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## Smith-Allen sentenced to 20 years for fatal shooting

By Sarah Richardson

After several extensions and delays due to COVID-19 concerns, Edward Alexander Smith-Allen was sentenced in Greenbrier County Circuit Court on Jan. 31 for the June 2019 shooting of Alaisia M. Smith in Dorie Miller Park in Lewisburg.

According to the plea agreement, Smith-Allen pled no contest to one count of voluntary manslaughter and guilty to one count of wanton endangerment. He was originally indicted in Oct. 2019 with one charge of murder. Circuit Court Judge Jennifer Dent said the event was

“a tragedy, not just for the family, but for this community as a whole,” before adjudging Smith-Allen as guilty for both charges.

Smith-Allen was sentenced to 15 years for voluntary manslaughter and five years for wanton endangerment, the maximum for each charge. The two charges will be served consecutively for a total of 20 years in prison. He has already served 959 days at Southern Regional Jail in Raleigh County.

The criminal complaint from the shooting states Smith-Allen was “playing with [a] gun and pointing it

at people.” One witness “said that the manner in which [Smith-Allen] was playing with the gun made her so uncomfortable that she left” and “before she left, the magazine had been ejected and two bullets fell out.” The bullets were “put back in the magazine and the magazine inserted into the pistol.” The complaint then states the witness told Smith-Allen “to put the gun down” but he “pulled the trigger and shot the victim” while “pointing the gun at the victim.”

“All of the witnesses said the shooting was accidental,” reads the complaint.

## Almost Heaven Saunas opens new factory in former ABB building

By Adam Pack

Almost Heaven Saunas has ridden a wave of success over recent years straight into a massive new facility. Almost Heaven, which has operated exclusively out of their Renick shop until now, produces standalone saunas for direct sale, but also ships a majority of its inventory to Costco to be sold in pre-made fashion in stores nationwide. Aside from big box retailers and direct customer orders, there is a healthy taste for saunas made in Lewisburg all over the world.

Production Manager and Foreman Jonathon Alderman said, “We have saunas from this factory all over the world, they especially love them in Japan, we ship them there a lot.”

The company, now a subsidiary of Harvia USA (a heating component manufacturer), has moved into the new facility as of this year after spending considerable time renovating the inside and opening up the shop floor.

“It was a full scale job, bringing forklifts in here to take down and pull down walls in order to create space for manufacturing machinery,” said Alderman.

As of now, the factory employs upwards of 50 people, and has recently added another shift and nearly 20 new employees to accommodate the seemingly voracious demand coming from the global sauna market. According to Alderman, “We can just barely fill the order for



Members of the community were in attendance for an open house on Wednesday, Feb. 1 to tour Almost Heaven's new factory.

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### Nature's Way

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## Greenbrier East and West High Schools join GameChanger Opioid and Substance Misuse Prevention Program

Gov. Jim Justice joined local and state education leaders, along with several other officials, for an event on Wednesday announcing Greenbrier East High School and Greenbrier West High School as the latest additions to the new, student-powered WV GameChanger Opioid and Substance Misuse Prevention Program.

“I am so happy to announce that GameChanger is coming to these two excellent schools,” Gov. Justice said. “I’ve said many times that our children are the greatest treasure we have in West Virginia. They are our future. Through this program, we are going to make sure that all of our students in these schools are on the right pathway toward maximizing their potential.”

GameChanger’s Opioid and Substance Misuse Prevention Program is the first program of its kind and results from a service agreement between WV GameChanger and the world-renowned Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation.

The program will be added to the schools’ curriculums in the fall of 2022.

This is the second set of schools added to the roster of program participants since its inception. In December, Gov. Justice announced the launch of the program, and that Lincoln High School, Lincoln Middle

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## Sen. Baldwin secures funds for Ronceverte Splash Pad

Senator Stephen Baldwin presented a check for \$75,000 to Mayor Deena Pack and City Administrator Pam Mentz last week in support of exciting renovations on the Ronceverte Island Park. The city is planning to add a large splash pad for children as well as a dog park for families. State, local, and donated funds are all combining to pay for the project.

“We need activities for kids here in Greenbrier County,” said Baldwin. “Kids grew up swimming in the pool for decades. Now, we’re going to have a brand-new, safe, and fun water feature in town for kids and families to use for free. Combined with the dog park, it’s going to bring new life to the River City.”

“I am very grateful for Senator Baldwin for requesting and securing funding for Ronceverte” said Mentz. “The splash pad feature will bring people to Ronceverte and will serve as enjoyment for all our citizens, both young and old. Senator Baldwin deserves our applause for all the work he continues to do for our area.”

“Senator Baldwin has been a tremendous asset to the people of Ronceverte and all the communities he serves. We could not be more thankful and excited to receive these funds as we continue our efforts to enhance the Ronceverte Island Park and all of the amenities it has to offer,” added Mayor Pack.

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.



Senator Stephen Baldwin presents a \$75,000 check to Ronceverte Mayor Deena Pack and City Administrator Pam Mentz for a splash pad.

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# Increased calls to Suicide Hotline cause concern for West Virginia's Call Center

Calls to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline from West Virginia have increased significantly in recent years. Between 2018 and 2021, call volume in the state rose from 6,543 to 10,691 - an increase of 63%. Fortunately, the suicide rate in West Virginia has not had a corresponding increase.

Lata Menon, CEO of First Choice Services, the Charleston-based company that provides Lifeline services for West Virginia, says this may be because people at risk of self-harm can quickly reach a crisis counselor, but she expressed concern that this may soon change.

To address this crisis, Congress unanimously enacted the National Suicide Hotline Designation Act of 2020 which created the three-digit phone number, 988 as the universal number for the National Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Crisis Hotline System. Congress mandated a deadline of July 16, 2022 for 988 to be available nationwide

In July 2022, 988 will be implemented nationwide to facilitate quick access to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. The scope of the line will additionally be marketed not only as a number for those in suicidal crisis, but also for anyone experiencing mental health distress or crisis. The easily recalled number, the broader scope of the line, the accessibility via chat and text, and a national marketing campaign are factors that will increase the volume of Lifeline contacts throughout the country.

Too often, when individuals experiencing a mental health crisis need help, they are met by law enforcement, resulting in unnecessary incarceration, trauma, or worse. Between one-quarter and half of all fatal law enforcement encounters involve individuals with a serious mental illness.

Vibrant Emotional Health, administrator for the national hotline, estimates the number of West Virginians seeking Lifeline help may exceed 30,000 annually. Menon said, "We are heartened to know the changes will make access easier and offer help to many more people who are suffering, but we are concerned our current program will simply not be able to meet such high volume. Without additional staff, help seekers will experience longer waits and eventually reach support out of our state. In suicide prevention, we know that every second counts. And we know that it works best when West Virginians respond to West Virginians."

988 will be critical to managing an anticipated significant increase in call volume due to the pandemic, preventing deaths, and stopping the criminalization of mental illness. To fund this overhaul, Congress authorized states to pass user fees on telephone lines - the same source used to fund 911.

Several states have already passed legislation to ensure they are ready to handle needs within their state, but West Virginia has yet to do so. Menon reports a solution may be at hand. West Virginia Senate Bill 181 shores up long-term stability for the Call Center as well as its connection to regional crisis centers where those seeking help can receive evaluation and treatment. She said, "When you or your loved one is in crisis, instead of calling the police or going to an emergency room, you should be able to immediately reach a crisis counselor who has the training to provide needed support and referral. Senate Bill 181 will ensure that West Virginia's Crisis Call Center is prepared to answer the need in our state."

Anyone feeling depressed, suicidal, or in need of emotional support can reach the National Suicide Lifeline 24/7 at 1-800-273-TALK.

## GameChanger

School, and Big Elm Elementary School would be the first schools to participate.

Under the Governor's leadership as "head coach," the WV GameChanger initiative is emerging as a national leader in opioid and substance misuse prevention.

GameChanger is a student-powered substance misuse prevention movement, connecting West Virginia students and the educators who care about them with the Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation to build school environments that prevent student opioid and other drug use before it starts.

"I am determined to break the cycle of addiction that has plagued our communities for far too long," Gov. Justice said. "We are already making great strides with the GameChanger initiative. But we won't stop working until every single school in West Virginia has the tools they need to change the game for all of our students

## Delegate Bates announces 'Save All Baby Dogs Act of 2022' Proposed legislation will repeal county dog tax

House of Delegates member Mick Bates, R-Raleigh Co., has proposed the "Save All Baby Dogs Act of 2022" that will keep dogs like Governor Jim Justice's pet English bulldog, Babydog, from being taxed and possibly killed in West Virginia.

House Bill 4051 seeks to repeal the collection of the head tax on dogs by county assessors. The current state code requires assessors to assess and collect a \$3 head tax on each dog owned by West Virginia residents. If the tax is not paid, the sheriff is authorized to impound and sell the dog to recover the delinquent taxes. If the dog goes unsold, the Sheriff is required to kill the dog.

"Dogs are considered a member of the family by most West Virginians," said Bates whose household includes two rescue dogs - Bella and Millie. "They provide companionship and help comfort us during stressful times. It is unconscionable that we still have a law on the books in West Virginia that requires the county sheriff to kill the family pet over a \$3 unpaid tax bill."

A fiscal note prepared by the Department of Tax and Revenue estimates the tax only generates \$250,000 annually statewide and states the bill would reduce costs to the county assessors as they would no longer be required to collect the head tax on dogs.

"Because of the responsible conservative leadership of the Governor and Legislature, West Virginia is experiencing unprecedented growth and record surpluses" stated Bates. "We have a tremendous opportunity to review our antiquated tax code that overburdens our citizens. The repeal of the dog tax is a commonsense example of how we can eliminate arduous taxes and fees from state law that don't produce value for our residents."

Inspiration for the legislation came when it was reported last August that Justice's English bulldog, Babydog, had no record of being registered with the Greenbrier County

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across the state."

WV GameChanger plans to offer its Opioid and Substance Misuse Prevention Program to all West Virginia elementary, middle, and high schools by the fall of 2027.

Gov. Justice was joined at the mid-morning announcement by West Virginia State Board of Education Member Tom Campbell, Greenbrier County Superintendent of Schools Jeff Bryant, Greenbrier East Principal Ben Rouston, Greenbrier West Principal Amy Robertson, and GameChanger Executive Director Joe Boczek.

"I have been privileged to watch GameChanger since its inception and am incredibly proud that Greenbrier East and Greenbrier West high schools will be a part of such a fantastic education initiative," Bryant said. "I know first-hand how much Governor Justice genuinely cares for the people and children of West Virginia, and I think programs like GameChanger serve as proof of just how much he cares."

Desirae Vasquez, Director of Professional Education and Continuum Solutions Programming for the Hazelden-Betty Ford Foundation, joined the announcement virtually from her offices in Massachusetts.

"The GameChanger prevention approach, guided by the Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation, harnesses real-life skills known to be effective at helping children and teens choose not to use substances and get early help if they need it," Vasquez said. "These skills are practical, accessible, non-threatening, fun, and easy for students to use for weeks, months, and even years after they learn them. This student-powered approach to prevention can change West Virginia's trajectory and legacy, creating healthier lives and brighter futures."

GameChanger Executive Director Boczek took time to laud the Governor, whose leadership, Boczek says, is the reason GameChanger is quietly emerging as one of the nation's leading programs for opioid and substance misuse prevention.

"Governor Justice's vision and determination, coupled with the reputation of The Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation, gives GameChanger a chance to save and improve lives every day," Boczek said.

GameChanger works directly with schools to implement, monitor, and sustain the Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation's student peer leadership programs, which have been found by research to help children make healthy choices about alcohol, opioids, and all other drugs. As a youth-led prevention, positive development, and community enhancement initiative, GameChanger programming is designed to educate, support, and empower young West Virginians to live healthy, drug-free lifestyles, while preparing to be our leaders of tomorrow.

To learn more about GameChanger, visit [wvgamechanger.org](http://wvgamechanger.org).

