come to give around holidays

Nearly two years into the pandemic, everyone has earned a holiday break with their family and friends. But as the nation gathers again for celebrations this season, the American Red Cross, which provides 40% of the country's blood, is facing historically low blood supply levels.

Busy holiday schedules, breaks from school and winter weather all contribute to a drop in blood donations this time of year. Those factors, combined with the ongoing challenges of COVID-19, make it vital for donors to make an appointment to give as soon as possible. If more donors don't come forward to give blood, some patients requiring a transfusion may potentially face delays in care.

Donors are urged to schedule an appointment now by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). There is no blood donation waiting period for those who have received a flu shot or a Moderna, Pfizer or Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine or booster, so long as they are symptom-free.

Upcoming donation events in Lewisburg include:

- Tuesday, Dec. 21: 12 noon to 6 p.m., Greenbrier Valley Church of the Nazarene, Skylar Drive Entrance for Fellowship Hall

- Monday, Dec. 27: 12 noon to 6 p.m., Lewisburg United Methodist Church, 214 E. Washington Street

To encourage donors to help address the historically low blood supply this holiday season, all who come to give Dec. 17 - Jan. 2 will receive an exclusive Red Cross long-sleeved T-shirt, while supplies last.

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

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

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

Suits

In Re: The Marriage of: John Michael Houchins and Lori Roseann Houchins

In Re: The Marriage of: Judith L Hedrick and Stephen J Hedrick

In Re: The Marriage of: Kimberly Dawn VanMeter and Dennis Carl VanMeter

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, Dec. 13 at 5 p.m. at City Hall, 942 Washington Street West. Also available via teleconference. For information on how to participate on ZOOM contact Lewisburg City Hall at 304-645-2080 on Dec. 13, by 4 p.m. On the agenda:

- Approval of Minutes - Nov. 8, 2021
- Comments for the public
- Catherine Kuliesh, 937 Washington St - repaint door and install a window sign on glass door
- Pam Nelson, 1018 Washington St - replace 9 windows on the second floor of Stone Hill Realty with Pella Reserve Traditional Series Windows, Fossil in color
- Paul Skorich, 1423 Washington St East - replace rotten or missing gutters with Amerimax K Style 6" gutters, white in color, replace Facia board where needed
- Comments from the Commissioners
- Comments from the Planning and Zoning Officer

The next scheduled meeting of the Lewisburg Historic Commission will be Monday, Jan. 10, with a deadline of Thursday, Dec. 23.

City of White Sulphur Springs Council

will meet Monday, Dec. 13, at 7 p.m. On the agenda:

- Approval of Minutes - Nov. 8, 2021 and Nov. 18, 2021
- Standing Committee Reports
 - Infrastructure
 - Finance & Budget
 - Planning & Zoning
 - Parks & Recreation
 - Recycle & Beautification
 - Emergency Services
 - Convention & Visitors Bureau
- Officer Report
 - Police Chief Teubert
 - Fire Chief Dolin
 - Maintenance Supervisor Lovelace
- Special Reports
 - Tri-Cities Power Authority
- Resolutions / Proclamations
 - Church Street Stormwater System Project
 - Big Draft Road Waterline Extension Project
- Ordinances / Policies
 - Ordinance: Greenbrier Valley Family Activities Center Committee / Board
- Memorandum of Understanding with Greenbrier Valley Foundation
- New Business
 - ARP Committee
 - ARP Update
 - CDBG-MIT Stormwater System Improvements - Open of Project Bank Account
 - WSS Pee Wee Basketbaill - Youth Recreation Funding Application - 2021-2022
 - Spa City Soccer - Youth Recreation Funding Application - 2021-2022
- Miscellaneous Remarks
 - Christmas Holiday Schedule - City Hall Closed Friday, Dec. 24
 - Garbage pickup - Friday, Dec. 24 & Monday, Dec. 27 will be picked up on Monday, Dec. 27
 - New Year's Holiday Schedule - City Hall Closed Friday, Dec. 31
 - Garbage pickup - Friday, Dec. 31 & Monday, Jan. 3 will be picked up on Monday, Jan. 3

Greenbrier Co. Planning Commission

will meet Tuesday, Dec. 14, at 1 p.m. at the Greenbrier County Courthouse, 912 Court Street N, Lewisburg. Attend in person (please follow all health and safety protocols) OR via Virtual Meeting Option (meeting will be hosted on Zoom. Public can access meeting via: Internet Access: <https://wvu.zoom.us/j/94761856865> (Meeting ID: 947 6185 6865) OR Phone Access: (dial) 1 (646) 558 8656 or 877-853-5257 or 888-475-4499 (Meeting ID:947 6185 6865). The public may participate in the meeting in person, by phone or Internet If you have trouble accessing the meeting or clearly hearing or seeing participants, please call 724-366-9076 immediately for assistance. Please be courteous and place your sound on mute while not speaking. On the agenda:

- Approval of Minutes - July 13, 2021 and Oct. 12, 2021
- Discussion regarding the Hanna Farmstead
- Review and Discuss amendments to Comprehensive Plan
 - Adopt public input procedures for comprehensive plan amendment
 - Review and discuss comprehensive plan amendment schedule
 - Take action on amendments to Comprehensive Plan
- Review, consider and discuss changes to the draft zoning ordinance and draft zoning map
 - Review Greenbrier County Board of Zoning Appeals comments
 - Take action on Final Draft Zoning Ordinance
 - Review and take action on Study and Report on Zoning
 - Review and discuss enactment process & schedule
- Public Comment
- Schedule meeting with WVU Land Use Clinic

Greenbrier County Magistrate Court Convictions

Joshua Howard McCormick, Lewisburg, driving while license revoked - DUI, NCP, fine \$100, jail 30 days

Joshua Howard McCormick, Lewisburg, receiving or transforming stolen goods, NCP, fine \$50, jail 120 days

Joshua Gordon VonBlume, Alderson, DUI 1st offense, NCP, fine \$100

Evan Clay Massey, Sinks Grove, driving impaired, NCP, fine \$100, jail 30 days

Kevin Ryan Parker, Charmco, conspire to violate Chapter 20, GP, fine \$25

William Ernest Thornhill, Jr., Lynchburg, VA, unauthorized acts with regard to wildlife without license or permit, NCP, fine \$50

Sheridan Keith Massie, Smoot, unlawful methods of hunting, NCP, fine \$40

Anthony Gereld Loudermilk, Ronceverte, petit larceny, GP, fine \$100

For the Record

Deeds

The County Commission of Greenbrier County to The Town of Rainelle, 4,412.20 Sq. Ft., Town of Rainelle, Rainelle Municipality

The County Commission of Greenbrier County to The Town of Rainelle, Lots Nos. 21 and 22, Levelton Land and Improvement Company's Addition, Town of Rainelle, Rainelle Municipality

The County Commission of Greenbrier County to The Town of Rainelle, Lot No. 5 Block 17, Sixth Street, Rainelle, Rainelle Municipal District

The County Commission of Greenbrier County to The Town of Rainelle, Tract 1: Lot 18 V.M. McClung Revised Addition Greenbrier Ave. Tract 2: Lot No. 6 V.M. McClung Revised Addition, Meadow Bluff District, Rainelle Municipality

The County Commission of Greenbrier County to The Town of Rainelle, Lot 3 and 4, Section 17, Levelton Land and Improvement Company's Addition, Town of Rainelle, Rainelle Municipality

The County Commission of Greenbrier County to The City of White Sulphur, Lot No. 2, Mill Hill Addition, White Sulphur District

The County Commission of Greenbrier County to the Town of Rainelle, Lots Nos. 28 and 29, East Rainelle, Meadow Bluff District

The County Commission of Greenbrier County to The Town of Rainelle, Lot No. 9, Section 15, Levelton Land Company's Addition, Town of Rainelle, Rainelle Municipality

The County Commission of Greenbrier County to The City of White Sulphur Springs, Prop. #1: Lots Nos. 91, 92, 93 and 94, Atkinson Place Addition, White Sulphur District

The County of Commission of Greenbrier County to The City of White Sulphur Springs, Lot No. 12, Hennessey Addition, White Sulphur District

The County Commission of Greenbrier County to The City of White Sulphur Springs, Lots Nos. 113 and 114, Atkinson Place Addition, White Sulphur District

The County Commission of Greenbrier County to The City of White Sulphur Springs, Lots Nos. 97 and 98, Crescent Street Addition, White Sulphur District

The County Commission of Greenbrier County to The City of White Sulphur Springs, Lot No. 13 and Parcel 2, 0.331 Acres, Hennessey Addition, White Sulphur Dist.

