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City moves forward with stormwater study, applauds snow removal efforts

By Sarah Richardson

Lewisburg City Council met Tuesday, Jan. 18, to discuss the undertaking of a stormwater study, hear the final CARES Act funding reimbursement update, and announce a new grant received for the skate park.

"This evening I am bringing the evidentiary materials," said Donna Ward of Region IV. "As you know, you were awarded a Small Cities Hazardous Mitigation Grant for \$250,000, and this money will be used to do a stormwater study within the city of Lewisburg."

She explained that Mayor Beverly White will need to sign off on forms for the next step of the process, the 57-page evidentiary package. Region IV is the representative of the city for this undertaking. The grant runs for two years, and must be completed within that two-year period.

"It depends on the engineers and how quickly they move forward," explained Ward. "Your city engineers I understand are Chapman Technical Group, but we discovered that the contract he is under for the city doesn't really cover this type of work. So what we will have to do is request a proposal, which of course he can participate in, and the engineer that's chosen from that we will move forward with. So we are looking at two to three months before anything can get started, and we have 24 months to complete the study."

Council voted unanimously to move forward with the project.

"Keep in mind that it's a study only, but this is really going to put you one step ahead for future grants," said Ward. "Anytime you have a study that's always a big positive when people are looking at approving different types of grants. You're moving in the right direction."

In other news, City Manager Misty Hill reported that the CARES Act reimbursement projects around the city have wrapped up as of the end of the 2021 year.

"I just wanted to let council know that we have been able to close out all of the construction at the parks, also that we still have our placeholder for \$100,000 for broadband, and that our generator has been paid for but we're just awaiting on it's arrival from Lowe's. Other than that, everything has been completed. We are still waiting on the phone system, but we have expended all CARES Act reimbursement to the balance of zero."

She also noted the city received a \$5,000 grant from the Hamilton Foundation for the skate park. "We are extremely excited for that," she said, and explained that the city will be looking to hear feedback from "skate park crew" and other interested parties on wants and suggestions for these funds. "I'm really excited that we are going to be able to get some new equipment for the skate park."

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She reports that the city is still "diligently" working on the new water plant, and finishing up the imminent domain processes necessary to move forward.

Planning and Zoning Officer Marsha Cunningham said that the Planning Commission is working See "Snow Removal" _____ Page 3

Candidacy filing period continues for May primary election

By Adam Pack

The following local candidates have filed to run for public office as of Thursday, Jan. 20:

State Senate District 10:
Stephen Baldwin (D- Ronceverte - Incumbent), Vincent Deeds (R- Renick), and Thomas Perkins (R- Frankford)

State House of Delegates District 46:
Mike Honaker (R- Lewisburg) and Karen G. McCoy (R- Hillsboro) (also running for Republican State Executive Committee for Senate District 11)

House of Delegates District 47:
Todd Longanacre (R- Alderson- Incumbent)

Greenbrier County Republican Executive Committee:
Trey Ewing (R- White Sulphur Springs) (also running for District Republican Executive Committee for District 46), and John Wyatt (R- Rainelle)

State Senate Democratic Executive Committee, Senate District 10:

Diane L. Browning (D- Lewisburg)
State Senate Republican Executive Committee, Senate District 10:

Jack Woodrum (R- Hinton)
State House of Delegates Republican Executive Committee, House District 46:

J.L. "Danny" Campbell (R- Lewisburg)
Greenbrier County Clerk:

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Public works crews closed several roads through downtown on Monday morning in order to finish their overnight project of clearing snow. (Photo by Adam Pack)

Local bakery continues sweet traditions, plans to open new storefront in 2022



Emalee Wickline started Em's Cake Corner out of her home, but has big plans for a retail space in 2022.



Some of Emalee's works include custom wedding cakes in all styles and favors, as well as cupcakes, cookies, and other goodies.

By Adam Pack

Emalee Wickline is the founder and head baker of Em's Cake Corner, which has been in operation since November of 2019. While she may not have a brick-and-mortar location (yet), her creatively crafted confections have been flying out of her kitchen door for weddings, special events, and any occasion that requires a sweet treat.

However, she is not just a purveyor of goodies, as Emalee also has party supplies See "Em's Cake Corner" _____ Page 8

Greenbrier County Schools announces 2022-2023 School Calendar Planning Survey & Forum Dates

Planning is underway for the 2022-2023 school calendar. Greenbrier County parents, students, staff, and community members recently provided input through a brief online school calendar survey available at greenbriercountyschools.org. Greenbrier County Schools will host two public calendar forums to further engage stakeholders in the planning process. The first forum is scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 8, at 5:30 p.m. at the Kyle & Ann Fort Arts & Sciences Building located on the Lewisburg Campus of New River Community & Technical College. The second forum will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 15, at 5:30 p.m.

"Feedback from parents, students, staff, and community members is needed and welcomed as we make decisions about school start dates, scheduled breaks, and make-up days. We invite the input and encourage interested stakeholders to complete the school calendar survey and participate in our public calendar forums," states Superintendent Jeff Bryant.

"The survey, sample calendars, forum dates, and WVDE school calendar planning guidelines are also available on our homepage," continued Bryant.

Under the West Virginia State Code §18-5-45 and State Board of Education Policy 3234, each county board must prepare a school calendar for the upcoming year and submit it to the State Superintendent of Schools for approval. Calendars must meet guidelines and requirements outlined in the state code and state board policy. Current school calendar requirements, guidelines, and sample calendars are available for review on the WV Department of Education website.

The 2022-2023 school calendar will be presented for approval at the regular meeting of the board of education in March.

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Baldwin secures funds for Meadow River Trail



Senator Stephen Baldwin (right) presents a check to Matt Ford for the Meadow River Trail

Senator Stephen Baldwin presented a check for nearly \$73,924 to Matt Ford last week in support of the Meadow River Trail. Matt oversees trail development on behalf of the Fayette County Commission and the Greenbrier County Commission. Baldwin and Ford have been working together on the project for the last few years.

"When people see this trail, they will be blown away," Baldwin said. "It's going to provide economic development for years to come in the Meadow River Valley. I'm happy to be a small part of helping move this trail forward in the beautiful Meadow River Valley. We've worked hard to rebuild homes, businesses, and towns following the 2016 flood, but we also need to rebuild the local economy if our families are going to be able to live here."

"The approximately 24-mile section of Meadow River Rail Trail owned by the Fayette and Greenbrier County Commissions winds through an amazing stretch of the Meadow River," explains Matt Ford. "There is already a lot of interest in the trail, so I have no doubt that the trail will draw visitors from across the eastern US and beyond. We are seeing a tremendous amount of momentum for the project including this grant. Construction and repairs are underway. Additional trail improvement are either currently out for bid or will be designed over the next year. We expect to start seeing sections of trail open in 2022. This is an exciting project that will provide an awesome community asset and will be an economic driver for the region."

The money comes from Local Economic Development Assistance (LEDA) funds. Sen. Baldwin recommended the project for funding, Sen. Eric Tarr (Putnam-R) approved, and Governor Jim Justice approved. LEDA funds are for one-time capital expenses meant to enhance local economic development.

Other local grant awards from these funds will be forthcoming as well.

Help the Meadow River Valley go places

Mountain Transit Authority (MTA) is ready to reinstate bus service between Rainelle and Lewisburg. God's Way Home, with support from Case WV, Sewell Landing Apartments, County Commissioner Tammy Tincher, and Rupert Town Hall met with MTA regarding bus transportation. Now they need to meet with you!

Your attendance and voice are critical to help Meadow River Valley gain access to public transportation. To express your support and get additional information, please attend a critical meeting on Jan. 26 at 10 a.m., First Baptist Church of Rainelle.

If MTA sees there is a real need and public support, the service could begin as early as March 2022. For more information, contact Andrew Bailes, Executive Director of God's Way Home at 304-646-6655 or godswayhome.org.

Public Meeting:
Why: Public bus service in the Meadow River Valley
When: Wednesday, Jan. 26, at 10 a.m.
Where: First Baptist Church of Rainelle, 345 7th Street, Rainelle

PICK OF THE LITTER



SHADOW
 Shadow is a three-year-old female German Shepherd mix and weighs 40 pounds.



HAMLET
 Hamlet is a two-year-old male domestic medium hair.