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## PICK OF THE LITTER



**SKINNY**  
Skinny is an 8-10 year old female hound mix and weighs 43 pounds.



**BELLA**  
Bella is a 3-year-old pit bull terrier mix and weighs 50 pounds.

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

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

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

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

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# Briefly

## Greenbrier Cleaners becomes Greenbrier Valley Cleaners

Ryan and Kristen McClung are excited to announce that they have taken over ownership and management of Greenbrier Cleaners, which is now Greenbrier Valley Cleaners. They are still at the same location on Rt. 219 in Fairlea, across from the Dodge dealership. They will continue to offer the same services: dry cleaning, sheets, blankets, comforters, and the washing and folding of everyday laundry. They are currently looking for a seamstress to add alteration services. Everyone is welcome to come in, drop-off laundry, and meet the new manager Joe Terry. Be on the lookout for new business hours.

## Williamsburg Community Shooting Match

Our next match will be Saturday, Feb. 5, 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](http://www.williamsburgwv.com)

## Carnegie Hall Guild

will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 9, at 4:30 p.m. We will meet in the Old Stone Room on the first floor at Carnegie Hall. There will be an option to zoom for those who prefer not to attend in person. If you plan to zoom, contact Mary Leb by email at [maryleb@frontier.com](mailto:maryleb@frontier.com). The mission of the Guild is to promote interest in Carnegie Hall and to provide financial and volunteer support. Dr. Bob Foster will be the guest speaker. His topic is the Culinary Medicine Program for WVSOM which teaches students food for health and food preparation. Our plans for a fundraiser will be on the agenda. The public is invited. We will meet at 4:15 p.m. for an opportunity to socialize and meet our guests. This is the perfect time to learn about the Guild and meet our members. Light refreshments will be provided by the generosity of Susie Caldwell.

## 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. On Tuesday, Feb. 15, the Jam Session will celebrate Valentine's Day, 7 to 10 p.m. Dance Saturday, Feb. 26 will feature the Thomas Taylor Band, 7 to 10:30 p.m. 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.

## 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 in February. Events will include 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 interested in participating in the virtual or in person events, please contact our office at 304-645-4196 for more information.

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## Greenbrier County Magistrate Court Convictions

Christopher Alan Lundmark, Lewisburg, unlawful acts of licenses - beer sales under 21, GP, fine \$25  
Destiny J. Ballard, Ronceverte, unlawful acts of licenses - beer sales under 21, NCP, fine \$25  
Maggie May Erwin, Huntington, obstructing officer, GP, fine \$50, jail 3 days  
Jonathan Michael Endres, Culpeper, VA, possession of controlled substance without a prescription, GP, fine \$100  
Connie Jean Daniel, Lewisburg, shoplifting, GP, fine \$100  
Austin R. Newsome, Teaberry, KY, 1) speeding, GP, fine \$20; 2) driving suspended, fine \$100  
Patrick M. Kelly, Charlottesville, VA, speeding, NCP, fine \$5  
Gerald James Hammond, Ronceverte, reckless driving, NCP, fine \$50  
Joshua Daniel Dillard, Rainelle, petit larceny, NCP, fine \$75, jail 30 days - suspended and placed on 10 months unsupervised probation  
Julie A. Frazee, Daleville, VA, 1) speeding, GP, fine \$5; 2) improper lane change, fine \$25  
Shawn Barb, Hillsboro, obstructing officer, NCP, fine \$50, jail 21 days

## 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.

### Renick Town Council

will meet Monday, Feb. 7, at 7 p.m. at the Renick Town Hall. Agenda items include:

- Community comments
- Approval of Minutes
- Financial reports
- Committee reports
- Old and new business
- Mowing/snow removal contract
- Budget
- Other business

### Greenbrier Co. Board of Education

will meet Tuesday, Feb. 8, at 6 p.m. at the Kyle & Ann Fort Arts & Science Center, 653 Court St., Lewisburg. On the agenda:

- Delegations

## Suits

In Re: The Marriage of: Jackie W Thomas and Stephanie M Thomas

In Re: The Marriage of: Tonya Renae Caldwell and Richard Allen Caldwell II

In Re: The Marriage of: Debra Delores Ward and Kenneth Owen Ward Jr.

In Re: The Marriage of: Juanita Irean Taylor and Wesley Scott Taylor

## For the Record

### Deeds

Bonnie F. Brown, Tonya Renee Brown, and Jason Pryor Brown to Betty Perry Alexander, 2,166 Sq. Ft, Falling Springs Municipality

Paul D. Tallman and Jane E. Tallman to Darrin E. Cherry and Kelly N. Cherry, 0.046 Acres, Lewisburg District Sherry B. McLaughlin to Rebekah D. Fallin and Charles E. Fallin, 1.00 Acre, Lewisburg District

Mina S. Wheatley to Shea W. Newton and Jonathon W. Newton, Lots Nos. 3, 4, and 5, Bell Addition, Lewisburg Municipality

Greenbrier Valley Investment Properties, LLC, a West Virginia limited liability company to Steven D. Stone and Kimberly A. Stone, 0.70 Acres, Lewisburg Municipality David E. Myles, Pamela Myles, Cheryl L. Flaim, Timothy Flaim, John Lynn Myles III to Jack Lively and Anna Lively, Parcel A, B, and C, 8,500 Sq. Ft, 1.06 Acres, and 1.16 Acres (resp.), Meadow Bluff District The Woods at Stonehenge, LLC. to Walter Sturek and Kristina Sturek, Lots Nos. 4, 5, and 6, Stonehenge Addition, Lewisburg District

Steven Dewaine Sharp to Bear Knob Holdings, LLC., a West Virginia Limited Liability Company, 16 Acres, Meadow Bluff District

Khanh Tran and Linh Tran to Sherry B. McLaughlin, 9,974 Sq. Ft., Maple Street, Lewisburg Corporate Dist. Norman L. Fleshman to Orby Hull, Lot No. 9, Section 18, Levelton Land and Improvement Company Addition, Town of Rainelle

Carolyn Arthur Krifchin to Mark L. Russo and Corinne J. Russo, Lot No. 6, Gretna Green Addition, White Sulphur Corporate District

Tim Houdyshell and Rena Houdyshell to The City of White Sulphur Springs, 0.29 Acres, Lot No. 3, Subdivision of Dean Property

John W. Greaves to Joseph Holstein and Nancy Holstein, Lot No. 1, J. H. Baldwin Property, Meadow Bluff District

## Almost Heaven Saunas

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Costco; across the country, you think about it, it's not hard at all for them to sell 50 in a day."

The process of constructing a sauna is very labor intensive, but the new Lewisburg factory has all the latest bells and whistles in the woodworking industry, from CNC routers to hydraulic clamp tables to laser-precise auto-saws, able to calculate the necessary lengths of various boards on a project via categories input by a technician, cutting through them in turn with blistering pace.

Looking around at the shiny new plant, things surely are looking for Almost Heaven Saunas, as people all over the world are looking for the fine cedar saunas manufactured right here in Lewisburg.

## Dog Tax

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Assessor's Office, the county where Justice lives. Justice promptly registered Babydog, but the situation highlighted that dog taxes are consistently overlooked by most West Virginians. Based on the revenue figures contained in the fiscal note and pet population estimates, only 18 percent of West Virginia's 455,396 dogs are properly registered and taxed.

House Bill 4051 has additional sponsorship from Delegates Householder, Criss, Steele, and Foster. The bill is currently in the House Committee on Finance.

## Public Notice

### The City of Lewisburg

#### Meeting to be held on wayfinding signage

The City of Lewisburg Historic Landmark Commission will hold a public meeting on Tuesday, February 15, 2022, at 8:30 a.m. in the Paul R. Cooley Council Chamber at Lewisburg City Hall, 942 Washington Street West, Lewisburg, WV 24901. The topic of discussion is "wayfinding signage."

If you are unable to attend this meeting in person, a Zoom teleconference meeting will be held on Thursday, February 17, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. Please contact Zoning Officer Marsha Cunningham at 304-645-2080 to register.

- Time Out for Applause
  - Recognition of 2021-22 WVCA Elementary School Counselor of the Year, Erin Justice
  - Recognition of High School Math Field Day Winners
- Presentation by GWHS Student Representatives to the Board
- Consent agenda items
- Revised and/or new policy for comment
- Attendance Exceptions for 2021-22
- Personnel
- C & I Presentation
- Other Business / Information
- Date of next regularly scheduled meeting
  - Mar. 8, 2022, at 6 p.m.

### Lewisburg Finance Committee

will meet in regular session Tuesday, Feb. 8, at 7 p.m. via Zoom link. Please contact City Hall by 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 8, to request the zoom link. The following topics are scheduled for discussion:

- Health insurance renewal
- Engagement of Bond Council for Public Works Bldg
- Additional Police Officer request
- Jason Hanna and John McMillion - Water Distribution Certification
- Sales tax implementation timeline
- Communications from members
- Approval of Minutes - Jan. 18, 2022

### Historic Landmarks Commission

will meet Monday, Feb. 14, at 5 p.m. at City Hall, 942 Washington Street West. Also available via Teleconference. For information on how to participate on ZOOM contact Lewisburg City Hall at 304-645-2080 on Monday February 14, by 4 p.m. On the agenda:

- Approval of Minutes - January 2022
- Comments from the public
- WVU Outdoor Economic Development Collaborative, Court & Stratton Building #5. Revise exterior façade color, and add building mounted sign with gooseneck lighting. Building #6 Stratton Alley Façade, revise exterior façade and trim colors. Add building mounted sign and awning with exterior lighting.
- Update from Michael Mills on guidelines.
- Comments from the Commissioners
- Comments from the Planning and Zoning Officer

The next scheduled meeting of the Lewisburg Historic commission will be Monday, Mar. 14, with a deadline of Friday, Feb. 25.

### Greenbrier PSD #1

will meet Friday, Feb. 18, at 7 a.m. at the District Office, 9035 Seneca Trail South, Fairlea. On the agenda:

- Approval of Minutes - Jan. 21, 2022
- Financial Report
- Manager Report
- Field Report
- Engineering Report
- Rolling Hills & Brush Road extension projects:
  - a. Payment resolutions
  - b. Other project related business brought before the Board
- Other business brought before the Board



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# OPINION

## Nature's Way

By Karen Cohen

Master Gardener/Photojournalist/Artist

### Time is Ticking

Winter is here and is deep in the soil and in our bones. The recent brief respite we had in the high forties did not send me to our attic to fetch my shorts, but it sure felt good.

We may wish for a spell of warm weather but be careful of what you wish. Too much warm temperatures over a few days causes the plants, bulbs, and bugs to rear up their heads and say good morning sunshine.

A rose of sharon tree that I clipped a branch from my father's yard many years ago has some sprouts showing. I am thrilled that it continues year after year to grow taller but tender green shoots now will encourage the woodland critters to munch on them since there's not much else around.

Before the winter hit, I broadcasted annual rye grass seeds on top of the garden beds as a future cover crop. When the spring comes, the seeds will germinate and grow grass. When it gets a few inches tall, it acts as a windbreak and keeps the soil intact. It has extensive root growth that helps to break up clay soil and clods of hard dirt. If left, it will die on its own when the summer heat comes along. I use it as compost turned into the garden before it goes to seed.

I did notice that in all my daffodil beds about 1-2 inches of green shoots were popping up in the warm sun. Thankfully, these flowers are cold tolerant and will just go dormant again when the next snow or ice covers them. I like to mulch them and my iris beds with a light blanket of shredded dried leaves. I will rake that off when the time's right in early spring.

A friend mentioned that this past December his dogs were picking up ticks in their fur from the backyard. Research shows that black legged ticks, the kind that carry lyme disease and harmful bacteria, have a two year life cycle and do not die in cold temperatures; they go dormant. To work at clearing them from your outside spaces keep tall grasses mowed short and clear brush, leaves, etc. from areas where the dogs and cats visit. Ticks do not drop out of trees, they come from the ground up, up your shoes and socks or up your dog's legs searching for blood! They crawl up to about two feet on bushes or tall weeds and await a victim to walk by. Once they attach to a body, whether it be human or four legged, they burrow their heads under the skin to draw blood. Yuk. It is best to use sterilized tweezers to grasp and remove it at its head, do not twist it or jerk it, just pull outwards. Don't be surprised how much they can hold on! Tick bites can last for months.