The County Commission of Greenbrier County to The City of White Sulphur, 3,212 Sq. ft., White Sulphur Dist.

The County Commission of Greenbrier County to The City of White Sulphur, Lot No. 108, Atkinson Addition, White Sulphur District

The County Commission of Greenbrier County to The City of White Sulphur, Lot No. 82, Atkinson Place Addition, White Sulphur District

The County Commission of Greenbrier County to The City of White Sulphur, Lot No. 42, White Sulphur City Addition, White Sulphur District

Sobriety Checkpoint scheduled in Fairlea area

The West Virginia State Police will conduct a sobriety checkpoint on Rt. 219 in the Fairlea area of Greenbrier County on Friday, Dec. 10. The checkpoint will be in operation between 6 p.m. and Midnight. The purpose of the checkpoint is to detect and deter impaired drivers, as well as to educate the public about the dangers of driving an automobile while impaired by alcohol and/or drugs.

The State Police urge the motoring public to assist law enforcement agencies in their efforts to stop driving under the influence incidents by reporting impaired drivers.

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OPINION

Nature's Way

By Karen Cohen

Master Gardener/Photojournalist/Artist

Fun Fun-gi

I have three books on my desk that I am reading, all of which are about mushrooms, specifically the identification of mushrooms and the growing of mushrooms. I'm interested in both. How about you?

Identification is of utmost importance when it comes to eating mushrooms in the wild. According to science and research there are about 100 mushrooms that are toxic to humans. One is toxic just by coming in contact with our skin: Poison Fire Coral fungus. Recently found in Australia, it can cause skin rash and irritation. Ingesting it is worse. Reports of shrinking cerebellum (the brain!), decrease in white blood cells and more harmful and horrible effects have been reported.

My intent is not to unleash a fear of all things found in the forest. Remember that Nature is our friend and provides clean air, fresh water, and bountiful harvests (if we treat her right). Nature often gives us clear ALERT signals. Red=stop, yellow=slow down, not just in traffic lanes but often in our natural environment. Some, not all, bright red and yellow objects in nature should be approached with caution and identified before touching or consuming.


Avoid these: Red coachwhip snake, Poison Dart Frogs, holly berries, and yew seeds, are just a few examples.

Amanita muscaria or fly amanita is a bright red mushroom with white polka dots. Very easy to identify and definitely toxic. This is the mushroom we might recognize from Alice in Wonderland's story of the smoking caterpillar sitting on a red toadstool! People used to chop it up and mix it in a bowl of milk to attract and kill flies.

Sometimes mushrooms can pop up in our house plants or garden pots. That's an indication that the soil has spores in it and is contaminated. In nurseries and hot houses, spores get trapped inside and mushrooms may pop up in the cracks of soil or potted plants for sale. Don't eat these mushrooms, often yellow in color. Dump the soil out into a plastic bag, wrap it up and dispose of it. Remove the plant, wash it under cool water, and plant it in fresh potting soil bought from a reputable garden supply shop.

Mushrooms drop their spores all over the place; carried through the air, on your shoes by walking on spore laden soil, on insects and birds, spores float around and eventually come to rest. Maybe the spores "fruit" in a few months or maybe even decades later. They are live matter and you can purchase spores to grow your own mushrooms.

A mushroom is a fungus and not a plant. Growing your own can be a fun hobby or a very profitable business. We grow Shiitake mushrooms on cut oak logs with drilled holes to place mushroom plugs. We bought the



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

Commentary

Addressing the public health crisis in WV

By Mark Drennen, CEO of the WV Behavioral Healthcare Providers Association

Too many West Virginians are dying from drug overdoses. We have been in this crisis for years and unfortunately, according to new government data, the crisis is growing. In the past year, we lost 1,607 of our friends and neighbors to drug overdose deaths - a 62% increase over the year before.

These deaths are preventable, but only if people have access to quality addiction treatment. Nationally, it's estimated that only one in 10 Americans with an addiction receives treatment in any given year.

We were in this crisis before Covid hit. The pandemic only made matters worse. But it is my hope that we are on the verge of charting a better course forward, one that can make life better for thousands of West Virginians, their families and their communities.

In 2020, West Virginia joined a growing movement to expand access to quality mental health and substance use care. Certified Community Behavioral Health Centers (CCBHCs) receive federal funding to provide 24-hour crisis care and evidence-based services to anyone in need of mental health or substance use treatment services, regardless of ability to pay. West Virginia had three CCBHCs operating in 2020. And this summer, three additional CCBHCs came online in our state.

We know from other states that have been part of the CCBHC program for several years that CCBHCs increase staff to expand access to comprehensive services, stabilize people in crisis and provide the necessary treatment for those with the most serious, complex mental illnesses and substance use disorders. Among the hallmarks of CCBHCs is their ability to improve access for rural populations and provide tailored care for active-duty military and veterans. Through collaborations with law enforcement, CCBHCs divert people in crisis from jails, reduce hospitalizations and emergency department visits and generate cost savings for taxpayers.

CCBHCs are positioned to change the way mental health and substance use care is delivered in West Virginia. But funding for the CCBHC program requires regular renewal from Congress, which can create uncertainty for providers and communities alike. Fortunately, Congress is considering legislation that would address that.

The bipartisan Excellence in Mental Health and Addiction Treatment Act (S. 2069/H.R. 4323) would allow any state the option to apply to participate in the CCBHC demonstration program and would establish a sustainable financing option to support their operations. Currently, this option is limited to 10 states and West Virginia is not one of them. The legislation also would authorize funding for individual provider organizations to receive CCBHC Expansion Grants via the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). This is the path that has funded West Virginia's clinics.

West Virginians have always prided ourselves on taking care of one another and the Excellence Act is an opportunity to do just that. As we are grateful for the sponsorship by Senator Shelley Moore Capito and Rep. David McKinley, we still are urging our congressional delegation, including Senator Joe Manchin, to support this important legislation through passage.

The opportunity to make a difference - to break the cycle of addiction and save lives - is right now. We cannot and must not go backwards. If Congress passes the Excellence Act, I am confident that a better future is on the horizon for the people of West Virginia.

Feral Cats

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fixed, given flea and parasite medications, given a check-up, and released back to their old stomping grounds if it's deemed a safe place for them to live. The abundance of farms in southern West Virginia easily leads to growing cat populations when the animals are not fixed, and such a situation can quickly grow out of hand.

Their website explains, "Cats that are healthy and have a caretaker are returned to their colony. Those that are too old or sick remain with us. Any cats that are deemed adoptable are sent to other rescues in the New England area to be adopted."

"In West Virginia the cat population problem is huge, and our main focus is the TNR," said Whitcomb. She and her husband originally selected Alderson as a place to retire, and found a house that offered enough land for her to build a structure to operate Friends of Ferals. The couple moved here in 2017, and they work with both local organizations as well as some from up north.

This year alone, the Friends of Ferals organization has completed over 350 trap, neuter, and release cases, with each surgery costing from \$60 to \$75.

"We did one colony last year where the woman said she thought she had 20 or so cats, but we ended up catching 61," she said. "She told me it started three years earlier, and that doesn't include the number that have passed away. That's just one example of what we do. We usually do three to five huge colonies a year, and occasional strays when people call us and we have the funding."

While Friends of Ferals works to reduce growth of feral cat populations, they also strive to socialize cats and kittens young enough to adapt to living with humans. If the cats are socialized early enough, they are adopted out into carefully selected forever homes.

