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## Lewisburg resident celebrates 105th birthday

By Sarah Richardson

Polly Shawver Bowling Welch, affectionately known by her grandchildren as "Gert," celebrated her 105th birthday on Thursday, Jan. 6. She has resided in Lewisburg with her daughter, Betty Jo McNeel, 82, for the last seven years.

Polly grew up in Quinwood, WV, and married her first husband there. After he passed away from cancer, she remarried and relocated to Covington, VA. Her second husband also passed away from cancer, and she eventually moved to Greenbrier County, where she has been for over the last decade.

Polly's other child is her son, Clyde Bowling of White Sulphur Springs, and grandchildren Mendy McNeel, Matt (Trish) McNeel, Chanda (Brad) McNeel, Amanda (Brad) Watson, Timmy Bowling, Jimmy (Donna) Bowl-



Polly (seated) with her brother, Clyde Bowling (left), and daughter Betty Jo (right).

ing, and eight great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

Polly's granddaughter Amanda is the daughter of Betty Jo, and says that her grandmother is a blessing to the family. "She is just an amazing lady, and my mom takes



Polly Welch is pictured here at her 104th birthday celebration last year.

such good care of her, which is why we say she has lived so long. She has been blessed with good health."

Amanda says that Polly has always been an inspiring force for her. "I've never heard her say an ugly word about anyone. As her granddaughter, I could not be more proud to call her ours. It's Jesus first, but Gert second. She has always been such a light to others."

Lewisburg Mayor Beverly White made a surprise visit to Polly on her birthday to spread good wishes and cheer on behalf of the city.

## Ryan King named Ascend Lewisburg Experience Coordinator

West Virginia University's Brad and Alys Smith Outdoor Economic Development Collaborative has appointed Ryan King as the Experience Coordinator for Ascend Lewisburg.

A Lewisburg native with family roots in Greenbrier County for over 200 years, King is eager to begin a new chapter introducing the Ascend WV cohort to town. The Experience Coordinator plays a role in fostering a community of remote workers that are selected for Ascend WV, from helping them get settled in the mountain state to leading them on outdoor adventures and team building activities. King is already working with Lewisburg community leaders and business owners to create the local experience that applicants are eager to find when they arrive. Currently, applications for the first Lewisburg cohort are under review.

"I can't wait to welcome the first cohort to Lewisburg and help them build a community here," says Ryan.

"There's something powerful about Appalachia that I hope they'll fall in love with - and Ascend WV has given people a sense of calling to this place. Give me a big vista, a campfire and let's watch West Virginia come to life at sunrise."

The Ascend WV program, developed in partnership with the State, targets fully employed individuals currently living outside the state who can work remotely from anywhere and want to be part of a contemporary, experience-driven lifestyle. Outdoor enthusiasts or young families who are inspired to help create a more diverse, inclusive and purposeful community will be given preference in a competitive application process. Between the first two Ascend communities Morgantown and Lewisburg, over 10,000 applications have poured in to be part of the program. Even more is expected when the third community, Shepherdstown, opens applications next year.

King attended Hamden-Sydney College before entering the Marine Corps and serving our country through multiple deployments. In 2014, King came back to his roots and began work as a Program Manager and Senior Business Development

## Martin Luther King, Jr. Day celebration video to be released, MLK Jr. Week proclaimed for Lewisburg



The proclamation ceremony was attended by Mayor Beverly White (seated) and Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration Committee members: Telia Godfrey (left), Ellen Broudy, Twana Jackson, Larry Davis, and Wanda Johnson.

At a ceremony in the Lewisburg City Council Chamber, Mayor Beverly White read and signed the proclamation of Lewisburg's Martin Luther King, Jr. Week, which is scheduled for the week beginning with Lewisburg's Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration on Jan. 17. As usual, commemorative banners will be attached to the lampposts in town that week.

As was the case during the winter COVID-19 surge this time last year, there will be no traditional march, community lunch, or program in the Lewisburg United Methodist Church. Instead, a celebration video similar to last year's is being prepared by videographer Rich

McMahan. On Jan. 17 the video will be available to watch and will be accessible by searching on the www.youtube.com website or the YouTube App for the title: Lewisburg MLK 2022.

Singers Nevaeh Traynham and Chris Winston will perform, and Mayor White will again read Lewisburg's Martin Luther King, Jr. Week proclamation which includes a stirring tribute to Dr. King. The Keynote speaker will be Bishop Fred Simms of Heart of God Ministries in Beckley. He is well known for his extraordinarily extensive community work on behalf of the people of Beckley, Raleigh County, and West Virginia in general.

## Nature's Way

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## Greenbrier Valley sees first snowfall of 2022

Greenbrier County was thoroughly covered on the morning of Monday, Jan. 3, with the first snowfall of the season. The wet and heavy snow led to a number of

accidents and downed trees, causing headaches for Department of Highways and Public Works crews.



Photo by Adam Pack

## Mike Honaker takes oath of office

Mike Honaker of Lewisburg became the newest member of the West Virginia House of Delegates Jan. 4.

Honaker was joined by his wife Melissa and children Matthias and Maddison while House Clerk Steve Harrison administered the oath of office, which marked the new Delegate's first visit inside the West Virginia State Capitol.

Honaker, the director of Homeland Security and Emergency Management for Greenbrier County, was appointed to represent the 42nd District, which includes Greenbrier County as well as parts of Summers and Monroe counties. He will

complete the unexpired term of former Delegate Barry Bruce, R-Greenbrier.

A Marine Corps veteran and retired Virginia State Police Officer, Honaker described his appointment to the House of Delegates as "a great opportunity to continue to protect and serve."

"Service is just what I'm wired to do," he said.

Honaker will serve on the Committee on Fire Departments and Emergency Medical Services, as well as the Health and Human Resources Committee and the Veterans Affairs and Homeland Security Committee.

## Erin Justice named Elementary School Counselor of the Year

The West Virginia School Counselor Association has named Rainelle and Crichton Elementary School Counselor Erin Justice the WV Elementary School Counselor of the Year. The Association selects three winners, one at the elementary, middle, and high school levels. One of the three honorees will advance to represent West Virginia at the National level.

"I am honored and humbled to be named WV Elementary School Counselor of the Year," states Justice. "Being a school counselor is challenging and often thankless, so it means a lot when someone says, I see you, I see what you are trying to do, and I support you."

Rainelle Elementary Principal, Kim Tincher, nominated Justice and was excited to learn of the award, stating, "On behalf of our students, faculty, and staff, I congratulate Mrs. Erin Justice for receiving this much-deserved honor. The extra time and effort she has dedicated to our students throughout the COVID-19 pandemic continue to make a real difference in the lives of our students, families, and staff."

Justice earned an undergraduate degree in Psychology and Sociology at Catawba College in Salisbury, NC, and a master's degree in School Counseling at Winthrop University. She is currently a doctoral candidate at the University of Cumberlands, pursuing a Ph.D. in Counselor Education and Supervision. In her 11th year as a school counselor, Justice has worked for Greenbrier County Schools for eight years and has worked part-time at Rainelle Medical Center as a mental health therapist since 2017. Ms. Justice is a licensed professional counselor (LPC) and supervisor (ALPS), a nationally certified counselor (NCC), and certified in trauma-focused cognitive behavioral therapy (TF-CBT).

Ashley Spencer, Crichton Elementary Principal, echoed Kim Tincher's sentiments, adding, "Erin is such an asset to Crichton Elementary School. She advocates for students' well-being and goes above and beyond to help students reach their full potential. We are so fortunate to have her as our school counselor."



**Rainelle and Crichton Elementary School Counselor Erin Justice honored as the West Virginia School Counselors Association Elementary School Counselor of the Year.**

### Ascend WV

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Officer at the Summit Bechtel Reserve, an outdoor adventure facility. This work allowed him to grow his understanding of community building through adventure recreation and offered the chance to spend time with the Collaborative's Science Adventure School for 6th grade students each fall.