Do ticks have a predator? Yes, chickens, turkeys and guinea fowl eat ticks. Opossums can kill up to 90% of the ticks they encounter outdoors and can consume up to 5,000 ticks per season. Well, now we know that there is some good that those hairless, pink-eyed creatures bring us.

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

## Commentary

### Warner offers guidance to county clerks and the public on absentee voting for Primary Election

Secretary of State Mac Warner offered clarifying guidance on West Virginia's laws to County Clerks and voters pertaining to the qualifications for eligibility to vote absentee in the 2022 Primary Election.

Last week's release of guidance for absentee voting includes information regarding absentee voting by mail, military and overseas (UOCAVA) voters, electronic absentee for voters with certain disabilities, eligibility for the special absentee voting list and eligibility for emergency absentee voting. This guidance can be found at GoVoteWV.com.

Regarding the release of this guidance, Secretary Warner said, "West Virginia has many different options to ensure every voter has the ability to cast a ballot in every election. Between our robust in-person voting options on Election Day and during the early voting period as well as our absentee and emergency opportunities, no voter will be disenfranchised from casting a ballot."

According to WV Secretary of State Mac Warner, legal eligibility to vote an absentee ballot in the 2022 election cycle remains unchanged in law. The only difference from the 2020 election cycle is the State is no longer under a "stay at home" Executive Order. COVID-19 continues to qualify as a medical reason to vote absentee, but only voters confined to their home or other location due to COVID-19 are eligible under that reason.

Voters who are confined due to following CDC or medical professionals' guidance to quarantine for their specific situations, including preexisting conditions, displaying virus symptoms, exposure to a positive individual, or personal quarantine for a medical reason, are eligible to vote absentee by mail. Any changes to the excuse-based procedures would require legislative action.

Absentee Ballot Applications for the May 10th Primary Election are currently able to be accepted by the state's 55 county clerks. The deadline to file an application is May 4th.

If you have questions contact your county clerk or the Secretary of State's Elections Division at (304) 558-6000. To learn more about the Absentee Ballot Application process visit GoVoteWV.com for more information.



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## Commentary

### WV celebrates 211 Day Get connected. Get help.

On Feb. 11, West Virginia 211 will celebrate 211 Day, recognizing this critical service that has answered more than 31,000 calls in 2021, connecting people to the services and benefits they need.

"Our team of trained call specialists who answer the phones at 211 every day is truly amazing," said Margaret O'Neal, president of the Board of Directors. "Every day, they connect thousands of West Virginians to resources and services they need. Often, this means digging into an individual's story, and helping get to the root of the problems they are facing."

211 provides a vital service leveraged by millions of people across North America. Every day, clients contact 211 to access free and confidential crisis and emergency counseling; disaster assistance; food, health care and insurance assistance; housing and utility payment assistance; employment services; veterans services; child-care, family services and more. Last year on this special day, WV 211 launched the capability to search for resources on their website. This new feature saw over 45,000 searches in its first year.

"One persistent local barrier to improving access to resources is simply knowing where to turn when you're in need," said Brett White, chair of the West Virginia United Way Collaborative. "Often times, individuals would rather search for the information on their own instead of speaking to our representatives. This new feature allows them to do just that."

With the release of their 2021 Impact Report today, they have also published their top five requests, which include: utility assistance, rent/mortgage assistance, COVID-19 information, homeless shelters/coordinated entry, and food insecurity.

"As we continue to determine the best way to help area residents who struggle to pay their bills despite having full-time employment, 211 has remained a vital resource for the people and communities we serve," added O'Neal. "From assistance with tax preparation, utilities assistance, and employment services, 211 is there, 24 hours a day, every day of the year. And it remains one of our best tools for building strong and stable communities."

For more information about West Virginia 211, or to donate to keep this vital service available for West Virginians, visit [wv211.org](http://wv211.org)

The *Mountain Messenger* is rerouting the focus of our OPED page back into a more community-oriented publication.

We encourage positive communication between different viewpoints and wish to reject divisiveness and encourage letter writing, and we want that focus to revolve around community encouragement and growth.

When submitting an OPED, please refer to the following guidelines:

- 1) OPED pieces may contain constructive criticisms, thoughts, or observations, which we publish on an individually approved basis.
- 2) No name-calling, hate speech, or other derogatory language is permitted. We do not publish letters containing "bashing," personal attacks, and the like. However, we do appreciate mindful concerns, assessments, and thoughts.
- 3) All letters must be signed by the author and include the city in which they reside.

Please note all submissions are subject to individual editorial approval. Please do not mail or hand-deliver letters, email [news@mountainmessenger.com](mailto:news@mountainmessenger.com).

We look forward to harboring a hyper-local forum that highlights ongoing situations in and around our county and home state.

## The Back Pew

By Stephen Baldwin



Business is definitely picking up in Charleston. Happy to provide you a no-nonsense look at major issues.

**JAIL BILL.** County commissions pay about \$50 per day for every prisoner in a state jail from their county. As you might imagine, that adds up. For years, they've asked for financial assistance. I am proposing a fix with broad support. It will make clear data available to each county, give each county a target based on population for how many prisoners they should have, and incentivize counties to keep the numbers down by charging them less when they meet their targets. This will save money, allowing counties to fund important services like police, recreation, and infrastructure.

**ANTHONY CORRECTIONAL CENTER.** The new Anthony facility is set to go to bid this month. I have a meeting next week to work on details and will update the community afterwards. We've fought hard to fund this new facility and have it all in place.

**VETERANS NURSING HOME.** The first bid for the new veteran's nursing home we fought hard to build came in...way over budget. That forced the Veterans Department to look at scaling back the nursing home to something smaller. A very upsetting idea. I want to thank Governor Justice who found out about that situation and stepped up to the plate in a major way, saying we would NOT scale it back. We will fully fund the planned veteran's nursing home.

**WATER QUALITY STANDARDS.** Yet again, state water quality standards are being weakened. I voted no, just as I always have. This comes up almost every year, unfortunately. In a state with high cancer rates and exquisite natural beauty, the last thing we should be doing is weakening our standards.

**UNEMPLOYMENT BILLS.** Several bills related to unemployment are moving through the legislature currently, but the idea garnering the most attention is not in black and white...yet. "Jumpstart" would provide \$1,500 to folks reentering the workforce. No bill has been introduced by the governor. Citizens are voicing serious concerns over the idea, as the unemployment rate is at an all-time low. Why would we need to incentivize folks to work again when so many jobs are available? SB2 and SB3 are moving through committees. SB2 would cut the period of time people could receive unemployment from 26 weeks to 12 weeks. SB3 would impose additional requirements on those who do receive unemployment and allow them to take part time work while they search for a full time job.

**PRAYER.** This week, I led the Senate in prayer for the officers who died protecting students at Bridgewater College and the 14 historically black colleges and universities who faced bomb threats across the country. (WV State University and Bluefield State College are HBCUs but did not receive one of the bomb threats). Our country is bitterly divided right now. We must not fall prey to the misguided belief that we are enemies with each other because of difference. We are the UNITED State of America - one nation, under God, indivisible.

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](mailto:stephen.baldwin@wvsenate.gov). Follow him on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram @BaldwinForWV.)

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# CLUB & CHURCH

## Troop 34700 races in Powderpuff Derby



Girl Scout Troop 34700 earned a couple journeys and held a virtual investiture and rededication ceremony in January. On Jan. 22 they also raced cars in their local service units Powderpuff Derby. Participating troop members (above) were Quinn Sears (left), Amaris Gutjahr, Ember Huffman, Iris Huffman, Jessalyn Desmond, Luna Huffman, Maddie Sears, Alexandra Desmond, Emmalee Perkins, and Tonya Martin

## Volunteers West Virginia seeks nominations for 2022 Governor's Service Awards

Volunteer West Virginia is now accepting nominations for the 2022 Governor's Service Awards. The awards recognize outstanding West Virginia volunteers and volunteer groups. Any individual, organization, group, family, or business in West Virginia actively engaged in voluntary service benefiting the state may be nominated. The deadline for nomina-

tions is Mar. 25.

"This is a wonderful opportunity to share the stories of everyday heroes in the Mountain State," said Governor Jim Justice. "If you know an outstanding individual or group who shines as a volunteer superstar, I encourage you to nominate them for these awards."

Individuals and groups that are selected as recipients will be honored at

a special award ceremony on June 16, at the Culture Center in Charleston. The event is coordinated by Volunteer West Virginia.

More information on the Governor's Service Awards - including categories, nomination instructions, and eligibility - can be found on the Volunteer West Virginia's website <http://www.volunteer.wv.gov/>

## Preserve WV AmeriCorps Seeking Partner Sites and Applications

The Preservation Alliance of West Virginia announces organizational partnership opportunities through its Preserve WV AmeriCorps program. The Preserve WV AmeriCorps program is the Preservation Alliance's statewide national service initiative where AmeriCorps members help main streets thrive, help communities capture their local history, and help preserve beloved West Virginia landmarks. Nonprofit organizations and government agencies are eligible to sponsor a paid AmeriCorps

member for a contractual period beginning in April 2022 and ending on December 31, 2022.

"We are actively seeking history and place-based organizations that are working on historic preservation projects and are wanting to work more within their community but need extra help to really achieve these goals. AmeriCorps members provide vital service to their communities and we want to expand into more West Virginia counties to preserve more of the Mountain

State's unique cultural resources," explained Danielle Parker, the executive director for the alliance.

AmeriCorps members are catalysts for change within partner organizations. They take on projects to promote cultural heritage tourism, place-based education, and community development. Site sponsors usually have history-related missions such as, historical sites, museums, historic landmarks commissions, main street organizations, and

See "AmeriCorps" Page 8

## Church Bulletin

### Work as Worship Retreat Livestream set for February 19

Rhema Christian Center is hosting a Work as Worship Retreat Livestream Event on Saturday, Feb. 19, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. The cost is \$15 per person. Please register online at [therhemalife.com](http://therhemalife.com)

The Work as Worship Retreat brings people of all backgrounds and work experiences together to help break down the wall between Sunday and the rest of the week. In the context of work, we can worship God in a variety of ways: through obeying God's command to steward his creation; through our attitude, ethic, and excellence in our job; through leveraging resources to generously serve those in need; through sharing our faith with coworkers. This event is for everyone, not just those who work nine to five in an office. The Work as Worship Retreat exists for anyone who wants to grow in their faith and learn how their work can be an act of worship. Speakers will include Carey Nieuwhof, Jon Acuff and Nona Jones.

## Reunions

### GEHS Class of 1972 50th Reunion

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

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SAVE THE DATE!

You're invited to the  
WVPA Legislative Breakfast

**WHERE:** Culture Center  
**WHEN:** Thursday, Feb. 17  
7:30 - 11 a.m.

**Coffee and breakfast available at 7:30**  
**Panels begin at 8**

West Virginia Press invites media, legislators and guests to a morning update on legislative issues. Learn about key topics and bills in the current session directly from legislative leaders.

**8-9 a.m.: Legislative Panel**  
**9:30-11 a.m.: Informational Panels**

Panels will be presented by the WVPA and moderated by Don Smith, executive director.

Register online at [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2022-west-virginia-press-association-legislative-breakfast-and-media-social-tickets-257044114867?aff=ebdssbdstsearch) (link below)  
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# OBITUARIES

## John Daniel Rivoire



**White Sulphur Springs**-John Daniel Rivoire of White Sulphur Springs passed away Saturday, Jan. 29, 2022. He turned 63 on Jan. 17th.

John was a skilled worker and entrepreneur. He was employed by West Rock, The Greenbrier Hotel, and whoever needed him. He was a longtime member of Rhema Christian Center and a loving husband, father, and son. He enjoyed working, golf, biking and kayaking.

He is survived by his wife, Debbie; daughter, Hannah; sister, Ann; and nephew, Chris Mines.

He was preceded in death by his father, Jack; mother, Edna; and sister, Brenda.

There was a gathering to celebrate John's life on Thursday evening, Feb. 3, at the Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in White Sulphur Springs.