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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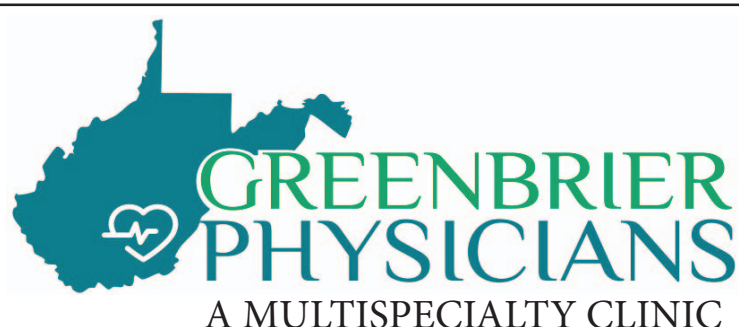
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White Sulphur Community Food Bank rescheduled to this Monday

By Adam Pack

Due to complications arising from the recent snowstorms, the last two White Sulphur Springs Community Food Banks were canceled this month. The two distributions are usually scheduled for the first and third Mondays of the month, but neither were feasible for the month of January.

However, there will be a January distribution, scheduled for Monday, Jan. 24, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Emmanuel United Methodist Church in White Sulphur Springs. Only those who live within the 24896 area code are eligible.



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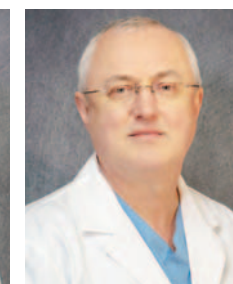
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Briefly

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Williamsburg Community

Shooting Match

Thank you for your participation in our shooting matches for 2021. We hope you enjoyed them! Our next match will be Saturday, Jan. 22, at the Williamsburg Community Center. Match starts at 7 p.m. but food concession 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.

Shepherd's Center plans meetings for 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 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.

Alderson Food Hub meeting

Please come share your thoughts and ideas and become part of your local Food Hub! The Alderson Community Food Hub Annual Meeting will be held Saturday, Jan. 29, at 2 p.m. at Alderson City Hall, 202 South Monroe Street, Alderson. The public is welcome to attend. We will give a short presentation on the various community programs we sponsor, summarize the successes of 2021 and present our plans for 2022, including vendor opportunities and attractions for the 11th annual Alderson Community Market. We welcome new members, new ideas and value your input. ACFH manages the seasonal Alderson Community Market, from April through October since 2011. Our farmer's market offers entirely West Virginia grown and crafted produce and products including a wide variety of fresh fruits and vegetables, pantry staples (sorghum molasses and cornmeal), beef, pork, poultry, eggs, baked goods and many value-added products like preserves, soaps and cheese.

For the Record

Deeds

Thomas D. McDonald to Kathryn L. McDonald, Lots Nos. 1 and 5, Residential Section "A", Town of Rupert Jack Griffin to Kristen Lewis and Daniel Lewis, 101.34 Acres, Falling Springs District.

Susan L. Adkins and Frank Adkins to Fourth Tee Living, Inc., 25.589 Acres, Lewisburg District

Janet Darlene Weikle, James Darrell Brackenrich II, and Carey David Brackenrich, to Weikle Properties LLC, a WV limited liability company, 15,000 Sq. Ft., Lewisburg Municipality

Terri L. Wylie to Samuel G. Sorrells and Wanda S. Sorrells, Lots Nos. 392 and 393, Villa Park Addition, Town of White Sulphur Springs

Sharon L. Alvarez F/K/A Sharon L. Reavis and Octavio Miguel Alvarez to Robert Kane and Mary Jane Oref, Lots Nos. 386 and 387, Villa Park Addition, White Sulphur Springs District

Oak Hollow No. 10, LLC, a WV limited liability company, to GM Property Holdings, LLC, Lot No. 13, Copeland Hill Neighborhood, Greenbrier Sporting Club

Richard D. Meadows and Emily C. Meadows to Tuoen Liu and Jie Liu, Unit 124, Blackbird Village, Lewisburg Corporate District

Billy Joe Ratliff and Brandy Ratliff to Travis V. Cadd, Lot No. 7, Otter Creek land Development Phase I, Meadow Bluff District

Rita Carol Neal Wood and Brenda Charlene Neal McClung to Sybil Smith, Lot No. 148, Rainelle Corporate District, Town of Rainelle.

Kenneth M. Nesselrodt to Andrew Mooney and Stephanie Mooney, Lot No 24, Addition No. 3, Echols Acres Subdivision, Lewisburg District

Edwin O. Gadd to Haley E. Rudd and Dennis L. Crane, 13,600 Sq. Ft., Meadow Bluff District

Steven J. Rose and Kathleen Rose to Audrey M. Miller and Kevin W. Miller, 10.01 Acres, Alderson Corporate District/Blue Sulphur District

Gregory E. Allen and Shavona T. Allen to Ronald R. Anderson, Lots Nos. 75 and 76, Section 3, Rolling Hills Estate, Lewisburg Municipality

Jean Q. Cooper to Cole Saylor and James Saylor, Parcel No. 2, 2.594 Acres, Lewisburg District

Public Meetings

Gbr. Co. Farmland Protection Board

meets on the fourth Thursday of each month 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.

WVSOM Board of Governors

will meet Thursday, Jan. 27, at 2 p.m. via teleconference. The Academic Committee, Finance and Audit Committee, and Institutional Policy Committee will each meet at 1 p.m. To attend a committee meeting, dial 844-621-3956 toll free and use one of the following access codes:

- Academic Committee: 2620 886 5997
- Finance and Audit Committee: 2426 4761
- Institutional Policy Committee: 2428 1762

The Board of Governors' regular meeting will begin at 2 p.m. To attend by phone, dial 844-621-3956 toll free and

WV to receive \$506.6M for bridge investments

More than \$27 billion to states and tribal transportation facilities to fix an estimated 15,000 bridges nationwide

The U.S. Department of Transportation has launched the historic Bridge Replacement, Rehabilitation, Preservation, Protection, and Construction Program (Bridge Formula Program), made possible by President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. The program, to be administered by the Federal Highway Administration, represents the single largest dedicated bridge investment since the construction of the interstate highway system - providing \$26.5 billion to states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico over five years and \$825 million for Tribal transportation facilities. The total amount that will be available to states, D.C. and Puerto Rico in Fiscal Year 2022 is \$5.3 billion along with \$165 million for tribes. The FHWA also published initial guidance on the new program.

West Virginia will receive \$506.6 million under the new program to address highway bridge needs. The funding will help improve the condition of about 1,545 bridges in poor condition and to preserve and improve nearly 4,000 bridges in fair condition in the state.

"The Biden-Harris Administration is thrilled to launch this program to fix thousands of bridges across the country - the single largest dedicated bridge investment since the construction of the Interstate highway system," said U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg. "Modernizing America's bridges will help improve safety, support economic growth, and make people's lives better in every part of the country - across rural, suburban, urban, and tribal communities."

"This record amount of funding, made possible by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, will allow states and tribal governments to fix the bridges most in need of repair," Deputy Federal Highway Administrator Stephanie Pollack said. "It will also modernize bridges to withstand the effects of climate change and to make them safer for all users, including cyclists and pedestrians. Every state has bridges in poor condition and in need of repair, including bridges with weight restrictions that may force lengthy detours for travelers, school buses, first responders or trucks carrying freight," she added.

Nationwide, the Bridge Formula Program is expected to help repair approximately 15,000 bridges. In addition to providing funds to states to replace, rehabilitate, preserve, protect, and construct highway bridges, the Bridge Formula Program has dedicated funding for Tribal transportation facility bridges as well as "off-system" bridges, locally owned facilities which are those not on the federal-aid highway system.

"I have been a long-time champion of additional resources to address West Virginia's bridges," Senator Shelly Moore Capito said. "I am proud to have led efforts to address the significant need in West Virginia and nationwide. Today's announcement is great news for West Virginia and will provide states not only with historic formula funding for bridges, but also the long-term certainty they need to plan and complete projects."

"West Virginia's bridges, roads and highways are among the worst in the nation, making tourism, business and everyday travel difficult for all West Virginians. In particular, our state has the highest percentage of bridges in poor condition in the country. Without considerable investment now, that number could jump significantly, representing a safety hazard for West Virginians. When we negotiated the bipartisan Infrastructure, Investment and Jobs Act, I fought tirelessly to ensure that rural states like West Virginia got our fair share of the funds. Because of my efforts, West Virginia will receive \$506 million over the next five years to address our crumbling bridges to ensure that every West Virginian is driving on safe roads, bridges and highways in the Mountain State," Senator Joe Manchin said.