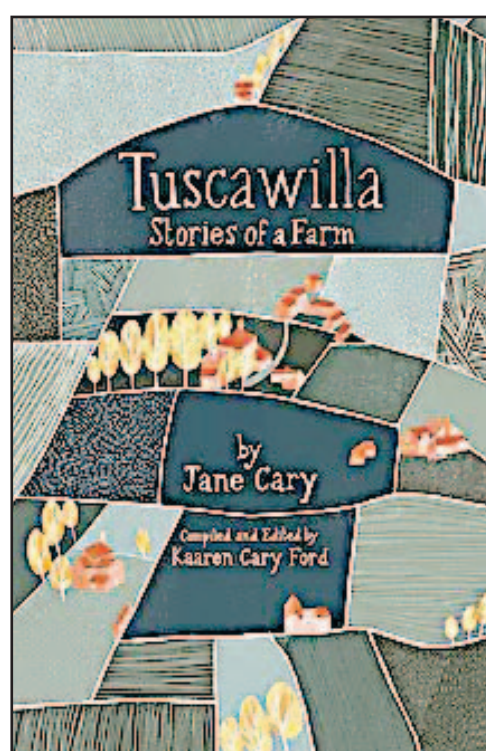
"We are thrilled to have Ryan bring his talents and passion to WVU through the Ascend program where he will soon wel-

come the first cohort into the Lewisburg community," said Danny Twilley Ph.D., assistant dean of the Brad and Alys Smith Outdoor Economic Development Collaborative. "I believe Ryan's deep roots in the area will help others find their home in the Lewisburg area, support local business and create a positive impact in this already vibrant place through developing community, purpose and a connection to the outdoors."

## New book tells stories of Tuscawilla Farm

Tuscawilla: Stories of a Farm is a collection of stories by the late F. Jane Cary about farm life in Greenbrier County, West Virginia, in the middle of the twentieth century. Cary lived her entire life on Tuscawilla Farm, eventually managing it after the deaths of her brothers. This fascinating account of the realities of post-war farm life features P.O.W.s, the ins and outs of hog butchering, how to make the perfect apple butter and much more. Cary's unique personality and love of the world around her shines through, and takes the reader back to an America that can be hard to recognize. This

book is available through Blackwater Press at [www.blackwaterpress.com/books](http://www.blackwaterpress.com/books).



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### Boot Drive for Kentucky postponed to

**January 14 and 15**

The "Fill the Boot Drive" scheduled for this coming weekend has been postponed. Organizer Jeff Doss cited safety concerns amid news of a new snowfall predicted for Thursday evening. Personnel will be back on the streets and at local businesses next weekend, Jan. 14 and 15, collecting donations for the families of first responders affected in the recent tornados in Kentucky.

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



## WVSOM will provide free osteopathic treatment to area residents during clinic

The West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine (WVSOM) is inviting members of the public to receive complimentary osteopathic evaluations and manipulative treatment starting Jan. 19.

The school is accepting appointments for its annual Student Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine (OMM) Clinic, which this year will take place on successive Wednesdays in two four-week sessions. Through the clinic, WVSOM students under physician supervision see patients in the Clinical Evaluation Center on WVSOM's campus in Lewisburg.

The first session takes place Jan. 19, Jan. 26, Feb. 2 and Feb. 9, while the second session takes place Feb. 16, Feb. 23, Mar. 2 and Mar. 9. For both sessions, appointment times are available at 1, 2, 3, and 4 p.m.

In osteopathic manipulative medicine, a system of hands-on techniques are used to help evaluate health, alleviate pain and restore motion through stretching, placing pressure on or otherwise manipulating muscles and joints. Students at WVSOM learn osteopathic techniques in addition to a standard medical curriculum that allows graduates to pursue residencies in any medical specialty.

Jessica Smith-Kelly, D.O., a WVSOM osteopathic principles and practice faculty member who organizes the annual clinic, expressed her appreciation for residents of Lewisburg and surrounding areas who take part in the clinic.

"We at WVSOM are excited to continue to offer the Student OMM Clinic to community members," she said. "Despite the changes we've seen with the COVID-19 pandemic, our students have spent the past two years actively training and improving their skills. I thank those who continue to support our students and our school through their participation."

Smith-Kelly said the safety guidelines instituted for last year's clinic will remain in place for the 2022 sessions.

"Because the pandemic is ongoing, we continue to take extra precautions to ensure the safety of the participants and students. All students will be masked, and patients will be required to mask as well," she said.

Molly McMillion, who took part in a previous Student OMM Clinic, said she enjoyed the experience and likes knowing her participation helps give WVSOM students the real-world education they need to become physicians proficient in osteopathic manipulation.

"I was very impressed with how professional and knowledgeable the students were," she said. "I have had osteopathic manipulative treatment before, and this was as helpful and a great learning experience for me as well. I think it is important to show support for WVSOM and the students as they learn, and this goes a long way to helping them be patient-focused."

Clinic patients must have a referral from a primary care physician, physician assistant or nurse practitioner prior to scheduling appointments. Additionally, the clinic is open only to individuals who do not have an open workers' compensation, disability, or motor vehicle accident claim and are not involved in injury-related litigation.

Participants are asked to wear unrestrictive clothing and to arrive 15 minutes early. Those who arrive more than 10 minutes late may be asked to reschedule, and cancellations should be made at least 24 hours in advance.

To register for one of the two sessions, call 304-647-6286.

## PICK OF THE LITTER



### GIZZY

Gizzy is a 20-year-old female domestic shorthair. She needs an indoor-only home as she is front declawed.

### THIMBLE

Thimble is a one-year-old female domestic shorthair.



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

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

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

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

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# 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. Saturday dance on Jan. 22 will feature the Midland Trail Band 7 to 10:30. The Music Hall is available for weddings and parties. For more information call the Music Hall at 304-645-4667; Bill Evans at 304-392-6079; Grace Poe at 304-992-5852.

## 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](http://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.

## Morrissey's mobile office sets January stops

Attorney General Patrick Morrissey announced a representative from his office will meet with central and southeastern West Virginia residents in January to discuss consumer-related issues and answer any potential questions.

"These public events are a great way for consumers to talk one-on-one with our consumer representatives," Attorney General Morrissey said. "Residents can easily get questions answered, learn what is going on in their area and how to keep personal information safe and secure."

Justin Arvon, a consumer outreach and compliance specialist with the office, will host the events as scheduled below:

- Jan. 11: 11 a.m. to noon, Alderson City Hall, 202 Monroe Street, Alderson

- Jan. 13: 11 a.m. to noon, Kirk's Restaurant, 130 Hinton Bypass, Hinton

For information on additional requirements specific to any location, attendees are encouraged to contact Justin Arvon at 304-590-6462.

## American Rescue Plan funds designated to West Virginia airports

U.S. Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV), member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, announced \$334,118 from the American Rescue Plan to support restaurants and businesses located in airports across West Virginia. This American Rescue Plan funding from the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) will be used to support both large and small concessions in four airports across the state.

Of these funds, \$11,015 has been allotted to Greenbrier Valley Airport in Lewisburg.

"Many industries in West Virginia have been hit hard by the COVID-19 pandemic, including our airports and restaurants. I fought to include millions of dollars in the American Rescue Plan to support these West Virginia industries. Now, West Virginia businesses are receiving this much needed help that will support restaurants, shops and other businesses located in West Virginia airports," said Senator Manchin. "I look forward to seeing the positive impact of this funding and will continue to advocate for our economic industries in the Mountain State."