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)

## Evon A. Persinger



**Lewisburg**-Evon A. "Booky" Persinger, 91, formerly of Rainelle, entered heavenly rest on Saturday, Jan. 29, 2022, at Stonerise Lewisburg, formerly The Brier.

She was born at home in East Rainelle on Apr. 16, 1930, the sixth of six children born to the late Claude E., Sr., and Mildred Gee Vance.

Evon graduated from Rainelle High School in the class of 1948. She married her High School sweetheart, Lawrence "Buck" Persinger the love of her life in May 1951. Evon worked in the Insurance Industry for many years in Rainelle and Charleston, WV, until she, "Buck, and children moved back to their beloved Greenbrier County in 1968. She retired from Combustion Engineering (Now ABB) taking early retirement in 1985. She and "Buck" were charter members in the organization of Spartan Boosters at GEHS along with school administrators and loyal citizens with the focus of building an athletic faculty on campus. After months of diligent effort by members of the organization, loyal businesses and fans working together Spartan Stadium became a reality. She was a member of Henning Church of God, the Women's Christian Group (WCG) of the church, former Mother Advisor of the Order of Rainbow Girls, 50 plus year member of the Order of Eastern Star, and a volunteer at Greenbrier Valley Medical Center for many years.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her loving husband, "Buck" on Dec. 25, 2015; brother, Claude E. Vance, Jr. (2004); sisters, Virginia Yearego, (1998), Maude Price (2004), and Maxine McKnight (2016); sisters-in-law, Janet Vance (1989) and Janet Persinger Finch (2015); brothers-in-law, Nick Yearego (1989), Colenso Price (1997) and James "Micky" McKnight (2004); mother-in-law and father-in-law, Mammie Houchins Persinger (1983) and H. Lawrence Persinger (1970).

Surviving her are dearly loved children, Lawrence Persinger, Jr. (Jeanne) of Rockwell, NC, Jamie K. Harvey (Eddie) of Lewisburg and Mark Persinger of O'Fallon, MO. Mom-Maw to adorable grandchildren, Christopher Harvey, Megan Roberts, Katie Mullins (Jason), Christin Gibson, Adam Persinger, Matthew Persinger (Olivia) and big Mom-Maw to four darling great-grandchildren, Aiden Harvey, Micah Persinger, Harper Mullins and Silas Mullins and soon to be Oliver Persinger with whom she made many fond memories. She is also survived by brother, Jim Vance (Shirley) of South Carolina; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral service will be at 1 p.m., Friday, Feb. 4, at the Morgan Funeral Home Chapel, 252 Montvue Drive, Lewisburg, with Pastor Robert Hefner officiating. Entombment will follow in the Wallace Memorial Cemetery Mausoleum at Clintonville.

Visitation will be one hour prior to the service, Friday at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers donations of sympathy may be made to the WCG c/o Henning Church of God, 3599 Vago Road, Frankford, WV 24738.

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

Online guestbook may be signed at [www.morganfh.net](http://www.morganfh.net)

## Michael Henry Nothem



**Lewisburg**-Michael "Mike" Henry Nothem, 72, passed away on Wednesday, Jan. 26, 2022.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Mildred Strayer Nothem, his father, Melvin Howard Nothem, and his granddaughter, Avery Mae Nothem.

He is survived by his wife of 23 years, Malinda "Missy" Nothem of Lewisburg; his son, Chris Nothem (Erin) and their daughters Malory and Greta Nothem of Columbus, Ohio; his daughter, Melanie Nothem (Kim Harrison) of Cross Junction, VA, and his stepdaughter, Kate

Harris (Morgan Myers) and their daughter Emily Myers of Roanoke, VA. He is also survived by sisters, Susanne Campisano (Fred) of Hamilton, OH and Phoenix, AZ, Diane Coleman of Erie, PA, and Patricia Macatangay (Epifanio) of Strongsville, OH; and several nieces and nephews whom he loved dearly.

Mike was born on May 28, 1949, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. For the first two years of his life, Mike was raised in Port Washington, WI, with his sisters. They then moved to Ashtabula, OH, where he graduated from St. John's High School. He attended Kent State University and earned a Bachelor of Science in Nursing in 1972. After graduation, he joined the United States Army and served for nine years. He received an honorable discharge with the rank of Captain. During his time in the Army, he earned a master's degree in nursing and was a nurse anesthetist for 35 years, including 22 years at Greenbrier Valley Medical Center. Mike took great pride in his nursing career and cherished his colleagues. He enjoyed rabbit hunting, fishing, and was a loyal Browns football fan. Mike loved movies, classic rock music, and was an exceptional chef with a particular interest and adoration for New Orleans cuisine and culture. He was a master storyteller and had the best sense of humor. Most of all, he was a loving and devoted father, husband, brother, uncle and son.

There will be a celebration of life this spring in his honor.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to The Greenbrier County Committee on Aging, Inc., P.O. Box 556, Rupert, WV 25984 (304) 392-5138.

## William L. Wallace



**Ronceverte**-William L. Wallace, 95, formerly of Lewisburg, passed away on Sunday, Jan. 30, 2022, at Greenbrier Valley Medical Center.

He was born May 25, 1926, in Murray City, OH, son of the late Luther R. and Norma Koenig Wallace.

Bill attended Greenbrier Military School, attended Ohio Wesleyan College and graduated from Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science and was Past President of the West Virginia Funeral Directors Association. He was a World War II Navy Veteran and member of the American Legion Post #26. Bill was owner of Wallace & Wallace Funeral Homes, Trustee of Wallace Memorial Cemetery, member of Ronceverte Presbyterian Church where he was a past Deacon, Elder and Trustee. He was a past member of

Ronceverte City Council. Bill was a founding member of the Greenbrier County Emergency Ambulance Service, past member of the Ronceverte Lions Club and Shyrock Masonic Lodge.

Other than his parents he was preceded in death by his great-grandson, Odin Arnold; sister, Norma Lemon; and brothers, Robert L. Wallace and Jack K. Wallace.

Surviving are his wife, Phyllis Spencer Wallace; daughters, Pamela W. Arnold (Rusty) and Judith W. Polan (Josh); grandchildren, Judith Ann Dove (Jeromy), Cavanaugh Arnold (Shawna), Spencer J. Arnold (Tasha) and Mary Elizabeth Arnold (Jonathan Parker); and great-grandchildren, Bre Theroit, Chase Arnold, J. R., Kyleigh, Ivan and Naomi Weikle, Emily and Wyatt Dove, Gunner and Kyler Arnold, Lylah, Zoey and Harlow Arnold-Parker.

A visitation was held on Wednesday evening, Feb. 2, at Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Lewisburg.

Bill's funeral service was held on Thursday, Feb. 3, at the Ronceverte Presbyterian Church where Rev. Stephen Baldwin and Rev. Greg Scott officiated. Interment followed in The End of The Trail Cemetery in Clintonville.

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

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

## Rita Sue Camp



**White Sulphur Springs**- Rita Sue Camp, 65, passed away, Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2022, at Greenbrier Valley Medical Center.

Born Feb. 6, 1956, in Frankford, she was the daughter of the late Emmitt and Hilda Yates Seldomridge.

She was a 1974 graduate of Greenbrier East High School. Rita was retired from the WV Department of Highways as a Purchasing Supervisor and had worked for 19 years at Food Lion.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a close friend, Carol Dixon.

Surviving Rita are her husband of 49 years, Teddy Camp; daughter, Christy Dixon (Scott) of South Carolina; grandchildren, Regan, Cole and Taylor Dixon; mother-in-law, Okell Clendenen Camp;

siblings, Roger Yates (Ruth), Judy Funkhouser (Stan), Danny Seldomridge (Linda) and Steve Seldomridge (Joetta); and a friend, Bill Dixon.

The family would like to thank the staff of Greenbrier Valley Medical Center, especially Devin, Megan, Eric, Cheryl, Heather, Savannah, Kelsey, Lori, Stacy, Arlean, Byrda and Cathy for the wonderful care provided to Rita.

A celebration of life will be at 2 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 6, at the Morgan Funeral Home Chapel, 252 Montvue Drive, Lewisburg, with Pastor Youel Altizer and Pastor Lloyd Camp officiating. Burial will follow in the Little Creek Presbyterian Church Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 5, at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations of sympathy be made to the Graystone Baptist Church, 249 Skylar Drive, Lewisburg, WV 24901.

Online guestbook may be signed at [www.morganfh.net](http://www.morganfh.net)

## Virgil Alva Bowyer



**Alderson**-Virgil Alva Bowyer, 91, passed away Sunday, Jan. 30, 2021, at Stonerise Lindside.

Born Aug. 28, 1930, in Wolf Creek, WV, he was the son of the late Mack and Edna Alice Hall Bowyer.

Mr. Bowyer was a member of the Flat Mountain Missionary Baptist Church and was a U.S. Army Veteran.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Clara Bowyer and sons, Roger Lee Terry, and Charles Alva Bowyer, four brothers, two sisters and a great-grandson, Braxton Byars.

Survivors include two sons, Stephen Bowyer (Deborah) of Alderson, and Carl Bowyer (Karen) of Alderson; daughters, Carolyn Wilson of Alderson, and Robin Thompson (Skip) of Organ Cave; brother, Max Bowyer (Ann) of Alderson, and sister, Norma Jean Crowe (Scott) of Alderson; 17 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral service will be at 1 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 5, at the Morgan Funeral Home Chapel, 252 Montvue Drive, Lewisburg, with Pastor Joey Morgan,

and Pastor Randy Burdette officiating. Burial will follow in the Upton Cemetery at Flat Mountain.

Visitation will be one hour prior to the service.

The family would like to thank Tiffany Cales and Neveah Cales for the wonderful care provided.

Online guestbook can be signed at [www.morganfh.net](http://www.morganfh.net)

## Avary McMillian, Jr.



**Alderson**-Avary "Bugs" McMillian, Jr., 87, went to heaven on Sunday, Jan. 30, 2022 at the Peyton Hospice House.

Born Oct. 9, 1934, at Lester, WV, a son of the late Avary and Ocie Tolliver McMillian.

He was also preceded in death by six sisters, Ina Foley, Irene Eaton, Edith Cook, Maxine Clark, Billie Bailey, and Hazel McMillian; and one brother, Lomer "Chick" McMillian.

Avary served in the US Army stationed in Germany. Avary belonged to Broad Run Baptist Church in Wolf Creek, where he had served as Sunday School Teacher, Deacon, and Trustee.

Avary was a member of Tri-County Volunteer Fire Department and Ghent Volunteer Fire Department. He was retired from WV Forestry Division as a Forest Ranger for 28 years, August 1960 to September 1988.

Avary is survived by his wife of 61 years, Cora Lee Gunter McMillian; daughters, Tina Lilly and husband David of Cool Ridge, and Deana Knapp of Alderson; grandchildren, Jimmy and Meghan Lilly, Patrick Lilly of Cool Ridge, Sharon and Amber Knapp of Alderson; great-grandchildren, Courtney Lilly of Castleford, ID, Logan and Matthew Lilly of Cool Ridge, Justin, Winter, Aerionna, Kadence Knapp of Alderson, and Ryelee Tooley of Huntington; sister-in-law, Jean McMillion of Lynco, WV, sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Wanda and Tiny Minton of Thompson, IL, sister-in-law, Mary Gurley of Southern Pines, NC, sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Linda and Mike Wiker of Hilldale, WV, and sister-in-law, Nettie Gunter of Alderson, and brother-in-law, David

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# A Look Back



Courtesy of the Greenbrier Historical Society.

By William "Skip" Deegans

Shown in this 1897 photo are teachers and students of the Blue Sulphur Springs Academy gathered next to the Blue Sulphur Springs pavilion, a remnant of the famed Blue Sulphur Springs resort. Purported to be in the photo is W. F. Richardson, a popular teacher who left

Greenbrier County in 1900 to study theology. Also purported to be in the photo is a young Charles Ira ("C.I.") Wall from Muddy Creek Mountain.

Wall went on to graduate from the Maryland Medical College in Baltimore in 1903 and returned to Greenbrier County to practice in Williamsburg. In 1910, he

moved to Rainelle where he became the physician to the Meadow River Lumber Company until 1927. Afterwards, Wall and Dr. Carl C. Jackson bought the Midland Trail General Hospital in 1930, renamed it the East Rainelle General Hospital and moved it from the east end of East Rainelle to the west end. A

grandson of Wall, Haven Wall, became a physician who has practiced in Fairlea.