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law includes an incentive for states to direct the new Bridge Formula Program funds to off-system bridges owned by a county, city, town or other local agency. While states generally must match federal funding with up to 20 percent state or local funding, the guidance issued today notes that federal funds can be used for 100 percent of the cost of repairing or rehabilitating such locally owned off-system bridges. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law is a once-in-a-generation investment in infrastructure, which will grow the economy, enhance U.S. competitiveness in the world, create good jobs, and make our transportation system more sustainable and equitable. Specific to the FHWA, the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law provides more than \$350 billion over five fiscal years for surface transportation programs.

FHWA released the first tranche of Bridge Formula Program funding to states for Fiscal Year 2022 in addition to the program guidance. For a map of bridges, please see <https://infobridge.fhwa.dot.gov/> and USDOT Bridge Formula Program Funding and Condition by State. Here is State-by-state BFP funding Fiscal Years 2022-2026.

use access code 2622 060 4733.

A copy of the agendas for all meetings are posted on the WVSOM website at www.wvsom.edu/about/bog-2021-2022-meetings prior to the meetings and are available in the president's office. WVSOM board meetings are open to all who are interested, including the general public.

Snow Removal

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on updating some planning and zoning regulations, including those pertaining to Air BnB properties.

"We have had some questions about the historical area in Lewisburg, and should there be little bit different regulations for them, so we have been discussing that," she reports. They are also discussing how to zone medical cannabis dispensaries and growing facilities.

Progress with the new Starbucks in the Wal-Mart parking lot is moving forward, she said, with the final plat coming up for council approval at the next council meeting in February.

Parks Commission Chair Sarah Elkins said that the public bathrooms will soon be heated, and there is "an issue with people sleeping in them." However, several months ago the city ordered timed automatic locks, which she hopes will remediate the problem. There was also community feedback interested in continuing the sidewalk from town "all the way up to Dorie Miller," which they are looking into.

Greenbrier County received hefty snowfall throughout the last week, and Lewisburg Public Works crews have been working consistently, sometimes in 16-hour shifts through the dead of night, to clear snow from city streets and sidewalks.

"We have gone through several snowstorms, and Mayor and I have received a lot of phone calls and email messages from the employees letting us know that Streets and Parks have really gone above and beyond with keeping the roads clear and clean," reports Misty Hill. "A lot of people right now are depending on home delivery for food and medication with COVID, and I just want to say that at 12 o'clock last night I was talking to [Streets Foreman] Ryan, because they were out working on the streets and keeping everything clear. I think that's above and beyond for our employees to look out for the safety of others and our citizens."

Arron Seams added, "I just wanted to that [Public Works Director] Tony Hill and the public works departments. I know that you were working really hard through the holiday weekend, and I even saw there were crews everywhere even after I was coming home from lunch this afternoon. Those efforts were definitely visible and appreciated, so thank you, and thank you to all of your crews."

Sarah Elkins noted that she received a call from Clay Elkins wanting to thank Tony Hill personally "for how well the sidewalks and streets were taken care of. He noticed a crew out and working at some ungodly hour, and he called me immediately, at that ungodly hour, to tell me."



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OPINION

Nature's Way

By Karen Cohen

Master Gardener/Photojournalist/Artist
Stewing

Remember the old saying that used the term “stewing?” Example: “She is really stewing over losing that contest.” It meant you were brooding like a slow boil over something not turning out the way you expected. You could allow someone to “stew” rather than help them get over something, you let them “stew.”

I am stewing this winter. Gardening gives me plenty to “stew about” in a completely different way. Combining my garden grown, canned tomatoes, dehydrated mushrooms, and tomato slices, maybe some fresh deer meat from a neighbor or beef from our local gourmet shop, all mixed with some veggies and a bottle (yes a whole bottle), of a nice red wine, Cab or Zin, will work great for stewing. I love one pot recipes that take all the fuss out of cooking. When that pot simmers or STEWS for a few hours, the flavors meld into one other, the meat falls off the bone, and the house fills with the aroma of a hearty home cooked meal. Perfect for pairing with cold, blustering weather and a good loaf of French bread!

I have a few home grown carrots wrapped in moist paper towels and stored away in the fridge. Those usually last 2-4 weeks after picking or buying from the supermarket. Vacuum sealed plastic bags are best for keeping the carrots moist not wet and they won't dry out and shrivel up. You can opt to cut up the carrots in cube size pieces, blanch and then seal and freeze. If you have never blanched food, it sounds fancy but it is simple. Boil water, drop veggies in the rolling water for no more than 2-5 minutes, remove with a slotted spoon, and immediately submerge into a bowl of really cold water. The cold water will stop the cooking process and if done properly, the colors will remain bright and the veggies will have a crunch!

Back to my stew. Here's all the ingredients to mix in a big pot. I prefer the dutch oven enamel coated pots or you can use an electric slow cooker, too.

Add 2-3 pounds of meat cut into cubes to about ¼ cup of olive oil simmering in the pot. Brown the meat on all sides to sear it and lock in the juices.

Fill the pot with dried mushrooms, dried tomato wedges and a can of whole chopped tomatoes

1 can tomato paste and 1 cup of beef or chicken broth
Sliced onion (1) and diced garlic cloves (4)

4 large carrots, cut into 1 inch pieces, no need to peel them

Herbs to add: 2 bay leaves and a sprig of thyme
1 bottle of red wine



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Optional flavoring: 5 ounces of salt pork with rind removed

3 anchovy filets, minced
1 cup of pitted green or black olives
Orange zest

Cook all afternoon or until the meat falls apart for about 3 hours. Remove the salt port, thyme sprigs and bay leaves and chow down. This stew can be cooled and then refrigerated in an airtight container for up to 4 days. The fats will rise to the top of the container and you can skim that off before reheating the stew.

Gardening may be on the back burner for a while but it's still something to stew about!

You can send your comments and gardening tips to Karen Cohen email: natureswaykaren@gmail.com.

Commentary Getting utility services to underserved and unserved customers

By Charlotte Lane, Chair,
West Virginia Public Service Commission

Leaking and weakened water and sewerage lines. Aging and crumbling water and wastewater plants run by utilities with no financial ability to fund critically needed repairs or replace equipment. Areas without public water or sewer service. Aging gas pipelines. Frequent electric outages due to aging equipment and power lines. Insufficient internet service. At least 258,000 West Virginians without access to broadband. What do all these problems have in common? A lack of low-cost funding and grant funds.

The good news is that, thanks to the bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act recently passed by Congress, around \$6 billion will be heading to West Virginia over the next five years for a once in a lifetime opportunity to address and solve the many gaps in our infrastructure systems.

The Public Service Commission has been assisting distressed and failing water and sewer utilities through a law recently passed by the Legislature. However, getting a stronger neighboring utility to take over a failing one doesn't always solve all the problems. Repairs and system upgrades cost money and can add significantly to utility rates. That's why we are so excited to learn the infrastructure bill includes over \$475 million to upgrade, repair and replace drinking water and sewer systems. The Commission will continue to identify utilities most in need of critical upgrades and government grant funding and work with the utilities, funding agencies and other governmental agencies to assure that our troubled water and sewer systems receive all available funds. We will also work to create the necessary intra-utility partnerships, public and private, that will qualify for maximum infrastructure funding.

West Virginia utility companies will be eligible for \$5 billion to shore up the electric grid, enabling them to provide more reliable electric utility service during extreme weather events and to provide restoration of service more quickly when outages occur.

West Virginians learned firsthand during the COVID-19 pandemic the importance of broadband connectivity. In order to support our educational, medical and business needs, reliable broadband is essential. The Infrastructure Act will provide around \$600 million to expand broadband across the state in rural and urban areas. The Commission has been focusing on the customer service and reliability of broadband providers, and we look forward to working with providers and state economic development agencies to obtain our share of these new funds. Even with federal funding, high-quality internet service will not be free. Low-income families also deserve fast, high-quality broadband service and the Affordability Connectivity Benefit provisions enacted by Congress will provide financial support for the 543,000 low-income West Virginians so they too can acquire broadband service.

The Infrastructure Act will help West Virginia utilities improve their systems, give the state the ability to address our infrastructure needs and help build a stronger, brighter future for our citizens while creating good paying jobs and growing the economy.