## Public Meetings

### 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.*

### Lewisburg Finance Committee

will meet in regular session Tuesday, Jan. 11, at 7 p.m. in the Paul R. Cooley Council Chamber at Lewisburg City Hall and via Zoom link. Please contact City Hall by 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 11, to request the zoom link. The following topics are scheduled for discussion:

- Removal of trees in right of ways for water system upgrades
- Public Works Building Bids
- Cost of Living Increase
- Police Department – competitive wage increase
- Lease Purchase of Police Vehicles
- Review of CARES Act Expenditures
- Communications from members
- Approval of Minutes – Dec. 14, 2021

## Greenworks releases Lewisburg Recycling Schedule for 2022

For Lewisburg residences, recycling pickups begin the week of Jan. 10, 2022, and continue every other week until 2023. One week on, one week off. Pickups take place on your regular trash collection day, except for noted holiday exceptions. For all other Greenworks customers, individual schedules will continue, except for holiday exceptions.

### Holiday Exceptions:

01/01/22 - New Year's Day - Friday customers move to Monday

01/17/22 - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - Monday customers move to Tuesday

02/21/22 - Presidents Day - Monday customers move to Tuesday

05/30/22 - Memorial Day - Monday customers move to Tuesday

06/20/22 - WV Day - Monday customers move to Tuesday

07/04/22 - Independence Day - Monday customers move to Tuesday

09/05/22 - Labor Day - Monday customers move to Tuesday

10/10/22 - Columbus Day - Monday customers move to Tuesday

11/11/22 - Veterans Day - Friday customers move to Monday

11/24/22 - Thanksgiving Day - Thursday customers move to Friday

12/26/22 - Christmas Day (observed) - Friday customers move to Monday

01/02/23 - New Year's Day (observed) - Monday customers move to Tuesday

If you have any questions, please call 304-661-7793. A calendar for all recycle pickup days is available here: <https://greenworksrecyclingwv.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Greenworks-2022-Calendar.pdf>

### About Greenworks Recycling:

The City of Lewisburg offers free, curbside recycling for all City residents. Recyclable materials covered are as follows:

- Plastics #1 - water and soda bottles marked with a 1 or 01
- Plastics #2 Clear - see-through milk jugs and similar items marked with a 2
- Plastics #2 Color - color and non-transparent jugs, detergent jugs, etc.
- Cardboard - Corrugated cardboard, product packaging, paper egg crates
- Aluminum - Soda / beer cans
- Tin / Steel - Soup cans, other tin packaging
- Newspaper - Matte, non-glossy newspaper
- Magazines - Glossy, magazines, brochures, newspaper promotional inserts
- Office Paper - Printer paper, envelopes, letters
- Corded Electronics
- NO: grocery bags / Styrofoam / batteries /TVs / Plastics #3-7 / wrapping paper

All material should be bundled or bagged individually if possible. Please thoroughly rinse all bottles, cans, jugs, and containers. Newspaper and computer paper should be clean, dry, and placed in grocery bags or tied in bundles with twine around each side (no wire please). Magazines and Cardboard may be similarly packed. Corrugated cardboard boxes need to be flattened. Cereal boxes need to have inside liners removed and be flattened. It is greatly appreciated! Bags for plastic (yellow) and metal (orange) recyclables are available at 1108 Washington Street East or contact Greenworks for more information.

It has become nearly cost prohibitive to recycle glass. Through creative partnerships, we are one of the last glass recyclers in WV and offer glass recycling service for \$14/month.

## Greenbrier County Magistrate Court Convictions

Thomas Andrew Brown, II, White Sulphur Springs, battery, NCP, fine \$100

Jonathan W. Moore, Frankford, driving revoked for DUI, NCP, fine \$100, jail 70 days - time served

Harold Franklin Bolyard, Jr., Marfrance, failure to appear, NCP, fine \$50, jail 10 days - suspended

Joseph W. Thompson, Box Elder, SD, operation of vehicle without safety belts, GP, fine \$25

## Suits

In Re: The Marriage of: Stephanie Ray Williamson and Kevin Williamson

In Re: The Marriage of: Carleigh Vanburen and Ryan Guthrie

In Re: The Marriage of: Ricardo Lee Rodriguez and Chastity Rodriguez

In Re: The Marriage of: Sarah Lindsey Gilmore and Brandon Gilmore

In Re: The Marriage of: Melissa Marie Lance and Roger Lee Lance

In Re: The Marriage of: Nicholas Antonio Rinaldi and Andrea Arthut Rinaldi

In Re: The Marriage of: Ashley Nicole Welch and Michael Welch

## WV proclaims Saturday, January 22 to be Local Quilt Shop Day

In recognition of the importance of independent quilt shops to local economies, Saturday Jan. 22, is proclaimed to be Local Quilt Shop Day throughout West Virginia.

Local Quilt Shop Day is an annual arts celebration focusing on the rich tradition and history of quilting in our communities. This internationally celebrated holiday emphasizes the importance of Local Quilt Shops and their significant contributions and economic impact on local communities.

Local quilt shops not only provide supplies for quilting, but also serve as a center of learning and creativity for quilters and sewers embracing quilting. Through this unique art form, our communities and our history are stitched, layered, and bound together.

Celebrated on Jan. 22, this year, Local Quilt Shop Day was established by The Fabric Shop Network, a trade association that represents over 5,000 local quilt shop owners globally. To participate is easy - The Fabric Shop Network encourages the public to visit their local quilt shops in person or online on Saturday Jan. 22. Check with your local quilt shop for hours and days open as they may be impacted by local/state health guidelines.

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# OPINION

## Nature's Way

By Karen Cohen

Master Gardener/Photojournalist/Artist

### Dream On

Well, I must admit I am like a race horse chomping at the bit ready to go go go. But the time is NOT right so as they say, hold your horses! Planting is on my brain. It has become embedded in my muscle memory: drop a seed, water it, and check it every few days. Now I feel like an empty nester with nothing to dote over, just a cup of coffee in one hand and a clean trowel dangling from the other hand.

Seeds. Time for organizing my seeds from previous years in a notebook marked GARDEN. I have over 20 packs, some unopened and others half full or half empty, depending on your point of view. Toss out seeds older than five years or try sprouting them first, some last longer than others. Now the task comes of deciding what seeds I will be needing to order for 2022 planting. That's always fun! And like most gardeners, I want it ALL and will always overbuy.

I am a sucker for flowers. Living in deer country limits me to my selections of critter proof flowers. Borage produces volumes of small blue flowers that can be plucked off the plant and tossed in salads. It has a cucumber flower. An especially impressive touch is placing one borage flower in an ice cube block, freeze, and serve in gin and tonics or in non alcoholic cucumber water. The ladies will ooh and ahhh. Since borage has "hairy" stems and leaves, the animals leave it alone.

Learned something new last year. Hairy plants, that is plants that have tiny prickly parts are offensive to most creatures. That has become part of my planting scheme for anything outside of my fenced garden area. Borage fits the bill and makes lovely garden border plants, feathery and robust. NOTE: Contact dermatitis is a possibility with borage so do wear gloves when handling the plant itself.

Other flowers that I love to strew inside the fenced garden are helianthus, the common sunflower. In past years I have been able to plant masses without any fence protection. The stems and leaves are hairy and deter animals. Last year, however, maybe it was a new deer on the block who topped off many sunflower heads and left the single hairy stalks standing straight up and headless in my garden. How embarrassing and ugly! The positive outcome from this theft was that the single stems often branched out and tried to sprout another flower head that was also consumed. My notes tell me to cut the sunflowers early enough to allow more blooms to take place. Thanks deer.