"If they don't get socialized, they aren't adoptable," said Whitcomb, so time is of the essence when it comes working with litters of kittens born into a feral environment.

Whitcomb explained that they try to not go above housing a maximum of 20 or so adoptable cats at any given time on the premises, which is a difficult feat during peak kitten season.

"We need fosters during kitten season, sometimes as early as March. Recently, kitten season has been out of control," she said.

However, some cases that Friends of Ferals comes across are more complicated than others, and the group finds themselves helping severely injured cats whenever they are able.

"We take in anywhere from four to eight severe cases a year, roughly. We have taken in four this year that have needed amputations due to injuries. Our latest case was

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Giveaway

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through the WVDNR's electronic licensing system at WVdnr.gov or at authorized license agents throughout the state.

Annual licenses can also be purchased as gifts by calling the WVDNR licensing team at 304-558-2758. If the recipient has previously held a license, only the recipient's name and date of birth will need to be provided.

"The Hunting & Fishing License Giveaway has been a success for years now and this year we are thrilled to expand the giveaway to include nonresident entries as well," said WVDNR Director Stephen McDaniel. "We appreciate the Governor's support of efforts like this one that promote outdoor recreation and encourage more and more people to take up hunting and fishing in West Virginia."

For more information about the Hunting & Fishing License Giveaway including official rules and prize descriptions, visit WVdnr.gov/licensegiveaway. The WVDNR also reminds hunters and anglers to follow all hunting, fishing, and trapping regulations and to always practice safety when engaging in outdoor activities.

Additionally, hunters are reminded of another opportunity to win prizes. The Big Buck Photo Contest is open to submissions until Dec. 27. Those interested in entering the contest should upload a photo with their buck harvest from the 2021 hunting season as well as a short written account of their hunt to the entry form at WVdnr.gov/photocontest. A valid 2021 WV hunting license and 13-digit DNR-issued game check number are also required to participate.

Honey

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Appalachian Beekeeping sent their Black Locust honey to Garden and Gun this last June, and judges determined its "hints of vanilla and mint" to be on a level above every other entry. Their praise was effusive, saying "This is not the kind of honey you put in a tea or hide, you put that on a biscuit and enjoy it outright."

The ABC is immensely proud of the award, and is equally as proud of Mark Lilly, their head of beekeeping and education. Kelly Asquith, Lead of Wholesale at the Collective, says that Lilly is the star of the show (behind the bees of course).

"Mark has such a refined palette but also understands bee keeping and naturalism so well. He's why this particular variety is so distinctive and so good."

For anyone interested in purchasing honey from The Appalachian Beekeeping Collective, their website, www.abchoney.org, gives the options of purchase for 16 and 12 oz jars, with each 16 oz jar prompting a donation to a local food bank.

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Church Bulletin

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.

Gingerbread House building at House of Prayer Church

The House of Prayer Church will host a community event at 807 Tuckahoe Road in White Sulphur Springs. Come out and make a gingerbread house for Christmas on Saturday, Dec. 18, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Contact 540-915-2844 with questions. All are welcome.

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 at the Elks Country Club 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.

Reunions

GEHS Class of 1972 50th Reunion

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

CLUB & CHURCH

Girl Scouts hold November meetings

On Nov. 1, Girl Scout Troop 37400 completed their Art in the Outdoors and Symmetry in Nature badges. During the month of November, the girls also completed several outdoor challenges, like making turkeys with leaves, and they sold 573 nuts and chocolates as a troop. On Nov. 6, the top three nut sellers met at Sugar Bears to build penguins with a personalized T-shirt. On Thanksgiving the girls watched the Macy's Parade from home and completed a patch scavenger hunt.



At Sugar Bears: Emmalee Perkins (left), Sorinea Harris, and Tonya Martin. Emmalee sold 69 nuts and candies, Sorinea sold 71, and Tonya sold 367.



Front Row: Maddie Sears (left), Amaris Gutjahr, Luna Huffman, Ember Huffman, and Abigail Gutjahr; Second Row: Alea Harper (left), Iris Huffman, Quinn Sears, Jessalyn Desmond, Emmalee Perkins, Alexandra Desmond, and Tonya Martin

A Look Back



Photo courtesy of Greenbrier Historical Society, Virginia Meadows Collection.

By William "Skip" Deegans

This 1962 photo was shot after the Rainelle Rangers won the state class A football championship by defeating Sophia 32-7. They were the first Greenbrier County team to win a state football championship. Under Coach Bob Zopp, Rainelle entered the game with a 20-game winning streak over two seasons and an average of 28 points per game. Rainelle's quarterback, Junior Smith, scored on three runs and passed to Tim Hanley for the fourth touchdown. For the most part,

the first string had played together since junior high under Coach Darrell (Blackie) Goddard. During the 1961 season, the Rangers were coached by Jim Hambrick who moved on to Herbert Hoover High School. Hambrick was replaced by Zopp who had coached Meadow Bridge to a state championship in 1958.

Shown in the photo are (left to right): Unknown, Junior Smith, Rodney Thompson, and Coach Bob Zopp.

Source: Beckley Post Herald.

Local Democrat receives statewide recognition

On Tuesday, Dec. 14, United States Senator Joe Manchin III will join with Democratic Party leaders for a special Virtual 2021 Roosevelt-Kennedy Celebration. During the Celebration, Gloria Martin from Greenbrier County will receive special recognition in honoring her as one of West Virginia's Outstanding Democrats of the Year. This hardworking Democrat was selected by County Democratic leaders for her efforts and dedication to the Democratic Party in her county.

Karen Coria, a Putnam County Democratic leader and coordinator of the 36th Annual Awards Celebration indicated that the award was established to recognize local party officials and volunteers whom Democratic leaders feel have contributed most to the party's efforts.

"Our goal is to recognize these spe-



Gloria Martin, one of West Virginia's Outstanding Democrats of the Year

cial individuals who have distinguished themselves by contributing to our society, by working within the framework of our democracy and political party system," Coria said. "The efforts of the honoree demonstrate the importance of the work of every person in affecting the outcome of local, state and national races. These people play a crucial role in the electoral process."

Democratic Women's Club donates to food pantries



Club member and volunteer Cindy Tucker receiving donations

During the month of November, the Greenbrier County Democratic Women's Club conducted a drive to benefit all ten food pantries in Greenbrier County. Enough food and household necessities were donated to send over a shopping cart full to each pantry. In addition, thanks to the generosity of our members and supporters, we were able to send checks of over \$500 to each of

the pantries.

Living our values is very important to us, and we'd like to thank everyone who participated in this drive as well as the countless volunteers who work so hard to make sure that everyone in our community has food and basic necessities.

If you'd like more information about us and our projects, please email us at greenbrierdemwomen@gmail.com

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OBITUARIES

Jennifer Lynn Snider



Pulaski, VA—Jennifer Lynn Snider, 59, passed away Friday, Dec. 3, 2021, at Carilion New River Valley Medical Center.

Born Dec. 5, 1961, she was the daughter of the late Newton Kyle Hefner and Grace Louise Spencer Hefner.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two sisters, Kathy Bretz and Brenda Martin.

Survivors include two sons, Christopher Hampton of Blacksburg, VA and Austin Hampton of Pulaski, VA; two daughters, Tabatha Quinn of Logan, WV and Jessica Hampton of Pulaski, VA; brother, Rick Hefner of Kansas; sister, Sharon Jones (David) of Lewisburg; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial service will be held at 12 noon, Saturday, Dec. 11, at the Henning Church of God, Frankford, with Pastor Robert Hefner officiating.

Online guestbook may be signed at www.morganfh.net

be at 1 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 14, at the Morgan Funeral Home Chapel, 252 Montvue Drive, Lewisburg, WV. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service.

Online guestbook may be signed at www.morganfh.net

Joyce Sue Darlene Spence



Ronceverte—Joyce Sue Darlene Spence, 65, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 1, 2021, at Greenbrier Valley Medical Center.