Sources: *The Greenbrier Independent, Beckley Post-Herald, Raleigh Register, Images of American Rainelle by Browning, Pendleton and Shelton.*

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## Obituaries

Gunter of Peterstown; and several nieces, nephews and many special friends.

In keeping with his wishes, Avary was cremated.

Memorial services will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 5, at the River of Life Church of God with Pastors Dennis Zebosky, Gary Baker, and Bob Ratliff officiating.

Friends may call from 12 noon until time of services at the church on Saturday.

Online condolences may be made at [Lantzfuneralhome.com](http://Lantzfuneralhome.com)

### Edward Glen Range



Alderson-Edward Glen "Eddie" Range, 59, peacefully passed away Friday, Jan. 28, 2022, at the White Sulphur Springs Center with his family at his side.

He was born May 6, 1962, in Livermore, CA, a son of the late Robert Browning and Shirley Ann (Still) Range.

Eddie was a fixture of the Alderson community. He loved devoting his time to the Alderson Volunteer Fire Department, where he was deeply respected. Eddie always had a smile on his face, watching and speaking to everyone as they passed the intersection of the Alderson Memorial Bridge. He enjoyed playing his PlayStation and watching television, especially *The Dukes of Hazzard*. Eddie was a devout member of the River of Life Church of God, where he enjoyed singing and fellowship.

He loved to spend time with his friends and family. He will be deeply missed.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his cousins, Milton and Martha Black.

Eddie is survived by his sister, Anne Marie Richardson, of Raleigh, NC; his uncle, Jack Still and wife Polly, of Alderson; his niece, Ashley Sim-

mons and husband Ben, of Raleigh, NC; his nephew, Zachary Richardson, of Salem, VA; as well as his loving cousins, Ray and Gina Still, and Rick, Jaime, and Bo Bowyer all of Alderson.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Feb. 2, at the River of Life Church of God in Alderson, where Pastor Anthony Carter officiated. Burial followed in the Alderson-Fletcher Cemetery in Alderson.

Friends called Tuesday evening Feb. 1, at the Lobban Funeral Home in Alderson.

Serving as pallbearers were the members of the Alderson Volunteer Fire Department and EMS.

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

### Pamela Ann McCallister

Alderson-Pamela Ann McCallister, 58, passed away Sunday, Jan. 30, 2022, at Peyton Hospice House in Lewisburg, WV.

Born Nov. 3, 1963, in Man, WV, she was a

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daughter of the late Ruth-erford and Janice Toler.

Survivors include two sons, Stephen Davis (Lori) of White Sulphur Springs, and Coty McCallister of Alderson; one stepson, Chad McCallister (Kristen) of Alderson; siblings, Marie Estep (Mike) of Asbury, Vicki Gillespie (Woody) of Bruno, WV, and Ricky Toler (Laurie) of New Bern, NC; eight grandchildren, Lucas, Drew, Aaliyah, Brayden, Grayson, Jacob, Jaxon, and Zayne; and several nieces and nephews.

Per her wishes, she will be cremated.

The family would like to thank the Peyton Hospice House for the care provided. If anyone would like to help with final expenses, donations can be made to the Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Lewisburg, WV. Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Lewisburg is in charge of arrangements.

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

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# BUSINESS

## Appalachian Power Files for Approval of Renewable Projects

*Renewable energy legislation helps bring economic development success*

Appalachian Power, along with Wheeling Power, has submitted two filings to the Public Service Commission of West Virginia (PSC) requesting approval and cost recovery for multiple renewable energy projects. Customers who purchase renewable energy from the projects would do so through a proposed Renewable Power Plus (RPP) tariff. The tariff is aimed primarily at attracting larger companies with ESG (Environmental, Social and Governance) needs, while providing a stable, reasonable cost renewable solution for all existing customers.

It is anticipated that the costs of the renewable projects will be paid by the subscribing customers and further offset by the cost of service benefits produced by the renewable projects. Over the first decade of operation the proposed renewable projects are expected to result in a roughly \$22 million

reduction in West Virginia customer rates.

“In 2020 state political leaders passed renewable energy legislation, Senate Bill 583, touting it as an important tool to recruit businesses with sustainability goals to West Virginia without displacing coal-fired generation,” said Chris Beam, Appalachian Power president and COO. “Having renewable energy in the mix was a key factor in Nucor Corporation’s recent decision to locate its \$2.7 billion steel mill in the state. In fact, between Nucor’s commitment and interest from existing large energy users, we can fully subscribe the West Virginia share of energy from the renewable projects we are filing today and still need more.”

One filing is for approval and cost recovery of the proposed 50 MW Bedington solar project, which will be constructed in Berkeley County. The project is Appalachian Power’s first to follow provisions of Senate Bill 583, signed into law in 2020, which encourages solar project development on brownfield sites in West Virginia.

A second filing requests approval and cost recovery of a

204 MW wind energy project in Logan County, IL, a 150 MW solar facility in Pittsylvania County, VA, and a 4.9 MW solar project in Amherst County, VA, all of which the company will own. The filing also seeks regulatory approval to enter into power purchase agreements (PPAs) for three Virginia solar facilities that will add approximately 89 MW of power to the company’s energy supply.

West Virginia jurisdictional costs of the Bedington solar project will be collected through the new West Virginia Solar (WVS) rider. Costs for the solar and wind projects the company will own would be collected through a construction surcharge until new base rates are implemented. Costs of the PPA solar facilities would be recovered through the Expanded Net Energy Cost (ENEC), like

any other purchased power expense.

On December 30, 2021, Appalachian Power filed with the Virginia State Corporation Commission (VSCC) for approval of the same projects, as well as cost recovery for the Virginia jurisdictional share of those projects, as part of its plan to meet requirements of the Virginia Clean Economy Act (VCEA).

## Microloan funding available to local businesses

The Greenbrier Valley Economic Development Corporation is now accepting applications for their Microloan Program. Funding is available for entrepreneurs and small businesses located in Greenbrier, Pocahontas or Monroe counties.

“We’ve designed this program to stimulate startups, foster expansion, and increase creation and retention of jobs in the Greenbrier Valley,” said Ruthana Beezley, Executive Director of the Greenbrier Valley EDC. “We understand that for various reasons traditional bank financing is out of reach for small businesses owners, and we hope this will help bridge that gap.”

The Greenbrier Valley Microloan Program provides loans from \$5,000 to \$30,000 with interest rates at prime plus 1% and terms up to 15 years. The funds can be used for any business need including renovation, working capital, new construction, equipment, down payments and more. Loans

require an application fee of \$150, a personal guarantee and additional collateral.

Tammy Jordan, owner of Fruits of Labor, Inc., is a past recipient of the loan program. “We were so grateful for that funding because it leveraged the opportunity to open in Rainelle which allowed us to launch employment for our students for the very first time,” Jordan said. “It’s such an integral part of being able to see the success not only of coming into community but also the expansion of our recovery mission.”

The loan program is locally administered, funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The Greenbrier Valley Economic Development Corporation is an equal opportunity provider, employer and lender.

Any organization or person interested in applying or wanting additional information can call GVEDC at 304-497-4300 or email [info@gvedc.com](mailto:info@gvedc.com)

## Job Jumpstart Program will provide one-time \$1,500 payments to West Virginians going back to work

In his 2022 State of the State address, Gov. Jim Justice announced the Job Jumpstart Program to assist West Virginians returning to the workforce.

West Virginia residents who currently receive unemployment benefits, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) benefits and who obtain employment between January 1 and August 12, 2022, may be eligible for the Job Jumpstart Program, which will provide a one-time payment of \$1,500. Those who complete a WorkForce

West Virginia approved training program and obtain a credential between January 1 and August 12, 2022 may also be eligible.

Beginning February 1, the program will be available on a first-come, first-served basis through August 12, 2022, or until funding is expended. To be eligible, applicants must maintain employment for eight consecutive weeks and average a minimum of thirty-two hours per week. West Virginians who exhausted their unemployment benefits after January 1, 2022, who have re-entered the workforce, or are job searching, may also be

eligible for this program.

Complete eligibility requirements and Job Jumpstart Program applications are available online at [workforcewv.org/jjp](http://workforcewv.org/jjp). Interested applicants should complete the pre-screening questionnaire and be prepared to provide proof of current West Virginia residency, a valid Federal or State Driver’s License or I.D. and either proof of employment or credentials received if enrolled in an approved training program.

For additional program information, visit [workforcewv.org/jjpfqs](http://workforcewv.org/jjpfqs).

## AmeriCorps

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historical societies, but other organizations are also eligible.

In addition to site sponsorship opportunities, the Alliance is also accepting applications for paid AmeriCorps site placements. Current openings are with organizations including the City of Ronceverte’s Museum, the Cockayne Farmstead in Marshall County, the Harrison County WV Historical Society in Clarksburg, the Kanawha Salines Foundation in Kanawha County, the Sutton Community Development Corporation, and the WVU BAD Buildings program at the Northern WV Brownfields Assistance Center. To learn more about these site sponsorship and AmeriCorps placement opportunities, visit <https://www.pawv.org>.

The Preservation Alliance of West Virginia is the statewide nonprofit organization dedicated to historic preservation. The Preserve WV AmeriCorps is part of AmeriCorps State and National – a National Service initiative founded in the same spirit as AmeriCorps VISTA, the Peace Corps, and other service programs. Preserve WV AmeriCorps is partially funded by an AmeriCorps grant from Volunteer West Virginia and AmeriCorps Headquarters.

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HB-4260 could eliminate the second and third public notice you now get in the local newspaper, making it less likely residents will see news about items such as property forfeitures, tax sales, changes in mineral and natural gas rights, plans to locate waste facilities and many other issues that could impact you.

Let your Delegate know you oppose HB-4260

Find your representative’s contact information at [wvlegislature.gov](http://wvlegislature.gov)

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**Notice of Application**

Notice is given that Appalachian Aggregates, LLC has applied to the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Air Quality, for a G40-C General Permit Class II Administrative Update to Permit G40-C019D for replacement of a Telsmith Jaw Crusher with a Metso 120 Jaw Crusher located on 21071 Midland Trail W, Lewisburg, Greenbrier County, West Virginia. The latitude and longitude coordinates are: Latitude 37.87736 and Longitude 80.55767.

There is no change in the throughput of the jaw crusher so there is no change in the potential to emit Regulated Air Pollutants.

The facility is operational. Written comments will be received by the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Air Quality, 601 57th Street, SE, Charleston, WV 25304, for at least 30 calendar days from the date of publication of this notice. Written comments will also be received via email at DEP@AirQualityPermitting@WV.gov.

Any questions regarding this permit application should be directed to the DAQ at (304) 926-0499, Extension 41281, during normal business hours.

Dated this the 5th day of February 2022.

By: Appalachian Aggregates, LLC  
John Wilkinson  
Senior Vice President  
171 St. Clairs Crossing  
Bluefield, Virginia 24605

**LEGAL**

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BOONE COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA**

IN THE INTEREST OF: Juvenile Abuse Neglect No.  
I.D. DOB: 9/17/2010 CC-03-2022-JA-2  
Adult Respondents:

**James Doss**

**ORDER OF PUBLICATION**

The object of this proceeding is to determine whether or not the above listed child is abused or neglected. It appears that the father's whereabouts are unknown in Greenbrier County. Notice is hereby given that a hearing in the above styled matter will take place in the Circuit Court of Boone County on the **15th day of February, 2022, at 8:15 AM**, before Judge Stacy Nowicki-Eldridge at the Boone County Courthouse, located at 200 State Street in Madison, West Virginia.

These proceedings are closed to the general public. (The mother if this Juvenile is Misty Fowler.)

**James Doss**, father of I.D. (DOB 9/17/2010), has the right to legal counsel at every stage of these proceedings and if he cannot afford legal representation, counsel will be appointed by the Court on the filing of the proper affidavit.

The above styled proceedings may, upon final disposition, result in the permanent termination of the parental or legal rights of **James Doss**, father of I.D., with respect to the said child, or any other person who claims to be the father of this child.