2022, these varieties will go inside my fenced garden: Autumn Beauty grows 6-7 ft tall and produces multiple branches with all the colors of fall, deep reds, oranges and golds. Velvet Queen grows about five feet tall and branches out, too, with multiple crimson flowers. Giganteus is just what it sounds like, 12-inch wide flowers that will droop over heavy with seeds. Speaking of seeds,

## Commentary

### Manchin statement on anniversary of capitol insurrection

U.S. Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV) released the following statement on the one year anniversary of the insurrection at the U.S. Capitol.

"There are days in our nation's history that we will never forget. After the attack on Pearl Harbor, President Roosevelt declared December 7, 1941 'a day that will live in infamy.' On January 6, 2021, history was made in the most horrific way and it will also be a day that will live in infamy.


"Like many people, I remember that day vividly The Capitol was busy as Congress convened to certify the results of the Presidential Election as the Constitution requires. Members of Congress and our staffs, Capitol Police officers, journalists, custodial and hospitality staff were here and doing our work to keep our nation's capital operating so we could fulfill our Constitutional duty.

"From the Senate floor we heard shouting outside the chamber and were quickly evacuated by selfless members of the U.S. Capitol Police. At the time, we were given no explanation and only told that we must evacuate immediately out of an abundance of caution. But from our secure location, we watched in shock as the videos and images of the men and women breaching the Capitol plastered the news. Americans across the country and people around the world did the same.

"One year later, we know without a doubt that the intent of attackers who stormed the Capitol was to prevent Congress from certifying an election for the first time in our nation's 245-year history. Their intention was to prevent a peaceful transfer of power and to overthrow our government. The insurrectionists that day were violent, destructive and vengeful.

"But they did not succeed. The Senate resolved to return to the Senate chamber and fulfill our Constitutional duty by certifying the election results. I am proud of the way we came together - Democrats, Republicans and Independents - to get the work of the American people done.

"The Architects of the Capitol have repaired the physical damage - the windows have been replaced, the statues have been cleaned and the glass has been swept up. But the trauma of that day is still felt by many in our Capitol community. To the heroic police officers and members of the National Guard who put their lives on the line to bravely protect us: It is impossible to ad-



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"America is always at her best when we focus on what we have in common and put our country above politics. President Kennedy famously said, 'Ask not what your country can do for you but what you can do for your country.' As we move forward, let us each look for ways to work with our fellow citizens to serve our nation."

## Commentary

### Capito statement on January 6 anniversary

U.S. Senator Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV) released the following statement on the one-year anniversary of January 6, 2021:

"January 6, 2021 was a terrible day in our nation's history, and it was a dark day for our democracy. We live in the greatest country on earth that allows us to express our opinions freely, but what occurred at the Capitol a year ago today was shattering to the American conscience, and it is not who we are as a country. Since this horrific day, I have been and continue to be supportive of efforts - through my role on the Senate Rules Committee - to make sure we are instituting changes in our security and safety measures to prevent such an attack from occurring ever again. Through multiple hearings, discussions with countless on-duty Capitol Police officers, coordination with all relevant government agencies, and a review of thousands of documents, Congress has and continues to take its oversight role seriously in investigating the build-up and fallout from January 6 in a bipartisan way. One of the biggest takeaways from January 6 for me is that we will not be intimidated and bullied. We live in the best country on earth that stands for great principles. We are going to live up to these principles as a country and make sure that we protect ourselves, our loved ones, and our country."

## Commentary

### Secretary Warner announces Candidate Filing Period for 2022 Primary Election

Secretary of State Mac Warner says his office is ready to kick off the 2022 election cycle, starting with the January filing period for candidates.

Beginning Monday, Jan. 10, candidates planning to run for office in the Primary Election scheduled for May 10, 2022, may file their Certificate of Announcement with the Secretary of State's office or the county clerk's office, depending on the office sought. Candidates must file their paperwork and pay the filing fee during the filing period which begins Monday, Jan. 10 and ends at midnight on Saturday, Jan. 29.

"After overseeing a historic General Election in November 2020 and more than 100 municipal elections in 2021, our team and our county clerks are ready for the 2022 midterm elections," Secretary Warner said. "I will do everything within my authority as the state's chief election official to work with all 55 county clerks to ensure that our elections are safe, fair, and secure."

Candidates for federal, statewide, legislative, and judicial (excluding magistrates) offices, as well as those running for office in more than one county, are required to file a candidate's Certificate of Announcement with the Secretary of State's office. Candidates for all other offices file at their respective county clerk's office.

Offices on the ballot this year include U.S. House of Representatives; State Senate; House of Delegates; county commissions; county boards of education; conservation district supervisors; Greater Huntington Park and Recreation District; political party executive committees for state, congressional, delegate, senatorial, and county districts; and any vacancies for unexpired terms that are to be filled.

Candidates are responsible for determining their eligibility to run for and hold public office. Election officials generally have no authority, except in rare circumstances, to reject a Certificate of Announcement. Generally, candidates for most offices must be eligible to register to vote, the proper age for the office on or before the 2022 General Election, and must be residents of the district where applicable.

Due to legislative redistricting in 2021, candidates running for U.S. House of Representatives, State Senate, and House of Delegates, should check their district map to make sure they file to run in the correct district. Links to maps may be found at our West Virginia Redistricting Maps page at [GoVoteWV.com](http://GoVoteWV.com).

Candidates can file in person at the Secretary of State's Office in Charleston during regular business hours and from 8:30 a.m. to midnight on the last day to file on Saturday, Jan. 29. Candidates can also file at the North Central WV Business Hub, located at 200 West Main Street in Clarksburg, and the Eastern Panhandle Business Hub, located at 229 East Martin Street, Suite 100 in Martinsburg.

Alternatively, candidates can mail their Certificate of Announcement and filing fee to the West Virginia Secretary of State's Office, State Capitol Building, Charleston, WV 25305. All filings mailed by USPS must be received or postmarked during the filing period from Jan. 10 to Jan. 29. Filings received after Jan. 29 cannot be accepted by law.

For information on the West Virginia 2022 election process including a County Clerks Directory and online voter registration, visit the WVSOS website at [GoVoteWV.com](http://GoVoteWV.com)

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# OBITUARIES

## Randall Stephen Collins



**Rupert-Randall** “Steve” Stephen Collins, 70, entered into his eternal home with the Lord on Monday, Dec. 20, 2021 following an extended illness.

Steve was a beloved Husband, Father, Grandfather, Brother, Uncle and Friend to many.

Born May 4, 1951 in Tazewell, VA; he was the son of the late Pritchard Pat Collins and Irene Beavers Collins Shupe.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Pritchard Farley Collins.

Steve studied culinary arts under the direction of The Greenbrier Hotel and was Chef at many restaurants in both West Virginia and Virginia over the years. He was of the Baptist faith and in his free time loved being in the outdoors. When not working, he could usually be found with a fishing pole in his hand, looking for ginseng or turkey hunting. He also coached little league baseball and participated in and won many fly casting competitions.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife of 50 years, Brenda R. Collins of Rupert; children, Mindy R. Wamsley (Sam) of Asbury, and Clint S. Collins (Nikki) of Rupert; grandchildren, AJ Wamsley (Kendra), Marie Wamsley (Pedie), Savannah Gwinn, Oryan Collins, and Hunter Wamsley; sisters, Carol Schroeder (Ken) of Gainesville, VA, and Donna Stokes (Ron) of Rupert; sister-in-law, Debra Osborne of Rupert; and many cousins, niece and nephews, and lifetime friends.

As per his wishes, Steve will be cremated and a private service by the family will be held at a later date.

Wallace & Wallace of Rainelle are in charge of arrangements.

## Carol Ann Dixon



**Frankford-Carol Ann** Dixon, 69, passed away Friday, Dec. 31, 2021 at her residence with her loving family by her side.

She was born Apr. 24, 1952 in Ronceverte, the daughter of the late Gene and Velma Morgan Henson.