Born May 10, 1956, in White Sulphur Springs, she was the daughter of the late Dwight Moody Boggs, Sr. and Rama Marie Deskins Boggs.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Lonnie Spence, Sr. and a brother, Jackie Boggs.

Survivors include one son, Lonnie Spence, Jr. (Kirsten Lester) of Glace, WV; brothers, Danny Boggs (Elizabeth) of Glace and Dwight Boggs (Phyllis) of Vinton, VA; sisters, Patricia Boggs of Frankford, Dorothy Dowdy (Lewis) of Glace, and Hilda McDowell (Wayland) of Covington, VA; and several nieces and nephews.

Service was held on Tuesday, Dec. 7, at the Greenbrier Memorial Gardens Mausoleum where Pastor Roger Boggs officiated. Visitation was one hour prior to the service at the mausoleum.

Online guestbook may be signed at www.morganfh.net

Mary Ellen Masters



Caldwell—Mary Ellen Masters, 84, passed away Thursday, Dec. 2, 2021, at Greenbrier Healthcare Center.

Born May 16, 1937, in Jerrys Run, VA, she was the daughter of the late Lonnie Willard Masters and Lillie Bell Martin Masters.

Mary Ellen attended Zions Light Baptist Church and McLean Church. She had retired from Bacova as a Seamstress. Mary Ellen also had worked for Kellwood and Bendix.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Andrew Lawrence Masters; daughter, Jeanie Masters; and eight brothers and sisters.

Survivors include one son, Andrew Masters of Caldwell; grandchildren, Joshua Masters of Clarksburg, Jessica Masters of Butler, PA and Andrea Masters of Caldwell; great-granddaughter, Madeline Masters; special companion, Jimmy Loomis of Caldwell; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral service will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 8, at the Morgan Funeral Home Chapel, Lewisburg. Burial followed in Rose-

wood Cemetery, Lewisburg. Visitation was Tuesday evening, Dec. 7, at the funeral home.

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Nancy L. Morgan



Our beloved mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend, Nancy L. “Nan” Morgan, was called home with her family by her side on Thursday, Dec. 2, 2021 at the age of 68.

Born Apr. 19, 1953 in Ronceverte, she was a daughter of the late Larry James Morgan and Bernice Lee Charlton Morgan.

Other than her parents she was preceded in death by a sister, Brenda Morgan.

She was of the Christian faith. “Nan” had worked in the housekeeping department at The Greenbrier Hotel.

Survivors include a daughter, Sonja Flora; granddaughter, Amanda Flora; sisters, Cheryl Morgan, Rita Wilhelm (Steve), Laura Morgan and Bonnie Morgan.

Graveside service was held on Sunday, Dec. 5, at Morgan Cemetery where Rev. Charles Scruggs officiated. The family received their family and friends before the service Sunday afternoon at the Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Lewisburg.

Active pallbearers were Bruce Scruggs, Amanda Flora, Steve Wilhelm, Keith Scruggs and Steve Baker.

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

Please send online condolences by visiting www.WallaceandWallaceFH.com

Nick Stavern Brackenrich



Lewisburg—Nick Stavern Brackenrich, born Mar. 13, 1969, to the late Fred and Dotty Brackenrich, passed away Tuesday, Nov. 30, 2021, following an acute illness at Johns Hopkins Memorial Hospital.

Including his parents, Nick was preceded in death by his brother, Dexter Brackenrich of Ronceverte.

Nick was a loving father to his two children, McCaden and Mallorie Brackenrich, and the best Pop-Pop to his granddaughter, Ava Lane Brackenrich. Others left to cherish their memories of him are a loving significant other, Dee Russell; a sister, Rebecca (Lynn) Williams; two nieces, Lavon (Kevin) Brown and Autumn (Thomas) Hayes; four great-nieces and nephews, Brayden and Brody Brown, and Kayleigh and Brynleigh Hayes; a lifetime friend,

John (Heather) Ratliff; along with many other close family and friends.

Nick was an employee at Greenbrier Motor Company for 23 years. He enjoyed spending time with his dogs (Gunner & Clyde), the outdoors, and his family.

A celebration of life was held Thursday evening, Dec. 9, at the Morgan Funeral Home Chapel, Lewisburg, WV. Visitation was Thursday at the funeral home before the service.

Online guestbook may be signed at www.morganfh.net

Harry Franklin Huffman



Lewisburg—Harry Franklin Huffman, 72, passed away Tuesday, Nov. 30, 2021 in North Carolina due to injuries sustained in a trucking accident.

He was born Aug. 24, 1949 in Organ Cave, the son of the late Jesse and Edna Carter Huffman.

Harry was devoted husband, father, loving and kind.

He was a Christian, Vietnam Army veteran and a truck driver for FedEx.

Other than his parents, he was preceded in death by sisters, Barbara Brudy, Iva Ferguson, June Anderson, Kay Lindner and Elsie Deskins; and brother, Bill Huffman.

Harry’s survivors are: his wife, Judy Carol Huffman; son, Harry F. Huffman II of Charlotte, NC; sisters, Emma Hoke (Clayton) of Second Creek and Yolanda Willoughby of Tennessee; and brothers, Steve Deskins of Tennessee, and Sonny Lindner of South Carolina.

Funeral services for Harry were held on Tuesday, Dec. 7, at Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home where Pastor Ray Propps officiated. Interment followed in Rosewood Cemetery at Lewisburg.

The family received family and friends Monday evening, Dec. 6, at Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Lewisburg. Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Lewisburg is in charge of arrangements.

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Delta Marie Hinkle



Lewisburg—Delta Marie Hinkle, 84, went to be with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on Sunday,

Dec. 5, 2021.

Delta was a devout Christian, loving wife, mother, and proud grandmother, loving sister, aunt and friend to many.

Born on Dec. 8, 1936, in Trout, WV, Delta lived most of her life in Greenbrier County. She devoted her time to family and three generations of grandchildren. Delta loved her flowers and being at home with her cat named Baby.

Delta is survived by her daughters, Deloris Hedrick (Freddie) of Clintonville, and Dianna Hinkle of Archer Lodge, NC; her sons, William E. Hinkle of Cornstalk, and Mark A. Hinkle (Lynn) of Lewisburg; brother, James Shortridge (JoAnn) of Frankford; sisters, Loretta Anders (Bob) of Clarksville, MD, and Dorothy Owens of Westminster, MD; grandchildren, Fred Hedrick, Alicia Hinkle, Justin Gatlin, Brandon Hedrick, Scott Legg, Jessie Hairfield, Kristen Legg-Bunn, Anthony Hinkle, Garrett Hinkle, and Alex Hinkle; great-grandchildren, Kayla Shaw, Kendra Beavers, Joseph Roy, Lillie Shinaberry, Landen Shinaberry, Shaelyn Allen, Riley Hedrick, Billy Hedrick, Harlea Hairfield, and Jase O’Quinn; and great-great grandchildren, Mason Beavers, Myla Beavers, and Will Roy.

Delta was preceded in death by her husband, William Ray Hinkle; her parents, Henry Shortridge and Myrtle Sizemore Shortridge; brother, Ghaile Shortridge, and a sister, Ethel Lawrence.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, at Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Lewisburg, with Pastor David Hersman officiating. Burial will follow in Wallace Memorial Cemetery at Clintonville.

Family and friends will be received one hour prior to the services at the funeral home on Saturday.

Grandsons will serve as pallbearers.

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

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Glen Ray Price



Glen Ray Price, 61, passed away on the evening of Monday, Dec. 6, 2021 after a long battle with ALS.

He leaves behind his two daughters, Heather Higginbotham (Russ Higginbotham) and grandsons Carter, Andrew, Grant, Erica Price (William Clin-

gan) and granddaughter, Auroara; as well as many cousins and dear friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Doris and Hobert Price.

Glen was a long-time resident of the Harrisonburg, VA area, but had moved back home to Greenbrier County in 2016.