Deadline for Letters to the Editor is noon Wednesday

The Back Pew

By Stephen Baldwin



It has been a relatively very quiet week two at the legislature. That usually means the action is behind the scenes. I will get to all that and more in this week's Back Pew.

SALES TAX CUT? With an expected budget surplus of \$700-\$900 million, WV Democrats put forward a proposal to give some of that money back to the people directly as a sales tax cut. I announced the proposal on Tuesday, and it entails cutting the sales tax from 6% to 4.75% initially and then incrementally each year our finances are good. The appeal of this approach is that it helps everyone—citizens and businesses, since everyone pays the sales tax. It also helps encourage shopping in our border counties, as it would be the lowest sales tax in the region.

INCOME TAX CUT? In response to our proposal, WV Republicans gave a few clues about their income tax proposal which they've been quietly working on behind the scenes. Whereas last year they wanted to eliminate it completely (and raise other taxes to make up the difference), this year they want to give an across the board

10-15% reduction in income taxes. The appeal of this approach is that it gives more tax relief to workers earning at certain levels.

PREFERENCE? Please let me know your thoughts on which approach you prefer. The good news is that there's broad support for tax relief, and both approaches seem reasonable at this point. (For example, neither approach is so costly that it would preclude us from also investing in roads, payraises, and broadband. We need to use the surplus for those projects also.) They just affect different citizens. I want to hear from you what you think is best for your family.

COVID AT THE CAPITOL. Behind the scenes and like everywhere else in the state, COVID is raging at the capitol. Multiple legislators and staff are out sick with COVID or quarantined right now. I believe it's important for us to keep working but to do so as safely as possible. As I recommended prior to the session, the Senate is now as a result of a rash of cases taking further precautions including masks, smaller crowds in committee rooms, proxy voting for those who are sick, and remote participation in committees. We owe it to the people to lead by example during this pandemic. If precautions aren't followed, we will end up having to shut down.

COVID TREATMENTS. Speaking of COVID, we are sorely in need of monoclonal antibody treatments in West Virginia. They are very helpful in healing Delta and some Omicron cases, yet they are scarce right now. So I wrote President Biden and reached out to Senator Manchin's office to press them to do everything possible to get us more treatments.

MEADOW RIVER TRAIL. In some good news locally, I proudly presented a check for almost \$74,000 from economic development funds to Matt Ford of the Meadow River Trail. Construction begins this year. The trail is in Fayette and Greenbrier counties. It will drive economic development for decades to come.

BANKING. This one is a real head-scratcher. One of the first bills moving in the Senate this year is a bill to penalize banks who refuse to invest in fossil fuels. Supporters of the bill say some banks are choosing not to invest in fossil fuel companies and that hurts the state, so they want the power to force their hand. I think this is a very dangerous precedent for the government to tell private businesses/banks how to spend their money.

FILM TAX CREDIT. A bill I co-sponsored to give tax credits for filming TV/movies in West Virginia is moving ahead. We need to show the world every inch of West Virginia! Adding the film industry to our economy would go a long way in keeping young people here to work and live.

That's the view from the back pew, where it is my privilege to serve you. Don't hesitate to reach out during this legislative session with your feedback!

(Senator Stephen Baldwin is the Minority Leader and a local pastor. Reach him at 304-357-7959 or stephen.baldwin@wvsenate.gov. Follow him on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram @BaldwinForWV)

Commentary Greenbrier Valley Aquatic Center Update

Opening has proven to be unpredictable. We are now expecting to open by Feb. 15, but there is still a possibility of further delays due to the pending delivery of exterior doors. We'll see. When open we plan to have a 30-day soft opening period including abbreviated hours while “punch-list” items are completed and refined.

Staff is in place, well prepared, and “raring to go.”

Finances are tight as continued delays have eroded our cash reserves, but we have a plan to meet this challenge.

Questions for donors:

As a donor, you made an investment, and we expect that you may also have an interest in the day-to-day GVAC operation and policies going forward. As promised since 2018, we continue to be committed to a GVAC culture for members, guests, and staff that is kind, safe, and inclusive. We are also planning to establish financial stability while being affordable for all members of our community.

So, going forward the makeup of the Board of Directors will be important. We are presently setup for nine Board members in three classes, each serving six-year terms.

We ask for your thoughts on the following:

- Are you interested in serving on the BOD?
- Names of others you would recommend?
- Organizations you think should be represented?
- Is nine the correct number? More? Fewer?
- Is six years the right term length? Shorter? Longer?
- Other thoughts you would like to provide?

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Shepherd's Center holds Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon

Happy New Year from Shepherd's Center! We are looking forward to a wonderful year of activities. We hope to be able to meet in person for our classes during Adventures in Learning, the upcoming Community Service Award Luncheon to honor Michael McCoy in April, and more! Be on the lookout for our brochures, newsletters, Facebook posts, and check our website for event postings and updates. We may be changing our schedule of events due to COVID-19 and recommendations from the State and Health Departments. We are anxious to meet in person, but we do want to continue to be safe and protect our participants and staff as best we can.



The recipient of the first annual Jane Spicer "Spirit of Shepherd's Center" Award is Susan Caldwell Bossert (center).

We closed out 2021 with our Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon on Dec. 10, at the WVSOM Alumni Center. We could not do what we do without our wonderful volunteers and to honor them we had our annual appreciation luncheon and did meet in person. Delicious, boxed lunches were prepared by

the O'Cafe' at WVSOM. Shepherd's Center of Greenbrier Valley received a grant from the Seneca Trail Charitable Foundation that originated from the sale of the Greenbrier Manor Nursing Home. Each year the Foundation presents the grant in honor of an individual and this year it was Brownie Dunn, the first female administrator of the nursing home. Brownie became the administrator in 1977 and directed

Greenbrier Manor for 18 years then retiring in 1995. It was our honor to have her as our guest at the luncheon along with several board members from the Seneca Trail Charitable Foundation.

We were proud to announce the recipient of the 1st Annual Jane Spicer "Spirit of Shepherd's Center" Award. Jane Spicer passed away in 2021 and loved Shepherd's Center. She served on our board, attended our events, and

never missed an opportunity to talk about our organization to those she met. This year's recipient was Susan Caldwell Bossert. Susie follows in her father's footsteps. Dr. Bob Caldwell was a volunteer for years with Shepherd's Center and would take Susie along when she was in for visits. She attends our events, oversees part of the Gwen's Meals program, and loves to talk about Shepherd's Center to those she meets.

Shepherd's Center's has numerous events on their calendar. On Feb. 3, there will be Coffee Talk at 10 a.m. on Zoom; "Book Group" hopes to meet in person on Feb. 10 at 10 a.m. and closing out on Feb. 17 at 11:30 a.m. will be our first Lunch 'n Learn of 2022. We will have boxed lunches for those attending. Registration information will be coming out soon. For the Lunch 'n Learn, our speaker will be Bob Sheets from the

Greenbank Observatory in Pocahontas County. This should prove to be an interesting discussion with Greenbank Observatory being in the news due with the book The Quiet Zone by Stephen Kurczy published last year and various news casts. Look for posts on these events. Come join us! For information, please call our office 304-645-4196 or email us at greenbrier-shepherdscenter@gmail.com.

Communities In Schools of Greenbrier County receives Hamilton Family Foundation Grant Award

Communities In Schools of Greenbrier County (CISGC) is the grateful recipient of the Jeanne G. Hamilton and Lawson W. Hamilton, Jr. Family Foundation grant. The \$25,000 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 chal-

lenges. CISGC continues to assist with mentoring, tutoring, as well as basic and emergency needs of students and their families in Greenbrier County.

Serving all 13 public schools, Communities In Schools of Greenbrier County is a 501(c)3 and relies on the generosity and support of foundations and community members. CISGC could not carry out its mission "to surround students with a community of support, empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life" without partnerships such as these.

For more information about CISGC, please call 304-661-1018, email director@cisgc.org or visit www.cisgc.org. You can also stay up to date through our Facebook page.