Carol was a member of Graystone Baptist Church in Ronceverte and was a dedicated wife, mother, grandmother and a homemaker.

Other than her parents she was preceded in death by brothers, Garland Henson, Darrell Henson and his wife Mary Probo, Donnie Henson and his wife Linda and Dennis Henson, and nephew Garland Lee Henson.

Surviving Carol are her husband of 52 years, Silas “Bill” Dixon; daughters, Tricia Dauwel (Conrad) of Organ Cave, and Traci Hoke (Jesse) of Frankford; son, Eric Dixon (Ashley) of Lewisburg; grandchildren, Nathan Dixon, Evan Dixon, Marley Dauwel, Abby Haynes and Kendall Hoke; sister-in-law, Judy Huffman of Lewisburg; nephew, Chris Henson (Samantha) of Second Creek; nieces, Spring Phillip (Jimmy) of South Carolina, Misty Boone (Chris) of Organ Cave; great-nieces and great-nephews, Bre and Emily Henson, Brody Heckman, Courtney Arabis (Danny), Preston Gorence (Holly), Bryce Coleman, Mackenzie Frese (Ethan), and Lindsey Boone; great-great-nephew, Ezekiel Gorence; and special family friends of many years, Teddy and Rita Camp.

Funeral services for Carol were held on Wednesday, Dec. 5, at Graystone Baptist Church,

Ronceverte, where Pastor Youel Altizer officiated. Interment followed in Rosewood Cemetery at Lewisburg.

The family received their family and friends Tuesday evening, Jan. 4, at Graystone Baptist Church.

Pallbearers were Chris Henson, Preston Gorence, Conrad Dauwel, Jesse Hoke, RJ Miller, Adam Merritt and Teddy Camp with Honorary Pallbearers, Nathan and Evan Dixon.

Special thanks to HospiceCare and Dr. Pam Butcher for the care they provided to Carol and her family.

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

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

## William F. Dixon



**Fairlea-William F.** “Lindburgh” Dixon, 94, passed away with his children at his side on Thursday, Dec. 30, 2021.

Bill was born Nov. 18, 1927 at Sunlight, WV, to the late Arthur G. and Mary Virginia Bare Dixon.

In addition to his parents, Bill was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Jo Gee Dixon; an infant son, William Earl; two brothers, Junior and Laddie Dixon; five sisters, B.C. Gwinn, Sally Lee Omdstead, Lola Ray Viers, Lawanda Viers, and Mary Virginia Reynolds.

Bill graduated from Williamsburg High School class of 1943. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1945 to 1947, graduated from Frame Refrigeration & Electrical Institute and married the love of his life, Mary Jo Gee on

May 27, 1950. He moved to Fairlea in 1951 and established Dixon Refrigeration and Heating. He was a Lennox dealer, was a 50-year member of Fairlea Ruritan Club, coached Little League and was a Boy Scout Leader. He was member of Fairlea Fire and Rescue Department, was a charter member of the Greenbrier East Booster Club and was a 40-year member of Greenbrier County Farm Bureau. He helped to build Greenbrier County Youth Camp and was a director for 30 years.

Bill was a 50-year member of Greenbrier Lodge #42 AF&AM. He attended Trinity United Methodist Church in Ronceverte for many years. He loved the outdoors especially trout fishing in Yellowstone National Park. In 1985, he won a Big Buck contest in West Virginia.

Survivors include his son, Michael W. Dixon (Susan) of Caldwell; daughter, Brenda Dixon Gabbert of Alderson; daughter, Ginger Dixon Morgan (Rodney) of Lewisburg; four grandsons, Trent (Kerry) Gabbert, Aaron Gabbert (Jenna), Neil Dixon (Gabrielle), and Dr. Scott Dixon (Dr. Jordan); three granddaughters, Lindsey Gabbert Flach (Michael), Kinsey Morgan (Eric), and Kourtney Morgan; nine great-grandsons, Henry, William, John and Sam Gabbert, Cameron Gabbert, Michael D. Flach, Rhett and Wells Dixon, Emmett Dixon, and one great-grandson on the way; four great-granddaughters: Ainsley and Caroline Flach, Delaney Gabbert, and Josie Schroder; two sisters, Edna Cochran and Sally Blankenship; two brothers, Frank Dixon and Sam Bare; two sisters-in-law, Christina Dixon and Bonnie Cooper Gee. He is also survived by many cousins and friends.

We can honestly say Dad lived a life that we all would wish for. He was loved by his great-grandchildren, grandkids, and

kids, and just about everyone he touched. If you were lucky enough to be picked on, he liked you. If not, he wasn't afraid to let you know. For 93 years, he did about anything he would want to do with a great family and many great friends.

Funeral service was held on Monday, Jan. 3, at Trinity United Methodist Church in Ronceverte where Pastor Joe Geiger officiated. Military honors were conducted by American Legion Post 26 Honor Guard.

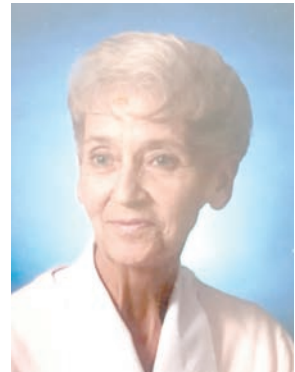
Visitation was at the church before the service.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be given to Trinity United Methodist Church, Building Fund, 373 Pocahontas Ave. Ronceverte WV 24970.

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

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

## Patricia Lee Bryant Hunter



On Thursday, Dec. 16, 2021, a beautiful soul went home. Patricia Lee Bryant Hunter was 81 years old. Born May 17, 1940, she was the daughter of Rufus Donald Bryant and Anna Louis Patton Bryant. And sister to Donna Kay Bryant.

Patricia was married to the love of her life, Russell Wilson Hunter for 61 years.

Her mom, dad, sister, and husband were all waiting to greet her with love.

Rusty and Patty to-

gether created a beautiful family: son, Donald Roy Hunter, his wife Beth Murray Hunter, and daughter, Juli A Hunter Dolan and her husband, Brian Scott Dolan.

Patty graduated from Alderson High School in 1958 and continued her studies at Marshall University. She had many talents, and her generosity was endless. She helped raise many children during her 30 years at Alderson Elementary as school secretary. Many people were blessed with her talent as an organist starting at age 16 at Greenbrier Baptist Church and at her church Johnson United Methodist, she played her beautiful music into her seventy's. Mom's talent truly was a gift from GOD. Mom's life was full of Love. Love for GOD love for friends but her love as a grandmother was unmeasurable and her greatest joy. Ashley Paige Dolan Phillips, Chelsie Brooke Dolan Meacham, John Leroy Meacham, Cassi Lauren Dolan Hughes, Aubrey Carter Hughes, Derek Murray Hunter, Jessica Murray Hunter, and four beautiful great-grandchildren, Taylor Anna Phillips, Aubrey Wehking Hughes, John Leroy Meacham III, and Charlotte Scott Meacham.

Patty left her family and friends with a lifetime full of love and beautiful memories that will be cherished every day. Thank you, Mom, and goodbye for now until we see you again at our heavenly home.

A memorial service will be held at Johnson Memorial United Methodist Church in Alderson on Feb. 5 at 1 p.m.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the organ fund at the Johnson Memorial Methodist Church, P.O. Box 477, Alderson, WV 24910. All friends are welcome. Mom loved you all.

Online condolences and memories can be shared with the Hunter family at [www.lobbanfh.com](http://www.lobbanfh.com)

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# OBITUARIES

## Martha Lee Perry Sulser



**White Sulphur Springs**-Martha Lee Perry Sulser, 80, was received in the arms of Our Lord on Sunday, Jan. 2, 2022.

Martha was born Apr. 26, 1941 in White Sulphur Springs, the daughter of the late William Clifford and Ola Hoke Perry.