Since moving back, he took great pride in his work with Open Doors in Lewisburg as a Supported Living Companion. He enjoyed taking the residents to his favorite spot in Blue Bend to fish as well as their yearly camping trip to Watoga State Park.

An avid sports fan, he loved watching the Cowboys and the Mountaineers play any chance he got. Glen loved playing with his grandchildren and would always chase them around pretending to be the PawPaw police.

He is greatly missed by so many.

Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 12, at Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Lewisburg with Pastor Ken Hansard officiating. Burial will follow in the Patton Cemetery, Meadow Bridge.

Friends may call one hour prior to the service on Sunday at Wallace & Wallace in Lewisburg.

In lieu of flowers the family is requesting that donations be made to the local chapter of the ALS Foundation. All donations made through Glen’s direct fundraising link will go to the WV Chapter that helped Glen and his family during this very difficult time.

Donations can be made at the following web address or if preferred a check may be mailed to the address listed below:

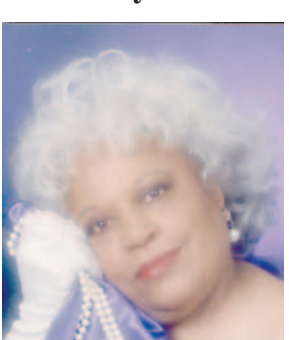
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The ALS Association
P.O. Box 2782
Beckley, WV 25802

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

Please send online condolences by visiting www.WallaceandWallaceFH.com

Gloria Swanson Kinney Seams Haynes



Lewisburg—Gloria Swanson Kinney Seams Haynes, 95, passed away Sunday, Dec. 5, 2021 at Greenbrier Valley Medical Center following a brief illness.

She was born Apr. 14, 1926 in Hot Springs, VA to the late Pauline Estel See “OBITUARIES” __P. 7

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Allen Kinney.
Gloria was reared in Lewisburg, Greenbrier County. She received her education in Lewisburg at the historic Bolling High School where she obtained her diploma in 1945. Her class flower was the white rose, class colors were black and white and her class motto was "Be resigned, Bare up, Bare on, and the end shall tell! The Dear Lord doeth all things well."

Gloria started her years of service at an early age working alongside her mother for various families in Lewisburg and later as a room attendant for The Greenbrier Hotel with 40 years of distinguished service.

Gloria was the cornerstone of the family. She was a quiet and determined, loving mother, wife and sister. She was affectionately called "Go-Go" due to her incredible work ethic and in years past some of the children could not pronounce Gloria but "Go-Go" stuck! She was a devoted Christian woman who loved serving in the church and was, for a number of years, the president of the church choir at Mt. Tabor Baptist Church in Lewisburg.

In addition to her mother, she was preceded in death by her husband, Nardi Haynes in 2006; a son, Harry Norman Seams, II; her sisters, Jacqueline Kinney, Esther Thomas, and Lois May Jones; and brothers, Roy and Norman Kinney.

Gloria has left her cherished family behind. Her children, Ricardo "Ricky" Seams, Brenda Brown, and Gary C. Haynes; her daughter-in-law, Frances Plum-Haynes; her grandsons, Ricky Jr., Mason and Malcolm Haynes, Michelle Brown, James Brown II (Jamie), and Collette and Davis Lewis of Lewisburg; and a host of great-grandchildren and friends.

Home going services will be at 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10, at Mt. Tabor Baptist Church in Lewisburg, with Rev. R. L. Sherrod officiating. Interment will follow in Rosewood Cemetery, Lewisburg.

Friends and family will

be received one hour prior to the services at the church on Friday.

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

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Nancy Carol Gabbert



Ronceverte-Nancy Carol Gabbert, 69, passed away Sunday, Dec. 5, 2021, at the Peyton Hospice House, Lewisburg.

Born Oct. 14, 1952, in Ronceverte, she was the daughter of the late Arden Lee and Geraldine Lyall Rutherford.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two sons, Earl and Travis Cox and three brothers; David, Wallace, and James Rutherford.

Survivors include her daughter, Bobbie Jo Steep (Jeffrey Cooke) of Ronceverte; brothers, Thomas Rutherford (Janie) of Lewisburg, and Timothy Rutherford of Ronceverte; sisters, Janie Woolsey of Newark, DE, Catherine Sacca (Terri) of Tampa, FL, Connie Stone of Ronceverte, Judy Withrow of Fairlea, and Amy Morrison (Lee) of Lewisburg; grandchildren, Nathan Hubbard, Caylann Cox, BreAnn Cox, Tyler Cox, Chantel Hardiman, and Cheyenne Steep; five great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial service will be at 7 p.m., Monday, Dec. 13, at the Morgan Funeral Home Chapel, 252 Montvue Drive, Lewisburg. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service.

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

Online guestbook may be signed at www.morganfh.net

Dept. of Arts, Culture and History accepting 2022 Youth Congressional Art Competition submissions

The West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History (WVDACH) will accept submissions for the 2022 Youth Congressional Art competition through Friday, Feb. 4, 2022. The competition is open to high school students only. Exceptions will be made for schools that have 7th through 12th grades on one campus. Artwork submissions can be mailed or hand delivered to the Culture Center, State Capitol Complex, in Charleston.

The exhibit is scheduled to open at the Culture Center on Friday, Mar. 4, 2022. The WVDACH will host an arts workshop and awards ceremony, which will include light refreshments.

Submitted artwork can be in any one of the following categories: paintings, drawings, collages, prints, mixed media, computer generated and photography. Each entry must be original in concept, design and execution and may not violate U.S. copyright laws. Each student can submit up to two entries.

Artwork must be two-dimensional. Each piece of artwork can be no larger than 26 inches high, 26 inches wide and 4 inches deep. Even when framed, it must still measure no larger than the above maximum dimensions. No framed piece should weigh more than 15 pounds.

The winner from each congressional district will have their

artwork displayed at the United States Capitol for an entire year in the Congressional Art Competition, as well as receive a \$100 Blick Art Materials gift card. The three first place winners will have their artwork framed by the WVDACH. A \$50 Blick Art Materials gift card is also awarded to five second place winners.

Each entrant must submit a student information and release form with a teacher's signature. Students can get entry forms with a complete list of rules and guidelines from their school's art teacher(s), or by contacting Charles Morris, WVDACH director of museums, at 304-558-0220 or Charles.W.Morris@wv.gov.

Feral Cats

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this really friendly cat who is vision impaired, and he had a severely mangled leg that had healed but needed amputated. He is an absolute sweetheart, but he had been shot. We don't know if the vision issue and the leg trauma were related, but we found a good home for him up in Connecticut," said Whitcomb. "There's certain things you just can't heal."

Another case this year was a cat that had been attacked by a dog and had a shattered leg, and another with an injury that made him have to walk on his knuckle. These cases cost a considerable amount more at the vet than the standard spay or neuter, and the subsequent care and socialization process for cats too unwell to be re-released requires both dedication and funding.

"A lot of it depends on the vet stay," said Whitcomb, "but our vets work with us, and are very good to us."

However, despite generous veterinarians and volunteers, bills add up.

"We just got our most recent vet bill and our costs have gone up. The average vet bill on a special

needs cat runs anywhere from \$400 to \$1,200 depending on their condition and what needs to be done. We also are always searching for people to sponsor the permanent cases, most of which are unadoptable for medical reasons. A full sponsorship of a cat is \$250 for the year. It covers food, litter, and medical expenses."

Whitcomb says that financial contributions from community members are a huge asset to the group, and the funds go directly towards helping the animals. Donations can be mailed to FOF (Friends of Ferals), 848 Mt. Zion Road, Alderson, West Virginia, 24910.

Everyday items such as food, bleach, and unscented laundry detergent are always appreciated, as well. They use Purina cat or kitten chow for dry food, and Friskies or Fancy Feast brand wet food.

"We go through a lot of powdered KMR," said Whitcomb, "especially during kitten season." KMR is a milk replacement for kittens too young to eat regular wet or dry food. Whitcomb says the kitten milk replacement sold at Tractor Supply is one they regularly use.