Dear Recycle Lady,

Dear Recycle Lady,
Are all items recyclable if there is a recycle symbol on it?
Hopeful

Dear Hopeful,
One of the biggest misconceptions in recycling is that an item is recyclable if it has a recycle symbol on it. There are several reasons for this, but the biggest reason is that which items accepted for recycling varies not only from state to state, but from city to city. For example, the Greenbrier Recycling Center doesn't accept #1 plastic boxes and clam shells, whereas larger cities in the state have the capacity to do so. Recyclers should check before putting an item in a bin that is questionable. The Greenbrier County Solid Waste Authority's website, www.GCSWA.com, has specific lists of what is acceptable at the Recycling Center. If in doubt, throw it out. Putting items in a recycle bin that are not recyclable are contaminants and can spoil an entire bale of good recyclables.

Dear Recycle Lady,
Yesterday we were at a restaurant to get takeout food and drinks and our drinks were put in a pressed cardboard carrier. Can this type of cardboard be put in with the corrugated cardboard?
Not a Cook

Dear Not a Cook,
Yes, pressed cardboard drink holders can be put in with regular cardboard. Egg cartons (not plastic ones), card stock and paper towels tubes are a similar type of cardboard. There are many items made from recycled cardboard, including new cardboard, chipboard, and cereal boxes.

Dear Recycle Lady,
Why should we be recycling cardboard? It is made from wood and trees are a sustainable resource.

Don't Understand
Dear Don't Understand,
According to <https://citizensustainable.com/recycling-cardboard>, there are 6 very good reasons for recycling cardboard. First of all, when cardboard is recycled, long, strong paper fibers are produced that can be used many times, reducing the need to cut down trees to make cardboard. Second, recycling saves energy. Making cardboard from raw materials is a more complicated and longer process than using recycled cardboard. Third, using wood to make cardboard creates a gas that causes acid rain, called sulfur dioxide. Using recycled cardboard cuts the amount sulfur dioxide created in half. Fourth, it reduces landfill waste. Fifth, when cardboard breaks down in a landfill a greenhouse gas,

called methane, is released. Methane contributes to global warming by absorbing the sun's heat and warming the atmosphere. Sixth, recycling saves water. Processing new wood to make cardboard takes lots of water. Using recycled cardboard skips this step entirely. Approximately, 7,000 tons of water are saved for every ton of recycled cardboard used. One word of caution - Cardboard is easily contaminated by oils, food, lots of tape, Styrofoam, plastic packaging and peanuts. Either cut off the soiled parts or put it all in the trash.

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



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OBITUARIES

John Collins McCurdy

Alderson—John Collins McCurdy, 92, passed away peacefully at his home on Sunday, Jan. 16, 2022.

Born July 30, 1929, at Lexington, VA, he was the son of the late Collins Chaffin and Ruth (Fitzgerald) McCurdy.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his wife, Pearl Butcher McCurdy; and a son, David Dare McCurdy.

After receiving his education in West Virginia and Virginia, he began his career with the Federal Prison Service in Ashland, KY. John later transferred to the Federal Reformatory for Women in Alderson. Except for a short transfer to Petersburg, VA as a Training Manager, he spent his entire career at Alderson before retiring in 1980 with 27 years of service. He remained active after retirement with the federal prison system as a consultant.

During John's career, he served as a guest instructor for the F.B.I. Academy at Quantico, VA and U.S. Navy Corrections in Norfolk, VA. He provided presentations about these temporary assignments to the Central Office of the Bureau of Prisons. He also conducted audits of training programs at various institutions in addition to being a hostage negotiator.

John was a member of the F.C.I. Alderson Rifle and Pistol Team and the Southeast U.S. Regional Team. He competed in the Attorney General's match and was a perennial member of the West Virginia State Pistol Team.

John served his community in many capacities during his life. He was a former member of the Alderson City Council and served multiple terms as the Town Recorder. He also sat on the first Board of Directors for the Renaissance Building Planners. John was active in youth activities as well and was one of the first Little League Baseball coaches in the area.

John was a member of Johnson Memorial United Methodist Church and a member of the Alderson Masonic Lodge #70 AF&AM.

John is survived by his sons, Collins Bryan McCurdy and his wife Doris, of Greenville and Robert Edward Lee McCurdy and his wife Elaine, of Alderson; grandson, Patrick Collins McCurdy and wife Pam of Marlinton; great-grandson, Garrett Collins McCurdy, of Fairmont; granddaughter, Emma McCurdy of Madison, WI; his brother, Sidney Lee McCurdy and wife Lora of Hopewell, VA; his sister, Elizabeth Burch, of Lexington, VA; as well as several loving nieces and nephews.

In keeping his wishes, John will be cremated, and a memorial service will be held at a later date.

Condolences and memories may be shared with the McCurdy family online at www.lobbanfh.com

Arrangements by Lobban Funeral Home, Alderson, WV.

Vicki Dawn Lepley

Clintonville—Vicki Dawn Lepley, 62, of Clintonville passed away on Saturday, Jan. 15, 2022, at Lewis-Gale Medical Center in Salem, VA.

She was born June 27, 1959, in Clintonville, the daughter of the late Alfred Samuel Long and Nellie Lewis Long Hume.

Vicki was in the financial aid office of the WV School of Osteopathic Medicine. Her passion in life was horses and often helped others with any issues that they were having with their horses.

Other than her parents she was preceded in death by husband, Billy; daughter, Carla Whitt; and brother, John David Long.

Surviving are her son, Thurmond Daniel Loudermilk of Clintonville; sisters, Rowena Piercy of Lewisburg and Bonnie Petree of Clements, MD; brothers, Ronald Long of Front Royal, VA, and Alfred Long, Jr. of Renick; grandchildren; Mackenzie, Austin and Kiera; as well as nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Vicki will be on Sunday, Jan. 23, at 1 p.m. at Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Lewisburg with Pastor Roger Williams officiating. Interment will be in Wallace Memorial Cemetery.

The family will receive their family and friends

from 12 noon until time of services on Sunday.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests that memorial contributions be made to Wallace & Wallace, 884 Jefferson Street North, Lewisburg, WV 24901.

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

Please send online condolences by visiting www.WallaceandWallaceFH.com

James Benjamin Lewis



Lewisburg—James Benjamin "Ben" Lewis, 62, passed away Sunday, Jan. 16, 2022 at Greenbrier Valley Medical Center due to complications from Covid-19.

Born Sept. 23, 1959, in Ronceverte, he was the son of the late Charles W. "Bill" and Margaret Mary Lewis of Lewisburg.

Ben was a 1977 graduate of Greenbrier East High School in Fairlea. He attended West Virginia University but later decided to come home to be a part of his father's business instead of continuing his business degree. He worked in the Parts and Billing departments for over 30 years before leaving when the dealership was sold in 2014. He later went to work for The Loft and Spirits & Wine where he worked until his death.

He was a member, Elder, and Sunday School Superintendent of Old Stone Presbyterian Church in Lewisburg. Ben was a member of the Old Stone Men's Breakfast group, Lewisburg Lions Club, and Lewisburg Elks. In his free time, he loved playing golf and watching sports, especially if WVU was playing.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by sister, Cynde Lewis Ikner Kish; brother, Jeff Lewis; and grandparents, Dr. Einer and Edna Rasmussen and Mr.

Charles and Mary Katherine Lewis, Sr.

Survivors include his wife, Pam; his daughter, Megan Lewis Kirkham (Brian); grandson, Luke; sisters, Conni Anderson (Donn), and Lee Ann Gillilan (Clifford); brothers, Chuck (Lou Ella) and Frank (Valerie); aunts, Carolyn Frickel and Anna Rae Rasmussen; mother-in-law, Mary Jane Gilkerson; as well as many nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends to cherish his memory.

There will be no visitation. Private graveside services will be held for the family with an outdoor Celebration of Life to be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Lewisburg Lions Club or Old Stone Presbyterian Church Education fund.

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

Please send online condolences by visiting www.WallaceandWallaceFH.com

Janet Eloise Smith Brown



Alderson—Janet Eloise Smith Brown, 87, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2022 at the Greenbrier Health Center in Fairlea.

Born Oct. 7, 1934 in Burnwell, WV, she was the daughter of the late Grandville Dewey and Thelma Agnes Barnhardt Smith.

She was also preceded in death by her husband, David Edward Brown, Sr.; sisters, Geneva Griffith, Betty Elam, and Mina Crowl; brother, Donald Smith; grandson, Robert H. Sutton; daughter-in-law, Sara Burns Smith Brown; and a fur baby, Sam.

Janet was a member of Griffiths Creek Baptist Church and a homemaker. She was a devout Chris-

tian, animal lover, and a wonderful cook. Janet was an avid gardener and loved flowers.