She is survived by her daughter, Lisa Sulser Feury; two sisters, Evelyn (Hillard) Dolin, and Darlene (McKimmon) Graham; sisters-in-law, Judith (Bill) Dillon and Nelda (Bruce) Nutter; grandsons, Matthew (Claire) Feury, Charlie (Tina) Sulser, Jamie (Lauren) Sulser; daughters-in-law, Wanda Sulser and Lanita Sulser; and great-grandson, Michael Ray Sulser; and many nieces and nephews, and dear friends and neighbors.

She was received in Heaven by her parents; husband, Charles Lee Sulser; two sons, Gregory Lee Sulser and Michael Bradford Sulser; son-in-law, John Joseph Feury; also there were many sisters and brothers, Jim Perry, Helen Jorgenson, Richard Perry, Matthew Perry, Anale Stover, Luther Perry, Shirley Fleming and Dorothy Perry.

Martha was the most loving, patient person and welcomed all into her home. She loved her family fiercely and enjoyed her gardening, raising her grandchildren and spending time with family, neighbors and friends.

She was of the Methodist faith and was a retired employee of The Greenbrier Hotel. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Services are planned for a later date to be announced.

In lieu of flowers, tributes may be made to Peyton Hospice House, 1265 Maplewood Avenue, Lew-

isburg, WV 24901.

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

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

## Patrick Lynn Knighton



**Ronceverte**-Patrick Lynn "Pat" Knighton, 73, passed away Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2022 at Peyton Hospice House in Lewisburg.

He was born Mar. 17, 1948 at Covington, VA, a son of Kathleen L. Leffel Knighton of Covington, VA, and the late Roy Nelson Knighton.

Pat was a member of Rhema Christian Center, was a retired supervisor from the Paper Mill in Covington, VA, was an avid hunter and was a U.S. Army Reserves veteran for 7½ years.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by his wife, Anna Marie Knighton; daughter, Kim Behrens (Kurt); three stepchildren, Melissa Patterson, Dale Patterson and Michael Patterson (Charity); grandson, Tyler J. Seco, step-grandchildren, Andrew and Reece Patterson, Faith Gordon, and Matthew Patterson; great-granddaughter, Olivia Rose Seco; step-great-grandson, Brantley James Gordon; two sisters, Kathy Hargrove (Tom) and Karen Mays (Brett); and brother, Larry Knighton (Georgia).

A memorial service will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15, at Rhema Christian Center in Lewisburg, with Pastor Stewart Farley officiating.

In lieu of flowers, donations of sympathy may be made to Rhema Christian Center or to Peyton Hospice House in Lewisburg.

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

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## Eddie Gene Beard



**Lewisburg**-Eddie Gene "Poppie" Beard, 88, peacefully passed away on Monday, Jan. 3, 2022 at CAMC surrounded by his loving family.

Born on Feb. 6, 1933 in Renick, he was the son of the late Minnie Brown and was a proud member of the Clifton Presbyterian Church in Maxwelton.

Other than his mother, he was preceded in death by his son, Eddie Joe Beard; daughter-in-law, Cheri (Monday) Beard; three sisters, Mattie Brown Sinclair (Ira), Mildred Brown McLean (John R. "Jock"), and Mary "Ruth" Brown Jenkins (Lee).

Special thanks and love for Maggie and Lewis Hollandsworth and the Hollandsworth family, who raised Gene from 18 months on, following his mother's tragic passing.

Survivors include: his wife of 69 years (12/25/1952), Mary Alice (Scott) Beard; daughter, Myola Suzanne Beard; son, Scott Eugene Beard (Stacey); grandchildren: Justin Joe Beard, Alyson DeAnne Riddle (Dain), Kara Jean Holliday (Bryan), Tori JoLayne Nahouse (Christian), Norris Scott Beard, Madeline Anne Beard, Nena Loryn Adwell, and James "Berkley" Adwell; great-grandchildren: Tyler Joe Beard, Raelyn Paige Beard, Jackson Dain Beard Riddle, Abel Thomas Holliday, Reagan Kate Holliday, and Reed Karoline Holliday; special god-daughters: Lana Gail Guthrie (J.W.) and Whitney Whanger Smith; nieces and nephews, Jane Schmidlapp (Alan) and family, Sue Massey (Don) and family, Ann Huskins (Jack), Patty Owens (Archie) and family, Francis Blake (Charlie) and family, Sherry Mullins (Houston) and family, Terry Jeffries, Ira Gene "Butch" Jenkins and family, and Victoria Wilkinson and family, Mary Ann Reynolds (Fred) and family, Vickie Janucik

(Lou) and family, James "Jimbo" Scott (Rhonda) and family, Ava Knott (John) and family, Teresa Toribio (Chris) and family, Ellen Marino (Bob) and family. Lastly, dear family friends, Libby Jenkins Kincaid and Colton Lewis.

Gene began his elementary education in Renick, followed by Greenbrier Military School (GMS) and Renick High School. After high school, Gene attended GMS for undergraduate studies before being drafted into the army to serve in the Korean War. After being honorably discharged from the army, he enrolled at Oklahoma City University, earning a double major in Geology and Physical Education. Gene began his career at the McLean Oil Company in the west Texas Oil Fields, where he met lifelong friends Allen Amos and the Pullen family. In Texas, he was highly active in the Menard Little League and Jaycees.

Moving into his life career, Gene served as figure head, innovator, and leader for 30+ years in the fenestration (window and door) industry. As the VP of Sales, he traveled extensively from his home in Greenbrier County to businesses on the west coast and all states in between, where he met some of his closest friends, Warren and Mary Lacey and family, Harry and Carolyn Riegelman and family, Jack and Eileen Steigerwald and family, and Leon and Margaret Slocomb and family.

After retirement, Gene turned over the family businesses to his son Scott, but remained a mentor and served on the Board of Directors for LaPied, 4-JAKS, MDC Inc., GMB Management and GMB equipment. Gene was also proud member of VFW and NRA and served as a 40+ year board member at Gateway Industries.

His crown jewel was creating and building his farm, Gene's Mountain Inc., where his family lovingly referred to him as The President and CEO. Gene dedicated 60 years to saving and purchasing small plots of land in northern Greenbrier County, which he cleaned and cleared with the help of family and friends, until he proudly reached approximately 400 acres. "Poppie" would eagerly educate anyone who would listen, on how to live and be self-sufficient. For decades, "The Mountain" has been a place of love and adventures for the Beard family and friends. Gene oversaw many hunting expeditions, sleepovers, family reunions, gatherings, holidays, and most recently a

wedding.

He was a fiercely-loving and caring husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, mentor, and friend, whose hugs and kisses could break your bones. Gene had a gregarious personality, never meeting a stranger, and never too shy to tell you his opinion. Gene and Mary Alice were soul mates who met at Renick Elementary. In 1952, the couple married and began traveling the world together, crisscrossing the globe for nearly 70 years together.

On one of their favorite yearly trips, the traveling partners would pass through Louisiana, stopping to eat at his favorite restaurant where he would feast on Crawfish. After the crawfish stop, the couple would cross into Texas, where they would sometimes stop by "The Deer Lease" with his hunting buddies, "Raesner's Rowdies." After passing through Texas, Gene and Mary Alice would head north to Mary Alice's favorite destination, South Dakota, where they would watch the progress of the Crazy Horse monument. Stubbornness being one of his best qualities, Gene always drove and listened (with minimal interruptions) to his loving wife. There are not enough words to describe Gene Beard and the amazing life he lived.

We look forward to sharing stories in the near future in a celebration of life which will be determined at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Clifton Presbyterian Church in Gene's honor.

A memorial service is being planned for a later date.