Donations can be dropped off on the deck of their facility, or message the group on Facebook at "Friends of Feral and Homeless Cats and Kittens Inc" to schedule a drop-off.

Above everything else, if you have a stray cat or two on your property, Whitcomb urges the importance of reaching out as soon as possible.

"Please, please spay and neuter. Contact us now, don't wait until you have 20 cats, call even if you have one or two. If you have a stray show up, call us right away and we can work on getting them altered."

She says that the group can also advise on how to trap feral cats, for those wanting to trap the animals themselves, and they can provide a spay or neuter voucher.

Those wishing to adopt can submit an application through their website at friendsofferalswv.org or make a tax-deductible donation to the group online.

"We are always looking for good homes for our barn cats," said Whitcomb. The \$50 adoption fee is waived for those looking for a barn cat, who are all altered and vaccinated.



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suggestions for wrapping gifts. A few of the suggestions are fabrics, comics, maps, and usable items like dish towels and brown paper bags.

Dear Readers,
We need your help again. The Recycling Center greatly appreciates all the many recyclers who bring items to the center clean and dry, then place them in the correct bins. You are the best! There are, however, a few people who are bringing bags full of assorted plastics expecting staff to sort them. We simply do not have enough employees or the equipment to sort these items. Thus, any bags of mixed recyclables brought to the Center do not get recycled and end up in the landfill. If you know anyone, or see someone, who doesn't understand why recyclables must be sorted, please help our staff out and explain why this must be done. Another problem is two forms of contaminants. Dirty items are being put in the bins and, recently, large dog food bags stuffed full of cardboard are being put in the cardboard bin still in the bag. Neither dirty items nor dog food bags are recyclable, thus they become contaminants and it only takes one dirty item to contaminate an entire bale. Please help be sure that all items brought to the center are clean, sorted, and placed in the correct bins.

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Good News: The amount of recycling has increased, and the prices paid for recyclables have increased. Keep up the good work!

Dear Recycle Lady,
Can Christmas wrapping paper be recycled?
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BUSINESS

New data shows global investment fueling WV's economy

West Virginia's Job Growth from Inbound FDI outpaced the U.S. Average by 5X in 2019

A new report released by the Global Business Alliance details how inbound foreign direct investment (FDI) from global companies has become a significant driver of hiring and economic activity within West Virginia's economy.

More than 29,000 workers

in West Virginia - including 15,000 manufacturing workers - are employed by the more than 335 global companies operating plants, offices, and other facilities in the state.

From 2009 to 2019, the number of West Virginians working for global companies' U.S. affiliates surged by 30%, even as total private sector employment across the state remained flat. In

the most recent year alone, West Virginia's FDI jobs employment grew by 5.1% - roughly five times faster than the U.S. average.

Nancy McLernon, CEO of the Global Business Alliance, explained the significance of global investment to West Virginia's local economy:

"While West Virginia wasn't historically a hotbed for global

investment, the data show clearly that this trend is turning. Over the past year, global companies' hiring grew five times faster in West Virginia compared to the national average.

These investments translate directly into good-paying jobs. Nationally, global companies pay their American workers an average of 18% more than the U.S. average.

"As we talk about what it means to 'Buy American,' we need to remember that includes products manufactured right here in West Virginia by the American employees of global companies."

The report examining the impact of inbound FDI on West Virginia's economy is available at <https://globalbusiness.org/state/west-virginia>.

WVDA taking applications for 2022 Specialty Crop Block Grants

The West Virginia Department of Agriculture (WVDA) is now seeking applications for FY 2022 Specialty Crop Block Grant Program. Funds will be awarded to enhance the production, processing, and consumption of specialty crops in West Virginia. Six West Virginia projects were awarded a total of \$284,618.10 in 2021.

"Specialty crop are vital to expanding, diversifying, and enhancing the impact agriculture has on our state's economy. The Department is looking for projects that highlight how innovative programs and rural development groups can help West Virginia agriculture expand," said Commissioner of Agriculture Kent Leonhardt. "Our maple industry is a perfect example of a niche crop that has benefited from specialty crop funding."

The state Specialty Crop Block Grant Program is

funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and administered by the WVDA. Recipients have two years to plan, implement and gather data on their respective projects. Specialty crops are defined as fruits, vegetables, tree nuts, dried fruits, horticulture, and nursery crops, including floriculture.

The USDA awarded \$72.4 million to 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the five U.S. territories in 2021. The WVDA anticipates receiving approximately \$270,000, from which multiple grants will be awarded.

RFA, application, instructions, and other information can be found <https://agriculture.wv.gov/ag-business/specialty-crop-block-grant/>. Applications are due January 12, 2022.

For more information, contact Leslie Boggess, lboggess@wvda.us or 304-558-2210.

Humanities Council Seeking Grant Proposals

The West Virginia Humanities Council announces its upcoming February 1, 2022, grant deadline for three grant categories: Major grants, which are awarded twice a year for projects requesting up to \$20,000;

Fellowships of \$3,000, which are awarded annually for scholarly research projects; and Minigrants, which are awarded four times a year for projects requesting \$1,500 or less.

The Humanities Council, the state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities, serves West Virginia through grants and direct programs in the humanities. A variety of matching grants are offered by the Humanities Council year-round to nonprofit organizations in West Virginia that support educational programming.

The following are descriptions of grant applications due February 1:

Major grants. This category supports public programs including, but not limited to, lectures, school projects, symposia, panel discussions, reading and discussion series, exhibits, reenactments, and conferences. Major grant proposals may request up to \$20,000. Applicants must allow twelve weeks between the deadline and the start of the project.

Fellowships. Stipends of \$3,000 are awarded once a year to West Virginia college and university humanities faculty and independent scholars for research and writing projects. Eligible projects include, but are not limited to, the study of interpretive archaeology; the history, theory, and criticism of the arts; ethics; history; jurisprudence; modern and classical languages; linguistics; literature; philosophy; comparative religion; and philosophical and historical approaches to the social sciences.

Minigrants. Humanities Council minigrants support small projects, single events, lectures, small museum exhibits and brochures, consultation needs, and planning for more complex projects. Minigrant deadlines are February 1, April 1, June 1, and October 1 for projects requesting \$1,500 or less. Applicants must allow six weeks between the deadline and the start of the project.

Throughout 2022, the Humanities Council is especially interested in projects that address civic engagement and civics education.

For more information about the West Virginia Humanities Council grants program contact Humanities Council grants administrator Erin Riebe at (304) 346-8500 or via email at riebe@wvhumanities.org. Grant guidelines and applications are also available on the Humanities Council website, www.wvhumanities.org.

Mining electrician retraining planned in December at New River CTC

New River Community and Technical College is offering a mining electrician retraining class on Dec. 20, 2021, at the Nicholas County Campus in Summersville and through Zoom video conferencing. The course will be offered from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Mine electricians in West Virginia must complete continuing education courses each year to keep their MSHA certification current.

Tuition for the class is \$0, and preregistration is required by Dec. 16, 2021. Attendees participating in the Zoom course will receive the class link after they have registered for the class.

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force/ to register for one of the classes or contact Gloria Kincaid (304-793-6101, gkincaid@newriver.edu).

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The cantata is directed by Sally Parker and narrated by Ben Anderson.

The choir members are Ben Anderson, Susie Anderson, Sarah Baker, Sheila Ballard, Jeanne Bostic, Janice Deem, Don Holliday, Richard Holliday, Richie Holliday, Michelle Jones, Tom Moretz, Susan Morgan, Debi Rogers, Dreama West, Karen West and Angel Williams.

Other Christmas presentations at Ronceverte Baptist include the

youth program on Sunday, Dec. 12 at 6 p.m. followed by a reception in the fellowship hall and a Candlelight Service on Christmas Eve at 6 p.m.

The Ronceverte Baptist congregation invites everyone to join us for these celebrations of our Savior's birth this Christmas season. The church is located at the corner of Main Street and Locust Street.