A copy of an Amended Petition may be obtained by any person who claims to be the father or legal guardian from the undersigned Clerk of this Office, located at the Boone County Courthouse, 200 State Street in Madison West Virginia.

*Sam Burris*  
**SAM BURRIS, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT**  
200 State Street  
Boone County Courthouse  
Madison, WV 25130

Presented by:

*Mark W. Browning*  
**Mark W. Browning (0508)**  
Assistant Prosecuting Attorney

**LEGAL**

(2020-S-00000089 - Greenbrier County - WVTLI LLC)

To: J. MICHAEL ANDERSON, J. MICHAEL ANDERSON, J. MICHAEL ANDERSON, J. MICHAEL ANDERSON, STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA WORKFORCE WEST VIRGINIA LEGAL SECTION (5107), STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA WORKFORCE WEST VIRGINIA LEGAL SECTION (51 07), J. MICHAEL ANDERSON, STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA STATE TAX DEPARTMENT COMPLIANCE DIVISION AMU, DAVID HICKS, TRUSTEE, US SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION, DAVID HICKS, TRUSTEE U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION, MARYLIN ANDERSON, MARYLIN ANDERSON, MARYLIN ANDERSON, BARRY L BRUCE AND ASSOCIATES, TRUSTEES, BARRY L BRUCE AND ASSOCIATES, TRUSTEES, CITY NATIONAL BANK OF WEST VIRGINIA RAINELLE BRANCH, CITY NATIONAL BANK OF WEST VIRGINIA RAINELLE BRANCH, CITY NATIONAL BANK OF WEST VIRGINIA, BARRY L WEESE, TRUSTEE, FIRST STATE BANK & TRUST, OCCUPANT, IRS, ATTN: TECHNICAL SERVICES ADVISORY GROUP MANAGER, WV STATE TAX DEPARTMENT, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have any interest in the subject property.

**DISTRICT RAINELLE CORP MAP 5 PARCEL 0274 0000**

You will take notice that WVTLI LLC, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2020-S-00000089, LT 6 BLK 13 LEVELTON LAND & IMPROVE 7th ST 30X90, located in RAINELLE CORP, which was returned delinquent in the name of ANDERSON J MICHAEL, and for which the tax lien(s) thereon was sold by the sheriff of Greenbrier County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on the 18th day of November, 2020, has requested that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made to him or her on or after April 1, 2022, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount you will have to pay on the last day, March 31, 2022, will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, \$ 1,129.69 to March 31, 2022.

Amount of subsequent years' taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to March 31, 2022. \$ 949.97

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. \$ 1,616.19

Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2022. \$ 1,061.99

Total Amount Payable to Sheriff - cashier check, money order or certified check \$ 4,757.84 must be made payable to the **The Honorable Bruce Sloan, Sheriff and Treasurer of Greenbrier County**.

Cost of Certification of Redemption - cashier check, money order or certified check \$ 35.00 must be made payable to the **The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor**.

You may redeem at any time before March 31, 2022, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.

**Return this letter and both certified funds to the WV State Auditor's Office, County Collections Division 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East, Building 1, Room W-114 Charleston, West Virginia 25305 Questions please call 1-888-509-6568 option 2**

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(2020-S-00000083 - Greenbrier County - WVTLI LLC)

To: JOHN G FOX, JOHN G FOX, MELINDA FOX, MELINDA FOX, JOHNNY FOX JR, GARY R MILLS TRUSTEE, STEPHEN M FEOLA, FIRST COMMUNITY BANK, NA ONE COMMUNITY PLACE, OCCUPANT, IRS, ATTN: TECHNICAL SERVICES ADVISORY GROUP MANAGER, WV STATE TAX DEPARTMENT, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have any interest in the subject property.

**DISTRICT RAINELLE CORP MAP 1 PARCEL 0078 0000**

You will take notice that WVTLI LLC, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2020-S-00000083, LT 1 BLK 11 LEVELTON LAND & IMPROVE CO HORTON AVE, located in RAINELLE CORP, which was returned delinquent in the name of FOX JOHN G JR ET UX, and for which the tax lien(s) thereon was sold by the sheriff of Greenbrier County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on the 18th day of November, 2020, has requested that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made to him or her on or after April 1, 2022, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount you will have to pay on the last day, March 31, 2022, will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, \$ 128.96 to March 31, 2022.

Amount of subsequent years' taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to March 31, 2022. \$ 22.59

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. \$ 1,229.97

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 \$ 1,812.82 must be made payable to the **The Honorable Bruce Sloan, Sheriff and Treasurer of Greenbrier County**.

Cost of Certification of Redemption - cashier check, money order or certified check \$ 35.00 must be made payable to the **The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor**.

You may redeem at any time before March 31, 2022, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.

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**Dear Recycle Lady,**

**Dear Recycle Lady,**  
I am in the process of gathering information for filing taxes and have collected a large pile of paper that must be shredded before disposal. Is the Recycling Center a safe place to take confidential papers for shredding?

*Hates Tax Prep*

**Dear Hates Tax Prep,**

Yes, the Recycling Center is absolutely a safe place to take confidential papers for shredding. They have a totally enclosed room with a locked door in which to store material until it is shredded. Then, when it is shredded, it is mixed with other papers that have been shredded so there is no chance of them being put back together.

**Dear Recycle Lady,**

Last week you said that black plastics were not recyclable. Are there any other plastics that are not recyclable?

*Big Recycler*

**Dear Big Recycler,**

Generally, #3, #4, #5, #6, #7 plastics are not recyclable due to the lack of a market for them. Some larger cities have the capacity to recycle these plastics, but the Recycling Center is unable to do so. Fortunately, there are folks that are still

working to find ways to recycle #3 - 7 plastics. For the sake of the environment, let's hope they are successful in their endeavors.

**Dear Recycle Lady,**

What exactly do the numbers on the bottom of a plastic container mean? Why do they put the recycle symbol on the bottom of a plastic container if it is not recyclable?

*Just Curious*

**Dear Just Curious,**

The recycle symbol, which is a triangle formed by three chasing arrows with a number inside, has become the symbol of recycling. However, this was not the original use of the symbol. When created, the intent of the symbol was to indicate the type of chemicals used to make the plastic. This is why products that carry the recycle symbol may not actually be recyclable. Perhaps we need a new symbol that would indicate a non-recyclable plastic.

**Dear Recycle Lady,**

Since large batteries, such as car, boat and lawn mower batteries, are banned from the landfill, how can large lead batteries be disposed of safely?

*Need Information*

**Dear Need Information,**

Large batteries can be taken to Recycling Center, Belchers' in Caldwell, or Clendenen's in Caldwell. They will all dispose of these batteries properly.

**Dear Readers,**

Did you know there are now chlorine-free ice melting products that are safe for your dog's paws? There are now several brands that are not only safe for your dog, but also better for the environment than salt-based products. Lowe's, Chewy, and PetCo all have these chlorine-free ice-melting products.

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.



**LEGAL**

**Notice of Public Hearing  
Lewisburg Board of Zoning Appeal  
February 24, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.  
Paul R. Cooley Council Chambers**

Also available via Zoom Teleconference because of Covid-19 Pandemic. For information on how to participate on Zoom, contact Marsha Cunningham at 304-645-2080, by 4 p.m. February 24, 2022.

**Agenda:**

- Call to Order**
- Approval of Minutes:** December 30, 2021
- Comments from the Public:**
- The Briergarten, 121 Stratton Alley Suite 9. Request for a temporary sign variance for chalkboard sign on City National Property.
- Comments from BZA Members:**
- Comments from Planning and Zoning Officer:** Marsha Cunningham
- Adjournment.**

The next scheduled meeting of the Lewisburg Board of Zoning Appeal will be held on March 31, 2022 with a deadline of February 18, 2022.

**LEGAL**

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF GREENBRIER COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA**

IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF: Nathaniel Wayne Sims TO Nathaniel Wayne Dunbar

**LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLICATION  
CHANGE OF NAME PROCEEDING  
FAMILY COURT OF GREENBRIER COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA**

Notice is hereby given that on the 8th day of March, 2022 at 1:00 o'clock p.m. on said day, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, Nathaniel Sims will apply by Petition to the Family Court of Greenbrier County, West Virginia for the entry of an order by said Court changing his name from Nathaniel Wayne Sims to Nathaniel Wayne Dunbar, at which time and place any interested party may appear and be heard, if they so desire.

You are hereby notified that this matter may be rescheduled without further notice or publication.

A copy of said Petition can be obtained from the undersigned Clerk's office at: 200 North Court Street, Lewisburg, WV.

Entered by the Clerk of said Court this 31st day of January, 2022.

Louvonne Arbuckle  
Greenbrier County Circuit Court

By: *Kara Broderick*  
**Deputy Circuit Clerk**

**LEGAL**

(2020-S-00000062 - Greenbrier County - WVTLI LLC)

To: WV STATE TAX DEPARTMENT, MELISSA M SIMMONS, GREENBRIER COUNTY CIRCUIT CLERK, GREENBRIER COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY, MELISSA SIMMONS, MELISSA SIMMONS, MELISSA SIMMONS, MELISSA SIMMONS, OCCUPANT, IRS, ATTN: TECHNICAL SERVICES ADVISORY GROUP MANAGER, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have any interest in the subject property.

**DISTRICT ANTHONY CREEK MAP 35B PARCEL 0066 0000**

You will take notice that WVTLI LLC, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2020-S-00000062, 0.918 A (BROWN), located in ANTHONY CREEK, which was returned delinquent in the name of SIMMONS MELISSA M, and for which the tax lien(s) thereon was sold by the sheriff of Greenbrier County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on the 18th day of November, 2020, has requested that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made to him or her on or after April 1, 2022, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount you will have to pay on the last day, March 31, 2022, will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, \$ 821.73 to March 31, 2022.

Amount of subsequent years' taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to March 31, 2022. \$ 668.82

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. \$ 1,246.06

Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2022. \$ 388.17

Total Amount Payable to Sheriff - cashier check, money order or certified check \$ 3,124.78 must be made payable to the **The Honorable Bruce Sloan, Sheriff and Treasurer of Greenbrier County**.

Cost of Certification of Redemption - cashier check, money order or certified check \$ 35.00 must be made payable to the **The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor**.

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(2020-S-00000070 - Greenbrier County - WVTLI LLC)

To: STEVEN LAMONTAGNE, STEVEN LAMONTAGNE, LISA LAMONTAGNE, ISA LAMONTAGNE, STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA STATE TAX DEPARTMENT COMPLIANCE DIVISION, AMU, STEVEN LAMONTAGNE, LISA LAMONTAGNE, J. MICHAEL ANDERSON, TRUSTEE, GREENBRIER VALLEY NATIONAL BANK AKA CITY NATIONAL BANK OF WEST VIRGINIA, STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, STEVEN LAMONTAGNE, LISA LAMONTAGNE, STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA GREENBRIER COUNTY MAGISTRATE COURT, CAROL FLANNAGAN, TRUSTEE, CAROL FLANNAGAN, TRUSTEE, GREENBRIER VALLEY NATIONAL BANK, GREENBRIER VALLEY NATIONAL BANK, OCCUPANT, IRS, ATTN: TECHNICAL SERVICES ADVISORY GROUP MANAGER, WV STATE TAX DEPARTMENT, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have any interest in the subject property.

**DISTRICT MEADOW BLUFF MAP 67 PARCEL 0027 0000**

You will take notice that WVTLI LLC, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2020-S-00000070, ACREAGE .40 (D) CASTLE NEAR LILLY PARK ON WV SEC., located in MEADOW BLUFF, which was returned delinquent in the name of LAMONTAGNE STEVEN, and for which the tax lien(s) thereon was sold by the sheriff of Greenbrier County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on the 18th day of November, 2020, has requested that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made to him or her on or after April 1, 2022, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount you will have to pay on the last day, March 31, 2022, will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, \$ 310.59 to March 31, 2022.