Survivors include sons, David E. Brown, Jr. and wife Brenda of White Sulphur Springs, and Brian C. Brown and companion Wanda Richmond of Ronceverte; daughters, Diana Carol Blevins, and Debora Sanders both of Baltimore, MD, and Nancy Sutton and husband Robert of Airville, PA; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and her friend of many years, adopted daughter, Corliss Thomas.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, Jan. 19, at Lantz Funeral Home in Alderson where Pastor Audie Sorg officiated. Burial followed in the Alderson Cemetery.

Visitation was held one hour prior to services at the Lantz Funeral Home in Alderson.

Online condolences may be made at Lantzfuneralhome.com

Nancy Lee Gladwell Ritchie



Huntington, WV—Nancy Lee Gladwell Ritchie, 84, died Thursday, Nov. 13, 2022 at Cabell Huntington Hospital after a long illness.

She was born Mar. 18, 1937 in Charleston, daughter of Arthur Lee Gladwell and Brownie "Bee" Loudermilk Gladwell of Dunbar.

When she was three years old the family moved to Lewisburg where her father was eventually elected Mayor. She was graduated from Lewisburg High School before attending Marshall University in Huntington and then Greenbrier College for Women in Lewisburg. She was selected as a princess in the Mountain State Forest Festival in 1956. She was a member of Eastern Star. She was first employed

by her family's business, Bee Jewelry Store in Lewisburg, and later in the office of the County Extension Service for Greenbrier County. She married the love of her life Garry Harlan Ritchie, a radio/TV broadcaster, in 1958 and moved with him back to Charleston. She took a job in the Charleston office of WOWK-TV where she earned money to help finance her husband's college education. In later years she followed his rising career to Cleveland, OH; Stamford, CT; Cincinnati, OH; Gainesville, FL; Scranton, PA; Portland, ME and back to Huntington. An avid and expert quilter Mrs. Ritchie belonged to a number of quilting clubs and societies and taught quilting classes in Cleveland, Gainesville and Scranton. She won awards for her quilts including a best of show in a state of Florida quilt exhibition. Like her husband, Mrs. Ritchie also held a "ham" radio license with the call letters WB8GSD, and was a member of the Tri-State Amateur Radio Association. Her church membership was at Pea Ridge United Methodist in Huntington.

She is survived by her husband, Garry; by sons, Arthur Harlan Ritchie of Lodi, OH (wife Lisa), and Michael Lee Ritchie of DeLand, FL (wife Collette), and by grandchildren, Brian Lee Ritchie of Stratton ME, Amanda Nicole Ritchie Litteral of Galloway, OH (husband Zachary), and Ashley Katherine Ritchie of Lodi, OH. Also surviving is her brother, Dr. David Arthur Gladwell of Bedford, VA (wife Elizabeth); and many nieces and nephews.

Instead of flowers a memorial gift to a charity of the donor's choice could be a fitting tribute. Respecting Covid protocols there will be no viewing and private services were conducted on Wednesday, Jan. 19, at 10:00 AM by Rev. Shannon Blosser at Henson and Kitchen Mortuary in Huntington, WV.

Graveside services were conducted at her parents' plot at Rosewood Cemetery in Lewisburg on Thursday, Jan. 20.

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Oscar Hamilton Morgan



Ronceverte-Oscar Hamilton Morgan, 89, passed away Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2022, at Stonerise Lewisburg.

Born Aug. 6, 1932, in Ronceverte, he was the son of the late Carl Rodger and Madeline Zell Morgan.

Oscar retired from The Greenbrier, was a member of the Mt. Zion Primitive Baptist Church and was a U.S. Marine Corp Veteran. He was a wealth of knowledge in ancestry and enjoyed talking about your ancestral history. Oscar attended many funerals, family reunions and never missed an opportunity for a meal or ice cream!

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wives, Hazel Honaker Morgan and Margie

Dean Morgan; sisters, Barbara Lindsey and Joanna Seldomridge; and brothers, Kent, and Elwood Morgan.

Survivors are a caretaker, Phyllis Whitlock Jones; special friends with whom he made his home, Jimmie, and Judy Hammons; along with a host of nieces, nephews, and many friends.

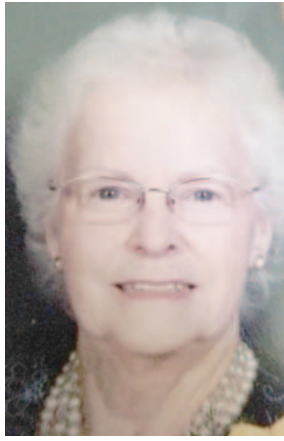
Funeral service will be at 11 a.m., Tuesday, Jan. 25, at the Morgan Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Norvel Mann officiating.

Burial will follow in the Adwell Cemetery, Ronceverte, WV.

Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m., Monday, Jan. 24, at the funeral home.

Online guestbook may be signed at www.morganfh.net

Sarah Jean Moody



Asbury-Sarah Jean Moody, 81, passed away at home on Thursday, Jan. 13, 2022.

Born at Cross Roads,

WV, on May 29, 1940, she was a daughter of the late L.C. and Eugie Mae (Ballard) Dosier.

Other than her parents she was preceded in death by a son, Sidney David Moody; brothers, Sonny Dosier, Dickie Dosier and half-brother, Earl Dosier.

Jean was retired from the Federal Prison Camp at Alderson where she was a supervisor in the garment facility.

She was a member of West Point Baptist Church in Asbury and belonged to the Blue Sulphur C.E.O.S.

She is survived by her husband of 62 years, Charles F. Moody; son, Charles Aaron Moody and wife Patricia of Asbury; grandchildren, Charles Adam Moody and wife, Rachel of Asbury and Nicholas Colton Moody of Lecanto, FL; and great-grandchildren, Charles Ayden Moody and Lillian AnnMarie Moody of Asbury.

Graveside service was held on Thursday, Jan. 20, at Greenbrier Memorial Gardens in Lewisburg, where Rev. Ron Miller officiated.

In lieu of flowers, donations of sympathy may be made to West Point Baptist Church or to St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Lewisburg is in charge of arrange-

ments.

Please send online condolences by visiting www.WallaceandWallaceFH.com

Violet Dolores Honaker



Lewisburg-Violet Dolores Honaker, 80, also affectionately known as "Nanny," of Lewisburg, departed this life on Monday, Jan. 17, 2022.

She was born July 25, 1941, in Monroe County, WV. She was the daughter of the late John Walker and Katherine Hall.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, David Michael Honaker; brothers, Robert Hall, David Hall, Darrell Hall, and Lonnie Hall; and sisters, Brenda Brewer, Isabelle Knepper, Loretta Surgeon, Gertrude Toothman, and Rebecca Jackson.

She is survived by her daughter, Renee Spears (Tony) of Hinton; two sons, Don Honaker

(Rhonda) of Dublin, VA, and Mike Honaker (Melissa) of Lewisburg; as well as granddaughters, Autumn Smith (Evan) of Teays Valley, Amber Ware (Ben) of Teays Valley, and Aeyla Spears (Jim) of Bassett, VA, Maddison Honaker of Pulaski, VA; and grandsons, Danial Honaker of Roanoke, VA, Gabriel Honaker of Roanoke, VA, Cameron Honaker of Radford, VA, and Matthias Honaker of Pulaski, VA. She is also survived by great-grandchildren, Gwyneth Smith (10), Bronwen Smith (3), Ivy Ware (8), and Lucy "Lemon" Ware (7); sister, Polly Brammer of Ronceverte; brother, Gerald Hall of Ronceverte.

Along with her love for God and her family, Violet was also the loving and nurturing "Nanny" of a significant number of children that she cared for in her home in Lewisburg, all of whom she loved like her own. Violet loved all children, and she glowed with pride when she spoke of all the precious children that made their home in her home. She especially took great care in teaching children about the love of God, the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, and how to pray.

When "Nanny" went to be with her Savior, the world lost a beloved mother, grandmother,

great-grandmother, nanny and friend. While she may have lacked formal education, Violet was a wealth of knowledge and thoughtful advice that always brought a sense of peace and perspective to every situation. She had an amazing ability to find and articulate the "silver lining" in every circumstance and never failed to love unconditionally without the slightest hint of judgment. While her listening ears and compassionate guidance was always helpful, it seemed to always resonate best over a cup of hot coffee or while she stood in her kitchen cooking a signature meal or baking one of her famous cakes or pies.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 22, at Wallace and Wallace Funeral Chapel in Lewisburg, with Reverend Mike Honaker officiating.