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Super Crossword

ANIMATED WOOFERS

- ACROSS**
- 1 Agree (with)
 - 5 Ability to cope well with difficulty
 - 11 Mini-devils
 - 15 Girl
 - 19 Forget to say
 - 20 Vocation
 - 21 Heist booty
 - 22 — Stanley Gardner
 - 23 She played Kira Nerys on "Deep Space Nine"
 - 25 Sicilian resort city
 - 26 Rain-starved
 - 27 Get ripier
 - 28 Taken with
 - 29 Legendary nude horse rider
 - 31 Small bird
 - 32 Enhaloed Fr. woman
 - 33 Lightning source, as shortened in weather reports
 - 36 Like wicker baskets
 - 37 Rotating rocket ride at Disney theme parks
 - 40 Alternatives to dice
 - 43 Has the helm
 - 44 Exactly
 - 46 Lime drink
 - 47 "Oh, go on!"
 - 49 Kevin Bacon's "Footloose" role
 - 55 Spring-loaded stick
 - 58 R&B's Rawls
 - 60 Suffix with script
 - 61 Elvis — Presley
 - 62 Twitched, as a muscle
 - 65 Pasta strip
 - 69 Raiment
 - 71 — and yang
 - 72 Depressing or untidy sort
 - 75 Santa —, California
 - 76 Overprotect
 - 78 Most ashen
 - 79 Discovered
 - 81 Old cracker brand
 - 82 Short time, for short
 - 83 Sheeran and O'Neill
 - 85 Regatta tools
 - 86 Grammy nominee for writing the Lee Ann Womack hit "I May Hate Myself in the Morning"
 - 92 Retort to "No you're not!"
 - 95 Moray, say
 - 96 Gin mill
 - 98 Be emphatic
 - 102 Moniker for Boston's locale
 - 107 Flying disc renamed
 - 108 Suffix in 1957
 - 109 Zones
 - 110 FDR part
 - 112 "Indeedy"
 - 113 "Law & Order: —" (NBC series since '99)
 - 114 Silly grin
 - 117 Gravy Train competitor
 - 118 Insult, in rap
 - 119 Be very mad
 - 120 Baseball's Ty
 - 121 Their names begin eight answers in this puzzle
 - 125 Wields
 - 126 Major city in Norway
 - 127 Squirrel food
 - 128 Actress Hathaway
 - 129 Period before 6-Down
 - 130 Close-call cry
 - 131 Present in a different form
 - 132 Attention-getting cries
 - 39 Square in the first column of a bingo card
 - 41 Speed
 - 42 Nuptial vow
 - 45 Try to equal
 - 48 "We're No Angels" actor — Ray
 - 50 Regatta group
 - 51 Gym pad
 - 52 Pop singer Grande
 - 53 Intersection
 - 54 Presses and stretches
 - 55 Hitchcock film of 1960
 - 56 Downer drug
 - 57 India's Indira
 - 59 Takes stuff out of a suitcase
 - 63 Nero's 1,550
 - 64 Up 'til
 - 66 Popeye's Olive
 - 67 Lofty poem
 - 68 "ER" roles
 - 69 Exist
 - 70 Luggage-screening org.
 - 73 Oil gp.
 - 74 "Frozen" heroine
 - 77 Fawn nurser
 - 80 Hen's perch
 - 82 Road deicer
 - 84 T. rex, e.g.
 - 87 U.S. flag sewer Ross
 - 88 Meadowland
 - 89 Sappy tree
 - 90 Earthen cooking pot
 - 91 Person, place or thing
 - 93 Motorist's distance marker
 - 94 Attach with a click
 - 97 Siouan tribe
 - 99 "All finished!"
 - 100 "Kids" actress Chloé
 - 101 Bridge supports
 - 102 Amount a sack will hold
 - 103 Stimulate
 - 104 Naval petty officers
 - 105 Most secure
 - 106 OK for eating
 - 108 Traffic cones
 - 111 Funny bone locale
 - 115 Garbage barge
 - 116 Dance violently
 - 117 Razor choice
 - 121 Uber order
 - 122 Fabulous flier
 - 123 Fabled flier
 - 124 "Zip-a-Dee-Doo- —"

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

4. Pants are different. 5. Hair is added. 6. Necktie is removed.

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STEPPIN' OUT

Christmas at the Fair continues through December 19



The State Fair of West Virginia continues Christmas at the Fair, its Christmas Light Drive-Thru experience until Sunday, Dec. 19. The show runs from 6 to 9 p.m. and is open Thursdays through Sundays to the public.

"We continue to be blown away by the support from the community for this event," State Fair CEO Kelly Collins stated. "We've enjoyed seeing several families return each night and are already looking forward to expanding it next year."

Christmas at the Fair is available to the public for donations only

and begins 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. Mobile donations are accepted via Paypal at <https://bit.ly/3oj0sMi>.

"We cannot thank our sponsors enough for their continued support," Collins stated.

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.statefairfowv.com/christmas-at-the-fair. Follow the State Fair of West Virginia on Facebook @statefairfowv, Instagram @statefairfowv, TikTok @statefairfowv, and Twitter @SFVW. #ChristmasAtTheFair #SFVW

'A Mixed Up Christmas' at Trillium



Trillium's first live performance since the start of the pandemic is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 11.

After 21 months of being shuttered, Trillium Performing Arts is proud to have its first live performance at the historic Lewis Theatre in downtown Lewisburg.

Trillium's School for the Performing Arts is having a Holiday Dance

Recital called "A Mixed Up Christmas," or What a Year We've Had, on Saturday, Dec. 11 at 3 p.m. Students age 3 to 14 will perform dances to several holiday classic songs. It will be a fun for the whole family.

Tickets are limited and will be

on sale in the lobby the day of performance. Adults are \$10, children 6-12 are \$5 and under 6 is free. Cash only and masks are required.

Come join us for a holiday treat.



GIRLS' DAY OUT RETURNS THIS SATURDAY, DEC. 11

Girls' Day Out in Lewisburg is back again this Saturday, Dec. 11, starting at 10 a.m. This one-day special event is the perfect way to get into the holiday spirit, and who better to share it with than your girlfriends!

Enjoy giveaways, drawings for great prizes, complimentary beverages and tastings, shop specials, and more! Grab your girlfriends, moms, sisters, daughters and have a day on the town!

More details are available on Facebook at Girls' Day Out, or by calling 888-702-1076.

Mention Girls' Day Out on Saturday, Dec. 11, for these awesome specials!

A New Chapter

Spend \$50 and receive a set of two locally sourced and hand dipped candles from Hidden Quarry Honey! (While supplies last)

Aggie's

Chocolate Tastings and Prosecco

Amy's Cakes & Cones

Enter to Win a Four Pack of Hot Chocolate Bombs - Complimentary Hot Cocoa and Fancy Cookies

The Asylum

Complimentary Cranberry Mimosa with purchase of Any Food Item

Bella Gourmet

Giveaways All Day! Some items are Le Creuset, Blenko, Nora Fleming, Bodum, Cheese & Wine! Tasty Treats Too!

Blackwell's

Complimentary Holiday Sangria with Spanish Tapas

Brick House Antiques

Spiced Cider and Specials throughout the Shop

Briergarten

Complimentary Glass of Girls Day Out Punch and Enter a Drawing for a Briergarten Gift Bag

Cat and Kate

Diamond Necklace Giveaway

Del Sol Cantina

Complimentary Cranberry Mimosa with Purchase of an Appetizer

Edith's

Drawing for a Gift Basket Valued at \$100

General Lewis Inn

Free Mimosas with Purchase of Any Item in the Gift Shop

Greenbrier Valley Theatre

"Christmas Time" - A Musical Review that Packs all the Charm of the Holidays into One Show. Shows are at 2:30 and 7:30 p.m.

Greenbrier Valley Visitors Center

Enter a Drawing for a \$100 Visa Gift Card

Harmony Ridge Gallery

Complimentary Champagne - Girlfriend Photo Selfie Station with Fun Props - Drawings for Free Prizes All Day Long!