Amount of subsequent years' taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to March 31, 2022. \$ 200.92

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. \$ 1,590.89

Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2022. \$ 862.60

Total Amount Payable to Sheriff - cashier check, money order or certified check \$ 2,965.00 must be made payable to the **The Honorable Bruce Sloan, Sheriff and Treasurer of Greenbrier County**.

Cost of Certification of Redemption - cashier check, money order or certified check \$ 35.00 must be made payable to the **The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor**.

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**LEGAL**

(2020-S-0000063 - Greenbrier County - WVTV LLC)

To: ROY SHERMAN PERRY, ROY SHERMAN PERRY, J STEVEN HUNTER, TRUSTEE, MARI-ANNE POWERS, LUTHER M POWERS, ROY PERRY, ROY PERRY, ROY PERRY, OCCUPANT, IRS, ATTN: TECHNICAL SERVICES ADVISORY GROUP MANAGER, WV STATE TAX DEPARTMENT, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have any interest in the subject property.

**DISTRICT ANTHONY CREEK MAP 35E PARCEL 0052 0001**  
 You will take notice that WVTV LLC, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2020-S-0000063, 1.442 AC FR POWERS, located in ANTHONY CREEK, which was returned delinquent in the name of PERRY ROY SHERMAN, and for which the tax lien(s) thereon was sold by the sheriff of Greenbrier County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on the 18th day of November, 2020, has requested that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made to him or her on or after April 1, 2022, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount you will have to pay on the last day, March 31, 2022, will be as follows:

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 <b>The Honorable Bruce Sloan, Sheriff and Treasurer of Greenbrier County.</b>	\$ 4,105.65
Cost of Certification of Redemption - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to the <b>The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor.</b>	\$ 35.00

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**LEGAL**

(2020-S-0000082 - Greenbrier County - WVTV LLC)

To: JOHN G FOX, JOHN G FOX, MELINDA FOX, MELINDA FOX, JOHNNY FOX JR, GARY R MILLS, TRUSTEE, STEPHEN M FEOLA, FIRST COMMUNITY BANK, NA ONE COMMUNITY PLACE, OCCUPANT, IRS, ATTN: TECHNICAL SERVICES ADVISORY GROUP MANAGER, WV STATE TAX DEPARTMENT, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have any interest in the subject property.

**DISTRICT RAINELLE CORP MAP 1 PARCEL 0077 0000**  
 You will take notice that WVTV LLC, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2020-S-0000082, LT 2 BLK 11 LEVELTON LAND & IMPROVE CO HORTON AVE, located in RAINELLE CORP, which was returned delinquent in the name of FOX JOHN G JR ET UX, and for which the tax lien(s) thereon was sold by the sheriff of Greenbrier County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on the 18th day of November, 2020, has requested that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made to him or her on or after April 1, 2022, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount you will have to pay on the last day, March 31, 2022, will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to March 31, 2022.	\$ 1,016.16
Amount of subsequent years' taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to March 31, 2022.	\$ 826.69
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.	\$ 1,229.97
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 <b>The Honorable Bruce Sloan, Sheriff and Treasurer of Greenbrier County.</b>	\$ 3,504.12
Cost of Certification of Redemption - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to the <b>The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor.</b>	\$ 35.00

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**LEGAL**

(2020-S-0000079 - Greenbrier County - WVTV LLC)

To: JUANITA J TROUT, VICKI PUFFENBARGER WEBB, VICKI PUFFENBARGER WEBB, OCUPANT, JAIME MCCLUNG, TROUT JUANITA J, IRS, ATTN: TECHNICAL SERVICES ADVISORY GROUP MANAGER, WV STATE TAX DEPARTMENT, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have any interest in the subject property.

**DISTRICT MEADOW BLUFF MAP 55A PARCEL 0023 0000**  
 You will take notice that WVTV LLC, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2020-S-0000079, 250X212X250X187 FT, LOUDERMILK 1.43 AC FROM LOUD, located in MEADOW BLUFF, which was returned delinquent in the name of TROUT JUANITA J, and for which the tax lien(s) thereon was sold by the sheriff of Greenbrier County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on the 18th day of November, 2020, has requested that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made to him or her on or after April 1, 2022, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount you will have to pay on the last day, March 31, 2022, will be as follows:

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 <b>The Honorable Bruce Sloan, Sheriff and Treasurer of Greenbrier County.</b>	\$ 2,492.40
Cost of Certification of Redemption - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to the <b>The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor.</b>	\$ 35.00

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**LEGAL**

(2020-S-0000064 - Greenbrier County - WVTV LLC)

To: ROY SHERMAN PERRY, ROY SHERMAN PERRY, J STEVEN HUNTER, TRUSTEE, MARI-ANNE POWERS, LUTHER M POWERS, ROY PERRY, ROY PERRY, ROY PERRY, OCCUPANT, OCUPANT, IRS, ATTN: TECHNICAL SERVICES ADVISORY GROUP MANAGER, WV STATE TAX DEPARTMENT, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have any interest in the subject property.

**DISTRICT ANTHONY CREEK MAP 35J PARCEL 0003 0000**  
 You will take notice that WVTV LLC, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2020-S-0000064, AC. 1.50 (D) FEE LT 12 MANN CAMPSITES 308.50X2 FR., located in ANTHONY CREEK, which was returned delinquent in the name of PERRY ROY S, and for which the tax lien(s) thereon was sold by the sheriff of Greenbrier County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on the 18th day of November, 2020, has requested that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made to him or her on or after April 1, 2022, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount you will have to pay on the last day, March 31, 2022, will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to March 31, 2022.	\$ 406.10
Amount of subsequent years' taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to March 31, 2022.	\$ 281.58
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.	\$ 1,250.42
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 <b>The Honorable Bruce Sloan, Sheriff and Treasurer of Greenbrier County.</b>	\$ 2,369.40
Cost of Certification of Redemption - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to the <b>The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor.</b>	\$ 35.00

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# SCHOOL

## Jake Bridges named to Dean's List at Miami University

Jake Bridges was named to the Dean's list at Miami University for the 2021-22 fall semester.

Miami University students who are ranked in the top twenty percent of undergraduate students within their division for the fall semester 2021-22 have been named to the Dean's list recognizing academic performance.

Bridges, from Lewisburg, is earning a B.S. in Applied Science in Undeclared- Applied Science.

Nationally recognized as one of the most outstanding undergraduate institutions, Miami University is a public university located in Oxford, OH. With a student body of nearly 19,000, Miami effectively combines a wide range of strong academic programs with faculty who love to teach and the personal attention ordinarily found only at much smaller institutions.

## McCullough earns Faculty Honors at Georgia Tech

Christopher McCullough of Lewisburg earned the distinction of Faculty Honors for Fall 2021 at the Georgia Institute of Technology. This designation is awarded to undergraduate students who have earned a 4.0 academic average for the semester.

The Georgia Institute of Technology, or Georgia Tech, is a top 10 public research university developing leaders who advance technology and improve the human condition.

The Institute offers business, computing, design, engineering, liberal arts, and sciences degrees. Its nearly 40,000 students, representing 50 states and 149 countries, study at the main campus in Atlanta, at campuses in France and China, and through distance and online learning.

As a leading technological university, Georgia Tech is an engine of economic development for Georgia, the Southeast, and the nation, conducting more than \$1 billion in research annually for government, industry, and society.

For more information, visit [gatech.edu](http://gatech.edu)

## Registration underway at New River CTC for classes starting February 28

Students can still register for spring classes at New River Community and Technical College starting Monday, Feb. 28.

"New River CTC's Rolling Start Options provides students with flexibility on when they start taking college classes," said Executive Director for Institutional Advancement and the New River CTC Foundation Michael Green. "Students can choose to take general education classes to meet program or prerequisite requirements."

Online classes offered during the ten-week session include American history, English, general mathematics, introductory anatomy and physiology (both lecture and lab), psychology, medical terminology, Microsoft Office courses, and sociology.

Students may take up to two courses during the session.

Registration for the spring 2022 Rolling Start Options is underway and will continue through Feb. 25, 2022.

For more information about New River CTC, visit [www.newriver.edu](http://www.newriver.edu), email [admissions@newriver.edu](mailto:admissions@newriver.edu) or call 866-349-3739.

## Photoshop workshop planned at New River CTC

Learn the basics of Adobe Photoshop in New River Community and Technical College's three-week introductory workshop offered through Zoom video conferencing starting Tuesday, Feb. 22.

The community education class will contain both lecture and lab components allowing students to gain hands-on experience with the photo editing program. Students in the class will learn to use layers, layer adjustments, curves, selections, masking techniques, plug-ins, color management techniques, special effects and compositing along with how to enhance and improve digital images for output to photographic digital printers and/or the web.

The class will meet from 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Tuition for the class is \$100, and the registration deadline is Feb. 11. Participants will be emailed the Zoom link and log-in information 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)).

New River CTC's Workforce Education Division provides community education classes and employable educational opportunities including noncredit courses, workforce development programs and customized training.

## More March Madness at NRCTC Writing Workshop with Belinda Anderson

Author Belinda Anderson is offering a new writing workshop at New River Community and Technical College, "More March Madness: Chasing Characters." The three-week conference call workshop starts Mar. 2.

Whether you're writing fiction or nonfiction, how you portray your characters is crucial to success. Learn to hone that skill through Anderson's newest workshop.

Anderson introduced the concept last year as "March Madness: Down the Rabbit Hole in Pursuit of Elusive Characters."

"There is always more to explore in terms of character development, character in motion and character in setting," Anderson said. For those who attended the first March Madness class, the workshop is designed with new material that also provides a comprehensive approach for new students.

"More March Madness: Chasing Characters" meets at 10 a.m.

Wednesdays through an audio-only conference call. The three-week 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. The workshop is open both to new and experienced writers of both fiction and nonfiction.

Reviewers have commented on Anderson's memorable characterization. West Virginia's Poet Laureate Marc Harshman wrote of her book, "Buckle Up, Buttercup," saying, "In this novel-in-stories, her third major publication, Belinda Anderson offers an attractive panoply of characters rich with nuance and diversity."

Anderson, who has a reporting background and writes nonfiction as well, also is dedicated to helping writers who want to write about

the lives of others. "It's important to convey those people as fully dimensional, just as you need to help readers picture a fictional character," she said.

Tuition for the class is \$75. The registration deadline is Feb. 16. Participants will be emailed the conference call number and access codes after registering for the class.

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

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## WVDOE Seeks Organization Partners to Feed Children this Summer

The West Virginia Department of Education (WVDE) is seeking partnerships with organizations across the state to participate in the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) to help feed children and provide supervised activities this summer. Summer months can pose a challenge to children receiving proper nutrition because school is not in session. Community programs and organizations can fill this gap through the SFSP to ensure children across the state receive the nutrition they need.

County boards of education, local government agencies and other nonprofit organizations are eligible to participate in the SFSP, which is open to children (ages 18 and under) in low-income areas. Sites often include schools, churches, community centers, pools, parks, libraries, housing complexes and summer camps, which offer an alternative to the

School Breakfast Program or National School Lunch Program that operate during the school year.

"Supporting these sites in your community is one of the most important things you can do to ensure all children have uninterrupted access to nutritious meals this summer," said State Superintendent of Schools W. Clayton Burch. "Children require consistent, quality nutrition for the development of their minds and bodies. We want to make certain every child returns to the classroom in the fall ready to learn."

An average of 202,273 children in West Virginia, about 78% of school children, depend on free and reduced-price meals at school. It is vitally important to continue to offer meals in the summer months when children are at their highest risk for food insecurity.

"In 2021, 571 Summer Food Service Program sites provided nu-

tritious meals to children in West Virginia, and we believe many organizations will renew their commitment for 2022," said Amanda Harrison, director of the Office of Child Nutrition. "We encourage new organizations in communities all across the Mountain State to join us so the number of sites can grow and more children have access to healthy meals."

Organizations interested in becoming a 2022 summer sponsor should contact Cybele Boehm or Samantha Reeves with the Office of Child Nutrition at [cboehm@k12.wv.us](mailto:cboehm@k12.wv.us) or [snsnuffer@k12.wv.us](mailto:snsnuffer@k12.wv.us) or by calling (833) 627-2833. Summer sites will be announced in June 2022.