Visitation at the funeral home will take place from 12 noon to 2 p.m.

A private burial will follow in New Lebanon Cemetery.

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

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and various soups and salads for lunch options.

Em's will be looking to move to a physical location later this year with a property in the Battleground Shopping Center in White Sulphur Springs already selected. Barring some remaining work to the building, Em's Cake Corner hopes to be in their new home as early as April.

For Wickline, this endeavor began not as an endeavor at all, but an endearing pastime with her grandmother, Rita Pilkenton.

"She would always be in the kitchen and baking, and I would always be right there by her side helping her, so she really got me interested and taught me so much," said Wickline.

As she began making more and more cakes, locals started to notice her prowess and her services were in ever more demand. When her grandmother passed away in 2019, Wickline said a motivation to bake was to honor her memory.

"Given that people seemed to love my cakes and that it was her that

raised me up as a baker, it only made sense that I take the next step up in memory of her. I'm really glad to carry the tradition she bestowed on me."

Day to day, Wickline says she finds great joy in baking, both from within and without.

"My favorite part of doing this is the look on people's faces when they see what I've made for them, when they have that moment of finally seeing what they wanted in real life and it being exactly what they imagined. And it's really liberating to do something that requires so much creativity and gives me such a good opportunity to express myself."

Crediting her success, Wickline says it's thanks to her whole family supporting her along the way, "and of course to God: without Him I can do nothing, so I owe all of this to Him."

Visit her website at www.emscakecorner.com, find her on Facebook at "Em's Cake Corner," or email emscakecorner@gmail.com for more information.

A Look Back



Courtesy of Morgan Donnally Bunn.

By William "Skip" Deegans
In April of 1895, lightning struck the Donnally house on Lewisburg's east Washington Street (shown in this circa 1904 photo). According to an article in The Greenbrier Independent, "A stroke of lightning on Monday evening last caused more excitement here than has been witnessed from a similar cause for

years. Struck Mr. H. W. Donnally's house, shocked Mrs. Donnally, tore the doors off a safe, and caused three teams to run away. Two of the teams were on Main Street and the other started from Mr. J. G. Cox's mill. The first one belonged to Mr. Thos. Lynch, and the wagon was completely wrecked and the horses were considerably cut and scarred.

The other two teams were stopped before any damage was done." Stories passed down in the Donnally family tell of windows broken in their house by the strike.

Sources: *The Greenbrier Independent, Morgan Donnally Bunn.*

Friends of Ronceverte reaches Dog Park fundraising goal

After less than four months, Chris Rodriguez-Stanley and Friends of Ronceverte (FoR) have officially met the \$30,000 fund raising goal for The Ronceverte Island Dog Park. The community-based fundraising effort will give Greenbrier County the only dog park in southern West Virginia.

"I am so inspired by the community and everyone's excitement about the dog park," said Chris Rodriguez-Stanley, a Ronceverte native and the ideator of the dog park. "I have been in close contact with Ronceverte Mayor Deena Pack and City Administrator Pam Mentz. They are so excited to bring this dog park to fruition."

The fundraising was accomplished in two parts. First, Rodriguez-Stanley secured a grant from the Greater Kanawha Valley Foundation and the James F. B. Peyton Fund. The grant secured the first \$15,000 towards the dog park. Once the grant was received, Rodriguez-Stanley and FoR worked together to mobilize the community to raise the remaining balance. Individuals, teams, and businesses answered the call, and after an anonymous donation Jan. 10, the full \$30,000 has officially been raised.

"I am so happy that Friends of Ronceverte was able to participate in raising the funds for the Ronceverte dog park," said Heather

Masters, the president of Friends of Ronceverte. "Thanks to everyone that has helped and donated thus far. This journey has just begun and I'm sure we will need more community involvement as it continues. Friends of Ronceverte is excited to see the dog park become a reality and how it will help Ronceverte grow."

There still isn't a timeline for when construction of the dog park will begin but the city has surveyed the land and multiple versions of the map of been drawn up for approval.

"Ronceverte is on the rise and this dog park is just the first step in Ronceverte's revival," said Rodriguez-Stanley. "I am so excited for Ronceverte's future."

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If you have input that you'd like to share on these questions, please email jamie.gvac@gmail.com and Jamie will record your responses. If you have an interest in volunteer work at the GVAC please contact Darcie McCraw, General Manager, at 704-677-4468 or darcie@gvaquaticcenter.com

This continues to be an unlikely, magical project. Though the delays are frustrating and consuming, proceeding in the face of the pandemic has avoided further cost increases, employed many, and (best of all) we will be swimming and enjoying being with each other at the GVAC in 2022!

Thank You,
TAG Galyean, President, and GVAC Board,
January 2022: Kristie Bridges, Jerry Clemons,
Annabelle Galyean, TAG Galyean, Tom Greenstreet,
Rob Vass III, John Wilson

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Notice of Public Hearing
Lewisburg Planning Commission
Thursday, February 3, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.
942 Washington Street, West

Also available via Teleconference because of the Covid-19 Pandemic. For information on how to participate on ZOOM, contact Lewisburg City Hall at 304-645-2080 by 4 p.m. on Thursday, February 3, 2022.

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Approval of Minutes:** December 2, 2021
3. **Comments from the Public:**
4. **Review and Discussion:** Final Plat-Walbucks, 1976 Jefferson Street North.
5. **Review of:** Pump Station Site for Rolling Hills Sewer Extension Project.
6. **Comments from Planning Commission Members**
7. **Comments from Planning and Zoning Officer:** Marsha Cunningham
8. **Adjournment**

The next regularly scheduled Planning Commission Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 3rd with a deadline of Friday, February 11, 2022.

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(2020-S-00000063 - Greenbrier County - WVTI LLC)
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DISTRICT ANTHONY CREEK MAP 35E PARCEL 0052 0001
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Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to March 31, 2022.	\$ 1,331.36
Amount of subsequent years' taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to March 31, 2022.	\$ 1,144.35
Amount paid for the Title Examination and preparation of the list to be served and for preparation and service of notice with interest from January 1, 2021, following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2022.	\$ 1,198.64
Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2022.	\$ 431.30
Total Amount Payable to Sheriff - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to the The Honorable Bruce Sloan, Sheriff and Treasurer of Greenbrier County.	\$ 4,105.65
Cost of Certification of Redemption - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to the The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor.	\$ 35.00

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Notice to Taxpayers
West Virginia, Greenbrier County Commission
Regular January 11, 2022 Term

Take notice that the Board of Equalization and Review of Greenbrier County, composed of the County Commissioners of Greenbrier County, will convene at the Courthouse at 10 a.m. on the 1st day of February 2022, for the purpose of hearing complaints any taxpayer may have as to the assessment placed upon his/her property by the Assessor of this County.

It is the duty of the Board to reduce the value of property if it is too high and to increase it if it is too low. This may be done upon motion of any tax payer interested or upon the Board's judgment. This Board will meet the taxpayers from the several districts and corporations at the Courthouse in the County Commission room of said County, on the following dates: February 1st, February 3rd, February 8th, February 11th and February 16th and ending no later than the 28th day of February 2022. **Instructed by WV State Code 11-3-24: the County Commission may adjourn sine die anytime after February 15th and will do so if no hearings are scheduled.** Anyone desiring to appear before this Board is requested to make an appointment with the Assistant to the County Commission, Kelly Banton, at 304-647-6689 ext. 0, Monday through Friday, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. If the Board finds it proper to do so, it may adjourn from day to day no later than the 28th of February, 2022. Anyone desiring to review their assessment may do so online at www.greenbriercounty.net or by contacting the Assessor's office at 304-647-6615.