Hill & Holler

\$1 Mimosas

The Humble Tomato

Bottomless Mimosas for \$15 and complimentary Humble Spritz with Meal Purchase

Lee Street Studios

Relax & Recharge with Hot Chocolate Station, "Make It, Take It" Holiday Ornaments and Selfie Station. Drawing for \$100 Gift Certificate if You Spend \$25 or More

Lewisburg Surf Shop

Champagne & Chocolate Bars Complete with Golden Tickets! Golden Ticket Specials include Discounts & Gift Cards up to \$250

Little Black Box

Hot Toddlies & Holiday Cookies - Register to Win \$50 Gift Card - Free Gift for

Everybody - Bra Fittings Available - 60% Off End of Year Sale

Love Child

Spend \$10 and Enter Your Name to Win a \$100 Gift Certificate - The First 10 People to Spend \$25 Get a Free Itzy Ritzy Bag

Patina

Door Prizes for Everyone and a \$100 Gift Certificate for the Lady Wearing the Ugliest Christmas Sweater

Plants Etc

Palm Reading by Maya Coleman from 2 to 4 p.m.

The Shoe Box

Complimentary Coffee & Donuts 10 a.m. to noon. Sip Coffee While You Are Fitted For A Comfy Pair of Shoes. And Free Gift with Qualifying Purchase.

Stardust Café

Free Wine Fizz with Lunch Purchase

Studio 40

Flash Sales All Day! Enter a Raffle with Any Purchase to Win a Cross-Body Cell Phone Bag or A Hand Blown Glass Xmas Ornament

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Wolf Creek Gallery

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SCHOOL

Communities In Schools of Gbr. County receives grant award

Communities In Schools of Greenbrier County (CISGC) is the grateful recipient of the Mary Nickell Foundation grant. The \$10,000 award will assist CISGC in continuing programs and case management for local students. Last year, more than 4,600 students

county-wide benefited from services CISGC provided including school supplies, food distribution, whole-school supports, tutoring, mentoring and more. Of the 4,600 (plus) students, CISGC student support specialists provided individualized case-management to more

than 340 students to help them overcome academic, social/emotional, and behavioral challenges. CISGC continues to assist with mentoring, tutoring, as well as basic and emergency needs of students and their families in Greenbrier County.

Doug Clemons named 2021 Gregory Bailey WVSHRO of the Year recipient



Amy Loring (left), current President of WVASHRO; Howard Seufer, Bowles Rice partner; Doug Clemons, Greenbrier County Schools Associate Superintendent of Schools & Human Resources Director/ WVASHRO Award Recipient; Kimberly Croyle, Bowles Rice partner; and Trey Morrone, Bowles Rice special counsel

The Gregory Bailey West Virginia School Human Resources Official (WVSHRO) of the Year Award was presented to Douglas Clemons, GCS Associate Superintendent of Schools & Director of Human Resources, at the WV Association of School Human Resources Officers (WVASHRO) Fall Conference on Dec. 8.

Established by Bowles Rice Attorneys at Law in memory of Gregory

Bailey, this award is given to an active member of the West Virginia Association of School Human Resources Officers who has distinguished themselves in personnel administration at the local or state levels; is involved and a contributing participant in local, state, national or international personnel functions/programs; whose contributions have had a significant impact on public education at the local, state, national,

or international level; is a skilled manager of change and is creative in their approach to personnel administration; approaches personnel administrative work with a sense of humor and a sense of respect for their fellow man; and is currently serving in a personnel position.

The recipient of the Gregory Bailey West Virginia School Personnel Official of the Year award will be WVASHRO's nomination for the American Association of School Personnel Administrators' Herb Salinger Personnel Administrator of the Year Award.

WV Department of Arts, Culture and History announces 2021-22 Poetry Out Loud registration deadline

The 2022 West Virginia Poetry Out Loud state competition registration deadline is set for Wednesday, Dec. 15. All West Virginia public and private high schools and homeschool associations are encouraged to participate in the event, which is sponsored annually by the West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History (WVDACH) in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts and the Poetry Foundation.

Non-school organizations, such as afterschool programs, libraries, or non-profit organizations, may also sponsor a local Poetry Out Loud competition for students in high schools where the program is not offered. Interested students or organizational sponsors may contact the state Poetry Out Loud coordinator for more information about how to register.

Poetry Out Loud is a national contest and free program that encourages high school students to learn about great poetry through memorization, recitation, and competition. More than 4.1 million students across the country have participated in Poetry Out Loud since the program's launch in 2005, including thousands of West Virginia high school students.

The program begins as students participate in classroom or school-wide competitions. One winner from each school may advance to the statewide competition. This year's state final will be held at the Culture Center, State Capitol Complex, Charleston on Mar. 11-12, 2022.

State champions from across the United States advance to the national finals. The national final awards \$50,000 in student prizes and school stipends.

West Virginia's 2021 state champion, Ben Long of Notre Dame High School, was one of nine students to advance through regional competi-

tions and compete for the title of national champion.

The Poetry Out Loud program provides teachers with an online repository of free, standards-based curriculum materials for the classroom. These include an online poetry anthology containing more than 1,100 classic and contemporary poems, a teacher's guide, lesson plans, posters, and video and audio on the art of poetry recitation. Teachers can access these resources at PoetryOutLoud.org, and physical copies of the teacher's guide are available from the WVDACH. Guidelines for conducting a competition (including virtual options) are also available on the Poetry Out Loud website.

To learn more about Poetry Out Loud, receive the program materials, or register for the state competition, visit <https://wvculture.org/agencies/arts/poetry-out-loud/> or contact Jim Wolfe, program coordinator, at james.d.wolfe@wv.gov or 304-558-0240.

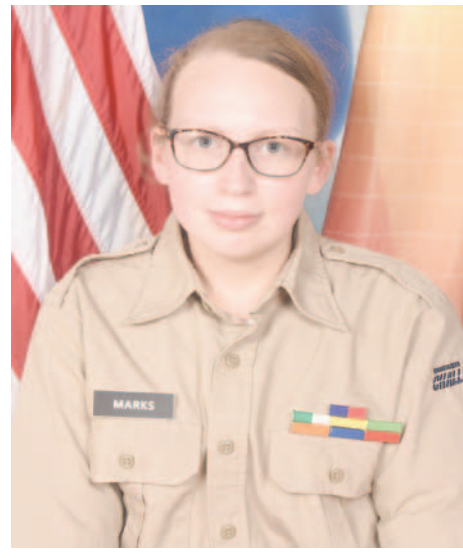
Greenbrier Valley Chorale presents

Sing We Noel, Again!

Sunday, December 12, 2021
3:00 p.m.
Carnegie Hall

Tickets may be purchased at www.carnegiehallwv.org
Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$5 for students.
This venue is ADA compliant.

Marks graduates from Mountaineer ChalleNGe Academy



Cadet Sarah Marks

The Mountaineer ChalleNGe Academy is pleased to announce Class 2-21 as the 57th class to complete this West Virginia National Guard Program. Commencement exercises were held Friday, Nov. 19 at Camp Dawson in Kingwood. A total of 106 graduates from 35 counties across the State of West Virginia successfully completed the requirements for graduation. MG William E. Crane congratulated the Cadets and gave the commencement address.

The following Cadet participated from Greenbrier County:

Cadet Sarah Marks, daughter of Willard and Jesse Waide of Crawley, was in Platoon 4. Cadet Marks was recognized for receiving the Honor's List as well as obtaining the six Individual Values Recognition Ribbons.

All graduating Cadets have completed the residential phase of ChalleNGe, which includes activities in eight core component areas ranging from Service to Community to Employability Skills. Cadets in this class provided 3,864 hours of Service to Community for such organizations as Operation Gratitude, Trout for Cheat, Adopt-A-Highway, Reedsville VFD, Patriot Gardens and Arthurdale Heritage. Following graduation, these Cadets will begin a one-year post-residential phase of ChalleNGe that includes placement activities in education and/or employment.

Applications are currently being accepted for Class 1-22 North that begins in January. Call toll-free at 1-800-529-7700 for more information.

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