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

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## Edith Evans Seams



**White Sulphur Springs**-Edith Jean Evans Seams, 92, passed away peacefully on Monday, Jan. 3, 2022, at her daughter's home in White Sulphur Springs with family members by her side.

She was born Oct. 15, 1929, in Raleigh, WV, the daughter of the late Lenwood C. and Bessie

Campbell Evans.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her infant brother, James; her brother, Lenwood J. Evans; her son, Michael Seams; and her grandson, Scott Seams.

Edith graduated from Lincoln High School in Hinton. She worked many years at both The Greenbrier College for Women and The Greenbrier Center. Edith was a very gifted seamstress and loved quilting and crocheting for family and friends. She won many blue ribbons at the WV State Fair for her artistic creations. Edith was a member of the John Wesley United Methodist Church in Lewisburg, where she was a member of the choir and the United Methodist Women. She helped plan, organize, and participated in many special programs at the church. Edith was a compassionate, patient, and loving woman with a kind and sweet spirit, who was dearly loved by family and so many others in the surrounding communities. She enjoyed playing the piano and singing, was an avid sports enthusiast and a competitive Scrabble player.

Survivors include her husband of 71 years, Millard Seams; children, Milletta Burns (Mike) of White Sulphur Springs, Earl Seams (Donna) of Summerfield, NC, Cheryl Woods (Jerry) of Lewisburg, Keith Seams (Janya) of Lewisburg, Wallace Seams (Dawn) of Dover, DE, Gerald Seams (Susan) of Lewisburg, Daniel Seams (Jennifer) of Lewisburg and daughter-in-law, Francine Seams of White Sulphur Springs; sister, Amy Hickman of Charlotte, NC and White Sulphur Springs; 21 grandchildren, 39 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren; and nieces, nephews, cousins and a host of loving friends.

Edith has made a human donation of her body to science through the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine.

The family is planning a memorial service at a later date.

In lieu of flowers the family wishes that memorial contributions be made in her name to John Wesley United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 1476, Lewisburg, WV 24901 or Hospice Care, Greenbrier Division, 1265 Maplewood Avenue, Lewisburg, WV 24901.

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# A Look Back



port and founded Greenbrier Airlines. By 1952, the flying service had 12 planes, including two that were used for a flying school. Transporting hotel guests from Roanoke and Charleston airports made up the bulk of the service's business.

In 1969, the service celebrated its 30th anniversary and proclaimed it had carried 100,000 passengers and had flown an estimated 11 million miles. Among the pilots employed by the airlines were Tate's son Charles O. Tate III, and his son-in-law, John Wade Bell III.

The Greenbrier Valley Airport at Maxwelton was constructed in 1968-1969 and provided the area with a 6,000 ft. runway - the longest in West Virginia. The Greenbrier Airport, with a runway of about 4,000 ft., closed in 1986. Two of the Greenbrier Sporting Club's golf courses replaced the airport's runway.

Sources: Beckley Post-Herald; Raleigh Register; www.greenbriersporting-club.com

Photo from a Greenbrier Airlines' rate card.

By William "Skip" Deegans

This week's photo of the pilots and fleet of Greenbrier Airlines was taken in the late 1950s or early 1960s. In 1929, The Greenbrier Hotel built an airport between Lewisburg and White Sulphur Springs. Ten years later

two young Huntington aviators, Oscar Tate and Carlton Clark, started the Tate-Clark Flying Service with a 38-horsepower Piper Cub and a 5-place bi-plane. In addition to flying guests to and from The Greenbrier Hotel, the two pilots operated a gov-

ernment sponsored flight training program for students at Greenbrier Military School. Tate brought his young wife, Juanita Argenbright Tate, and settled in White Sulphur Springs.

World War II and the attack at Pearl Harbor upended the flying business

when ownership of the airport was transferred to the U. S. Army, and the military took over The Greenbrier Hotel. Tate left to become a pilot for Trans World Airlines and later the Army Air Transport Command. After the war, the airport became prop-

erty of the town of White Sulphur Springs, and Tate returned to Greenbrier County. He leased the air-

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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ◆◆◆

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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Cap is different. 2. Scarf is shorter. 3. Glove is smaller. 4. Shoe is turned. 5. Doghouse is missing. 6. Sign is missing.

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## Super Crossword

ACORN-STASHING IN THE SKY

**ACROSS**

1 Exchanges for paper money

7 Takes too much, briefly

10 Gp. concerned with birdies

13 Liquid detergent quantity

19 Opere — (in the work already mentioned)

20 International news agency

22 Relaxed

23 "First Blood" actor Richard

24 Pilot Amelia

25 Like magma

26 Start of a riddle

29 930-mile-long Russian river

30 Politico Trent

31 Raw rock

32 Lakers' org.

35 Riddle, part 2

43 Styled like

44 Heir, often

45 Be a rambler

46 "I smell —!"

47 Defunct Russ. state

48 Riddle, part 3

55 Airline seat pull-down

57 Dir. from N.M. to Ky.

58 "Play it by ear," e.g.

59 Orem's state

61 Google program for targeted promotions

65 Brother of DDE's follower

66 Big tub

69 Riddle, part 4

74 Facial blinker

75 Cavalry base

76 Manors

77 Oklahoma city

78 Livid

80 Actor Stephen

81 Basketball tourney org.

83 Riddle, part 5

90 Turner of song

93 Add to the workforce

94 Vietnamese is its capital

95 No. on a map

96 Liquor choice

97 End of the riddle

105 Prefix with 17-Down

106 Byrnes who was "Kookie"

107 Wayward GI

108 Family mem.

109 Riddle's answer

117 Mitchell of NBC News

120 Not yet encrypted

121 Is entirely unacceptable

122 Disclose

123 List the particulars of

124 Coop up

125 Officers-to-be

126 Tutu-wearing Muppet

127 D.C. bigwig

128 "— Fideles" (carol)

**DOWN**

1 Roman

2 Plane wings, e.g.

3 Raw beef dish

4 Disney's Montana

5 Tall Sicilian volcano

6 Fly high

7 Chocolate cookie-flavored Post cereal

8 Shortage

9 Guarantee

10 Bell's ring

11 Mutt's noise

12 Concerning

13 SLR, say

14 Makes amends

15 Animal hide

16 Jack Sprat's no-no

17 Function

18 Writer Deighton

21 Jennifer Lopez's "J to — L-O!"

27 Dull

28 Homer Simpson's outburst

32 Cruel Roman emperor

33 Male lover

34 Echidnas eat them

35 Once existed

36 Totally lost

37 Squarish, as a vehicle

38 Four minus one, in Italy

39 Gmail rival

40 Trailing plant

41 — Strauss

42 Wizard of Oz creator

49 Work over

50 Happen next

51 Comes upon

52 "Luther" star

53 Repeated jazz phrase

54 Smoker's puff

56 Pi-sigma link

59 Sport — (off-roader)

60 Your, biblically

61 "Billy, Don't Be —" (1974 hit song)

62 Insect egg

63 Beginning

64 Lauder of makeup

66 Seasoned, oily salad dressings

67 French buddy

68 Turner of TV

70 Big coffee dispensers

71 Vincent van —

72 Incline

73 Coffee alternative

78 Suited to —

79 Christmas

81 Court barriers

82 Flight staffers

83 Punch sound

84 Old LP player

85 Crafts' partner

86 Not stringent

87 Lead-in to "And how!"

88 Suffix with lobby

89 High-pitched warble

91 Nailed the performance

92 Opposite of 63-Down

98 Nuke, as leftovers

99 Standards

100 NFL six-pointers

101 Legendary Manhattan restaurant

102 Pluck, as brows

103 "Stalag 17" star William

104 With 109-Down, part of a Florida orchard

109 See 104-Down

110 Mini-exam

111 A law — itself

112 Slush Puppie alternative

113 CD —

114 Female youth org.

115 Incite

116 Subjective loudness unit

117 Circle bit

118 Org. concerned with the three R's

119 Burnable storage device

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# Carnegie Hall presents The Lady and the Empress

Doris Fields, also known as Lady D, brings her one-woman show The Lady and the Empress to Carnegie Hall Thursday, Jan. 20, at 7 p.m. The special event is in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day will take place in the intimate setting Old Stone Room at Carnegie Hall.