Lowell Rose,
Greenbrier County Commission President

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(Cert. No. 132191 Robert L. or Georgene Deitz)
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Amount paid for Title Examination and preparation of the list to be served and for preparation and service of notice with interest to 03/02/2022.	\$ 1035.03
Additional statutory Fees with Interest to 03/02/2022.	\$ 0.00
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(2020-S-00000079 - Greenbrier County - WVTI LLC)
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Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to March 31, 2022.	\$ 589.85
Amount of subsequent years' taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to March 31, 2022.	\$ 447.74
Amount paid for the Title Examination and preparation of the list to be served and for preparation and service of notice with interest from January 1, 2021, following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2022.	\$ 1,152.90
Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2022.	\$ 301.91
Total Amount Payable to Sheriff - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to the The Honorable Bruce Sloan, Sheriff and Treasurer of Greenbrier County.	\$ 2,492.40
Cost of Certification of Redemption - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to the The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor.	\$ 35.00

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Calendar of Events for Carnegie Hall

Friday, January 21: Crys Matthews - Mainstage Performance on Friday, Jan. 21 at 7:30 p.m. Join us for an evening with "the next Woody Guthrie" Crys Matthews. Tickets start at only \$17. To make reservations or for more information visit carnegiehallwv.org, call 304-645-7917, or stop by 611 Church Street, Lewisburg.

Saturday, January 22: Calling Them In - Special Workshop by Crys Matthews at The Wild Bean in downtown Lewisburg on Saturday, Jan. 22 at 10 a.m. Join Matthews in a frank discussion about challenges of activism in the 21st century. Free admission and open to the public. To make reservations or for more information visit carnegiehallwv.org, call 304-645-7917, or stop by 611 Church Street, Lewisburg.

Rotating Galleries:
Old Stone Room Gallery - Jamal Hoskins. Carnegie Hall Galleries are open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free admission and open to the public. Runs through February 2022.

Museum Gallery - Robby Moore Art Exhibit. Carnegie Hall Galleries are open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free admission and open to the public.

Board Room Gallery - To be announced.

Lobby Gallery - Doris Fields (Lady D) Art Exhibit. Carnegie Hall Galleries are open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free admission and open to the public. Runs through March 25, 2022.

Permanent Exhibit:
Arts From The Ashes: The History Of Carnegie Hall - The exhibit features memorabilia, photographs, artifacts and more of Carnegie Hall since its construction in 1901. Located on the second floor. Free admission.



First Fridays After Five is back on Friday, Feb. 4

Downtown Lewisburg kicks off First Fridays After Five for 2022 on Friday, Feb. 4, from 5 to 8 p.m. Join in on the fun with live music, specials, parties and complimentary tastings throughout town - all free to the public. Everyone is welcome!

Stop by **Sheena Pendley Design & Photography** for a book release party for author and Greenbrier County native Robin Elaine. Robin's debut novel "Terrebonne" features a cover photo taken by Sheena Pendley! Stop by to meet the author, purchase an autographed copy, watch the book trailer, and win prizes. (846 Court Street North, 304-646-9452)

Cat & Kate is offering 14% off storewide and forever bracelet welding - *some exclusions apply*. (937 Washington Street West, 304-646-5445)

Little Black Box was founded on the idea that Valentine's Day should be celebrated all year long and creating romantic moments begins with setting the mood. Create your Valentines moment by shopping at the Little Black Box! (818 Jefferson Street South, 304-645-6646)

Better Homes & Gardens Real Estate Central is featuring the Philanthropic Organization, P.E.O., a Philanthropic Educational Organization where women celebrate the advancement of women, educate women through scholarships, grants, awards, loans and motivate women to achieve their highest aspirations. Visit BHGREC from 4 to 6 p.m. to celebrate 153 years of the organization and learn how you can be a part of women reaching for the stars. (1018 Washington Street West, 304-646-4408)

Hill and Holler will have SeldomFree playing lovely music from 7 to 10 p.m. (970 North Jefferson Street, 304-647-4429)

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

Finish off your evening at **The Asylum** with Thomas Taylor Band! (399 Randolph Street East, 681-318-3515)

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



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

Gap:

BATHER

Course:

UTERO

Composer:

RIPTERN

Resound:

ABLER

TODAY'S WORD

"Willie, are you in some kind of _____?"

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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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Super Crossword GO WITH THE FLOW

ACROSS

- 1 Tax doc. whiz
- 4 Vietnam Veterans Memorial architect
- 11 Facility with a Jacuzzi
- 14 "Deathtrap" star Michael
- 19 Skirt edge
- 20 Worship
- 21 "Can do!"
- 23 "Deathtrap" dramatist
- 24 Gotten out of dreamland
- 25 Tons
- 26 Inca conqueror
- 28 Natural skill
- 30 Radio shock jock
- 31 Hog food
- 32 Ltr. insert
- 34 Nobelist
- 35 Obama's party: Abbr.
- 36 Deg. for a Wall Streeter
- 39 Con's vote
- 41 Light blows
- 43 Some small batteries
- 45 Conan of TBS
- 47 Dumas' "Le — de Monte-Cristo"
- 49 Suffix with polyethyl-
- 50 "Explorer" of kids' TV
- 51 Daytime nap
- 52 "— and the Night Visitors" (Menotti opera)
- 53 Sonata segment
- 55 "Well well well!"
- 57 Church recesses
- 58 Cinematic
- 59 Give fresh life
- 60 Final: Abbr.
- 61 Final Greek consonant
- 62 Moose's kin
- 63 Singer
- 65 See
- 67 Mai —
- 69 With
- 65-Across, attended as a spectator
- 72 Casual top
- 73 Adroit humor
- 74 U.S.-Canada air-watch org.
- 75 Bit of an oval
- 76 Title for Ringo Starr
- 77 Baseball great Mel
- 78 "Selena" star, familiarly
- 79 "What's — for me?"
- 80 Loretta of "M*A*S*H"
- 81 Deep anger
- 82 Virtuoso
- 84 Minister's study: Abbr.
- 86 Big name in motor scooters
- 88 Detach, as a badge
- 90 Pacific Ocean nation
- 92 "— haw!"
- 93 Actor Rob
- 94 Snared with a lasso
- 95 Like a clear night sky
- 97 Angry mutt's sound
- 99 Poetic tribute
- 100 Arab chiefs
- 101 Mysterious
- 102 Great Lakes' — Canals
- 103 Whirled
- 104 Actor Neill
- 105 — kwon do
- 106 Foe of Liston
- 108 Have the gall
- 110 Touch gently
- 112 A bit wet
- 115 Cure — (elixirs)
- 116 Lawn growth
- 118 Ties tightly
- 120 Casual affair
- 124 Rescue financially
- 126 Even one
- 127 Former Honda SUV
- 128 Put under water
- 129 TV's Jean- — Picard
- 130 Serpent stuff
- 131 Super Bowl stats
- 132 Ceases
- 133 Volcanic stuff

DOWN

- 1 Casino disks
- 2 Hazard
- 3 Alternative to eBay or Etsy
- 4 Bryn — College
- 5 Worship
- 6 Canadian
- 7 Brighten beer
- 8 Tall and thin
- 9 Apple media player
- 10 Kathmandu's country
- 11 Coil about
- 12 "Wham!"
- 13 Garden pest
- 14 Major film studio
- 15 \$5 bills, slangily
- 16 Not well
- 17 Prefix with orthodox
- 18 First-aid ace
- 22 Ladies' men
- 27 Unconcern
- 29 "So long!"
- 33 Kayaks' kin
- 36 1991 film
- 37 — noire
- 38 Santa — (hot winds)
- 40 Much tabloid reportage
- 42 Actor Sean
- 44 Comic Mort
- 46 Gym units
- 47 Attended
- 48 Brunch order
- 50 With the current ... or what appears at the starts of eight long answers in this puzzle?
- 54 Dual-sport Sanders
- 56 2007 Stanley Cup losers
- 64 Up to, in ads
- 66 Hall & —
- 68 Jackie's #2
- 70 Less stuffy
- 71 Fads, e.g.
- 74 Co-founder of the band Chic
- 80 Accelerated
- 83 — avis
- 85 Brain wave tests, in brief
- 87 Cease
- 89 Roving types
- 90 Jrs.' exam
- 91 Razor name
- 96 Scold loudly
- 98 Act like a lion
- 103 Bagel seed
- 107 Ain't right?
- 109 Overzealous
- 111 Have faith
- 113 Dish lists
- 114 Pump (up)
- 115 As well
- 117 Family of PC games
- 119 Plains natives
- 120 Nero's 605
- 121 "How — ya?"
- 122 Chaney of chillers
- 123 A cow chews it
- 125 Oahu wreath

HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Mirror is smaller. 2. Tube is shorter. 3. Mat is different. 4. Boat is different. 5. Soap dish is missing. 6. Curtain is shorter.

PUZZLE ANSWERS PAGE 5