The Lady and the Empress is based on the life and music of blues legend, Bessie Smith. Smith was born in the late 1800s in Chattanooga, Tennessee. She grew up in poverty and obscurity and may have made a first public appearance at the age of eight or nine at the Ivory Theatre in her hometown. About 1913, she toured in a show with Ma Rainey, one of the first of the great blues singers, from whom she received some training. For several years Smith traveled through the South singing in tent shows and bars and theatres in small towns and in such cities as Birmingham, Memphis, and Atlanta. After 1920 she made her home in Philadelphia and it was there that she was first heard by Clarence Williams, a representative of Columbia Records.

In February 1923, Smith made her first recordings, including the classic "Down Hearted Blues," which became an enormous success, selling more than two million copies. She made 160 recordings in all, in many of which she was accompanied by some of the great jazz musicians of the time, including Fletcher Henderson, Benny Goodman, and Louis Armstrong. Her most notable songs included "Tain't Nobody's Biz-ness If I Do," "Careless Love Blues," "Empty Bed Blues," "Nobody Knows You When You're Down and Out," and "Gimme a Pigfoot."

Smith's subject matter was the classic material of the blues: poverty and oppression, love - betrayed or unrequited - and stoic acceptance of defeat at the hands of a cruel and indifferent world. She was known for her rich contralto voice and her breathtaking emotional intensity. The great tragedy of her career was that she



Doris Fields as Bessie Smith

outlived the topicality of her idiom. In the late 1920s her record sales and her fame diminished with the Great Depression and as social forces changed the face of popular music and bowdlerized the earthy realism of the sentiments she expressed in her music. Her gradually increasing alcoholism caused managements to become wary of engaging her, but there is no evidence that her actual singing ability ever declined.

Known in her lifetime as the "Empress of the Blues," Smith was a bold, supremely confident artist who often disdained the use of a microphone and whose art expressed the frustrations and hopes of a whole generation of Black Americans. She appeared in a short motion picture, St. Louis Blues (1929), since 2006 preserved in the National Film Registry of the U.S. Library of Congress. The film, based on the lyrics of the song, which Smith sings, is the only known footage of the singer and shows the emotional power of her performance. She died on Sept. 26, 1937 in Clarksdale, Mississippi, from injuries sustained in a road accident. It was said that, had she been white, she would have received medical treatment that would have saved her life, and Edward Albee made this the subject of his play The Death of Bessie Smith (1960). She was inducted into both the Blues Hall of Fame (1980), in its inaugural class, and the Rock and

Roll Hall of Fame (1989).

The Lady and the Empress is written and performed by Doris Fields. Fields was born in the coalfields of Cabin Creek, West Virginia. She is known as West Virginia's First Lady of Soul and has released six CDs, including her newest and most recently released, "Disturbing My Peace." Her original song, "Go Higher" was the winner of the national competition for the best Obama Inaugural Song in 2008. As a result, she and her band MISSION performed at the Obama for Change Inaugural Ball in Washington, DC, in January 2009. She also has written a spin-off to The Lady and the Empress called Bessie's Blues, an abbrevi-

ated version of the original show.

Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased by visiting [www.carnegiehallwv.org](http://www.carnegiehallwv.org), calling the Carnegie Hall Box Office at 304-645-7917, or stopping by at 611 Church Street, Lewisburg. Carnegie Hall Box Office is open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

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## Dear Recycle Lady,

**Dear Recycle Lady,**

What does one do with a cut Christmas tree once Christmas is over?

*Tree Hugger*

**Dear Tree Hugger,**

Good question. Unfortunately, there are not many choices available here for disposing of your cut Christmas tree. Cut trees can be used to create a safe place for feeding birds and providing nesting for them. They can also be put into ponds to create a feeding and nursery area for fish. If you live in the area where your trash is picked up by Greenbrier Valley Solid Waste, your tree will be picked up when your trash is picked up.

**Dear Recycle Lady,**

What is the difference between a landfill and a dump? I always thought they were the same thing.

*Curious*

**Dear Curious,**

A landfill and a dump are definitely not the same thing. A landfill must meet certain state and federal requirements for isolating waste from the environment until it is safe. It also must meet requirements for long-term management and restoration of the waste site. Any waste site that does not meet these criteria is a dump. In West Virginia, it is illegal to create an open dump, burn waste or bury waste on your property. The Greenbrier County Solid Waste Authority oversees the Greenbrier County Landfill and meets all the criteria for landfill management. Locally, waste is picked up by Greenbrier Valley Solid Waste and taken to the Greenbrier County Landfill for proper disposal.

Please note, the Greenbrier COUNTY Solid Waste AUTHORITY and the

Greenbrier VALLEY Solid Waste are two distinct organizations. The Greenbrier COUNTY Solid Waste Authority is a branch of WV state government that oversees landfills and recycling. Greenbrier VALLEY Solid Waste is a privately owned garbage service and trash pickup business. Need a trash pickup or a dumpster? The Greenbrier VALLEY Solid Waste is the one to call. Have questions about recycling or the landfill? The Greenbrier COUNTY Solid Waste AUTHORITY is the one to call.

**Dear Recycle Lady,**

We have finally sorted through hundreds of ink pens, flair pens, and magic markers that no longer work. It's simply amazing how many one family can accumulate over the years. Can they be sent/taken somewhere to be recycled? It is a shame to put them in the trash.

*Too Many Pens*

**Dear Too Many Pens,**

Pen, markers, and mechanical pencils are nearly impossible to recycle because they are all made up of several different types of plastic, metal and ink. The Recycling Center does not have the equipment to take these items apart and recycle each of the parts. PaperMate and Sharpie markers can be recycled through a TerraCycle program. Check out the website, <https://recyclenation.com/2015/04/how-to-recycle-markers/> for more information.

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

## NRCTC offers short story writing class with author Belinda Anderson

Delve into your imagination this winter in a class for aspiring and practicing writers at New River Community and Technical College. The Writing Short Stories class taught by author Belinda Anderson starts Feb. 5.

No need to worry about gathering snow boots and gloves to attend because the class will be offered by conference call.

The three-week writing class meets at 10 a.m. on Saturdays through an audio-only conference call. The class can be accessed either through an internet conference call connection or by landline telephone - high-speed internet is not required. The hour-long conference calls will include lecture, with time for questions and participant sharing, and group e-mail follow-up as needed. Participants can create new work or apply the concepts to existing projects. The workshop is open both to new and experienced writers.

"Writing short stories is the perfect way to learn the building blocks of writing both fiction and nonfiction, and to sharpen your skills if you're working on longer projects," Anderson said. "You're practicing how to quickly draw a reader's attention and keep it. It's fun for both the writer and the reader."

"Short stories literally put me on the map," Anderson said. She is one of the authors selected for The Literary Map of West Virginia, published by Fairmont State University. She is listed on the map for her collections of short stories, published by Mountain State Press.

Since that recognition, she also has published a middle-grade novel.

Tuition for the class is \$75, and the registration deadline is Jan. 19. Participants will be emailed the conference call number and access codes after registering for the class.

Visit [www.newriver.edu/community](http://www.newriver.edu/community) for information on upcoming classes or register for the course or contact Gloria Kincaid (304-793-6101, [gkincaid@newriver.edu](mailto:gkincaid@newriver.edu)).

Learn more about Anderson and her work online at <http://www.BelindaAnderson.com>

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