For media inquiries, contact Christy Day, West Virginia Department of Education Office of Communications, at 304-558-2699 or [Christy.Day@k12.wv.us](mailto:Christy.Day@k12.wv.us).

## NRCTC announces fall 2021 President's and Dean's List students

Over 220 New River Community and Technical College students were named to the President's and Dean's List for the fall 2021 semester.

President's List students must carry a minimum of 12 semester hours and earn a grade point average (GPA) of 4.0 for the semester, not including foundational courses.

President Dr. Bonny Copenhaver announced that the following students have earned the President's List designation for the fall 2021 semester:

Alderson: Brittany Cherie Brown, Todd Allen Riggs

Frankford: Tessa Lynn Fogus

Lewisburg: Kaeley Morgan Asbury, David A. Guy, Michael T. Teatreault

Rainelle: Amanda Marie Bryant

Rainelle: Christina M. Lester

Renick: Chelsea Ozell Brown, Jack Sinclair Hanna

Ronceverte: Christopher Coy Linton, Victoria Shea Reynolds, Ellen M. Weikle

Rupert: Luther Brown, Jayden Edward Osborne, Kimberly D White Union: Emma Gray Boggs, Elizabeth Conte, Audra Marie Winebrimmer

White Sulphur Springs: Jo Ann Chestnut, Garrett Allen Hanna

Williamsburg: Anna Danielle Cole, and Melissa D. Wolfe

Dean's List students must carry a minimum of 12 semester hours (foundational courses do not count toward the minimum requirement), earn a GPA of 3.25 for the semester or better and fail no courses.

President Copenhaver announced that the following students have earned the Dean's List designation for the fall 2021 semester:

Alderson: Kerrigan Leigh Bragg, Vivian Alexis Fleshman, Mary Mar-

garet Frantz, Charles Eric Gwinn, Ryan A. Reynolds, Bridgette Nicole Smith

Caldwell: Megan Nicole Howard

Frankford: Sara Michelle Morgan

Gap Mills: Jessica Lynn Deel

Lewisburg: Logan M. Brooks

Cheyenne M. Cochran, Juliana Elizabeth Crews, Samantha Elizabeth Cruz, Grace M. Harbert, Maggie Elizabeth Merriman, Paige A. Rowan, Kevin Ray Simms, Blake Christian Stalnaker, Austin Gregory Workman, Kelsie Grace Workman

Rainelle: Piper M. Redden, Mackenzie Lane Winnings

Ronceverte: Katie Lee Summers, Elizabeth Marley Morris, Emily R. Smith

Rupert: Kayla Dawn Kyle

Sinks Grove: Debra Gaye Hylton, Sierrah C. Ramsey

White Sulphur Springs: Braylenn S. Dowdy

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# STEPPIN' OUT

## Carnegie Hall presents Grammy Award Winner Amy Helm



Amy Helm

The Carnegie Hall Mainstage Performance Series continues with soulful singer-songwriter and multi-instrumentalist Amy Helm on Friday, Feb. 18, at 7:30 p.m. in the Hamilton Auditorium.

Masks are required. Multiple Grammy Awards winner Amy Helm will be out promoting her third album, *What the Flood Leaves Behind*. It is her most autobiographical yet, both in con-

tent and creation. Out now on Renew Records/BMG, the album's 10 songs represent a gathering of ideas and experiences, friends and collaborators. Yet, the album also marks a landing - a pause for the traveling musician and mother of two young boys who was seeking clarity in her calling and career.

After making multiple albums and performing in far-flung places, Helm returned home to Woodstock's Levon Helm Studios - casually known as The Barn - just before the pandemic to record *What the Flood Leaves Behind* and reclaim a sense of self.

The Barn became what Helm calls "the tuning fork" for the record - an ethereal, elemental component that helped her and musicians Phil Cook

(keys, harmonica), Michael Libramento (bass, organ, percussion), Tony Mason (drums), Daniel Littleton (guitar), Stuart Bogie (saxophone), Jordan McLean (trumpet), and her son Lee Collins (congas) summon courage and comfort.

Additionally, musical polyglot Josh Kaufman (Taylor Swift, The National, Muzz, Bonny Light Horseman) produced and contributed on piano, guitar, and mandolin. Their immediate musical connection helped guide Helm's powerful, emotive vocals to the forefront of the album.

"We tried to make it about her voice and about the musicians responding to her and not the other way around," explains Kaufman. "I wanted her to feel like she had that freedom to be herself on the recordings and she just filled up the whole room. Her singing was coming from this deeply rooted place of family and music and wanting to convey a beauty."

In particular, "Verse 23," the track from which the album title is derived, that encapsulates the themes of *What the Flood Leaves Behind*. Written by M.C. Taylor (Hiss Golden Messenger), the song serves as a sort of "reckoning," says Helm, "of the good and the bad and everything in between."

Throughout the record, Helm sings stories of life's relentlessness. But like she extrapolates from "Verse 23," the most productive, and often the most healing response, is to create. As a result, *What the Flood Leaves Behind* serves as a defiant form of self-expression, as Helm steps fully into her own light.

The newly renovated Hamilton Auditorium's HVAC system is equipped with MERV13 filters and has an air exchange ratio or 7-8 times per hour per air handler (there are two) within the auditorium. An economizer has been added which allows the space to draw 100% outside air as opposed to recycling ambient air should the need arise.

Tickets for the mainstage performance start at \$32 and discounts are available for Carnegie Hall members, students, senior citizens, and military. To purchase tickets, call Carnegie Hall Box Office at 304-645-7917, visit [www.carnegiehall-wv.org](http://www.carnegiehall-wv.org), or stop by at 611 Church Street, Lewisburg. The Carnegie Hall Box Office is open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

For more information on *What the Flood Leaves Behind* or Amy Helm visit [www.amyhelm.com](http://www.amyhelm.com).

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Maps: (grid)

Equip: (grid)

Pled: (grid)

TODAY'S WORD: (grid)

"Mr. Principal, class teachers, distinguished audience ... I forgot my \_\_\_\_\_."

### HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Hair is different. 2. Chair is missing. 3. Cuff stripes are missing. 4. Tee is different. 5. Badge is moved. 6. Arm is moved.

### Weekly SUDOKU by Linda Thistle

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

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ◆◆◆

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### Super Crossword EATING WITH A SPOONERISM

- ACROSS**
- 1 Uncertainty
  - 6 Home to the Taj Mahal
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  - 73 Appeals
  - 75 Debt memos
  - 76 Involving warships
  - 77 Bloated dancer?
  - 82 Genetic helix
  - 84 Sugar suffix
  - 85 Florida Air Force Base
  - 86 Realty unit
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  - 93 Romantic song sung with an audience watching?
  - 96 What might result in an octuple bogey?
  - 98 Arizona tribe
  - 99 Oscar — Renta
  - 100 Currency unit of 11-Down
  - 101 Solution to rinse partially closed eyes?
  - 105 Akron native
  - 109 Sale caveat
  - 111 Olive-green songbird
  - 112 Supermarket vehicles within easy reach?
  - 114 Comic Foxx being shamelessly bold?
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  - 121 City in central Poland
  - 122 Beast of Borden
  - 123 Plumlike fruit
  - 124 Tending to ooze
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  - 126 Ford fiasco
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  - 5 "Go ahead, I'm listening"
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  - 47 Bratty kid
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  - 51 Proof of purchase
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# Happy Valentine's Day

## TRICKS TO KEEP FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS FRESH

Who doesn't enjoy receiving a fresh bouquet of flowers on a special occasion? Flowers traditionally are given for Valentine's Day, Mother's Day, anniversaries, and other special events. While a beautiful bouquet can make a lovely gift, fresh flowers have finite lasting power.

Recipients of floral arrangements need not fret. Various strategies can help prolong the life of freshly cut flowers. Florists employ certain tricks to keep cut flowers fresh longer. In fact, that's a person's best bet to keep cut flowers fresh purchasing arrangements from knowledgeable florists who have done their part to ensure flower longevity. Some additional strategies to consider are:

### Make fresh cuts in stems

Think back to the last time you purchased a fresh Christmas tree. What is the key to ensuring it gets enough water while on display? You guessed it: making a fresh cut in the trunk of the tree. The same concept applies to floral arrangements. Use a sharp scissor or pruning shears to cut about one inch from the bottom of each stem at a 45-degree angle. Continue this process every three days or so. The 45-degree angle prevents the stem from squishing during the cut and enables it to absorb more water.

### Get them in water quickly

Place the flowers in a vase or other vessel with water promptly after making the cuts. Some florists like to cut the stems under water to prevent air bubbles from forming in the stems. Choose an arrangement first, then cut and place the flowers in water quickly. This gives fresh arrangements a good chance to last awhile.

### Monitor water temperature

The temperature of the water in the vase should coordinate with the flowers on display. Do not use hot water or the stems will cook. Room temperature is best for most flowers, except for blooms from bulbs that flower during cooler months, such as tulips and daffodils. They'll be more likely to thrive in cooler water, according to Consumer Reports.

### Chill your arrangement

The experts at FTD by Design tested various theories for keeping floral arrangements fresh, including adding



aspirin to the water or using sugar or concoctions that contain vodka. Sugar and vinegar served as a runner-up for long-lasting blooms, but the best solution for prolonging the flowers was putting the arrangement in the refrigerator each night for roughly eight hours.

### Prune the foliage

Before placing cut flowers in a vase, remove extra leaves at the base of the stems that will fall underneath the water line. This helps to limit bacteria growth in the water and cuts back on foul odors. Plus, removing foliage focuses flowers' energy on the main blooms rather than the leaves.

These steps can add life to cut flowers, helping arrangements thrive in any home.

## Valentine's Day gifts couples enjoy together



Valentine's Day is a time to bring smiles to the faces of loved ones particularly the special someone in a person's life.

Gifts that appeal directly to spouses or significant others may be the standard, but gifts couple can use together can bring them closer together. The following are some great Valentine's Day gifts couples can enjoy together.

**Quirky mugs:** Mug sets come in all shapes and sizes and express various sentiments. Some even feature interlocking designs designed to symbolize that couples are two pieces of one puzzle. Kissing mugs, which look like lips touching when they are brought together, are perfect for couples who enjoy their morning coffee together. Look for them at [www.uncommongoods.com](http://www.uncommongoods.com).

**Matching robes:** Plush terry cloth robes need not be reserved for luxurious stays at premiere hotels. Coordinating robes can be monogrammed and worn on lazy days when gathering in front of a cozy fire.

**Charcuterie set:** A romantic meal is the start of any Valentine's Day celebration. Invest in a compact charcuterie board with two matching wine glasses and enjoy the set on date nights at home.

**MasterClass lesson:** Purchase a MasterClass instructional ([www.masterclass.com](http://www.masterclass.com)) and learn photography tricks or insider tips from established professionals together.

**Travel excursion:** Jet set to an exotic locale with a planned adventure. Parents can arrange for a sitter, friend or relative to look after the children so the trip provides some one-on-one time. This trip can serve as the second honeymoon couples dream about.

**Custom cornhole set:** Couples who love tailgating or opening up their homes (and yards) to guests can purchase monogrammed or custom-carved bean bag toss boards.

**Fancy coffee maker:** Couples who spend more time in take-out coffee shops than they probably should can brush up on their barista skills at home. There are plenty of coffee makers on the market that can help couples whip up lattes, cappuccinos or espressos with ease.

**Wine club membership:** Couples who enjoy sampling the latest vintages and flavors may enjoy a wine subscription. Winc.com is just one of the delivery services available. Or couples who prefer to be a little more hands-on can experiment with wine-making kits.

**Hot tub:** What can be more relaxing than soaking in a warm bath of bubbling water? A backyard hot tub turns up the heat on relaxation and time spent together.

**Tokens of love:** Matching or coordinating bracelets, necklaces or even tattoos can serve as enduring symbols of a couple's love.

Valentine's Day gifting may be even more enjoyable when gift-giving focuses on presents couples can enjoy together.

## TIPS TO MAKE YOUR OWN VALENTINE'S DAY JEWELRY

Romantic sentiments are the standard come Valentine's Day. Dinners at upscale restaurants, floral bouquets and even getaways to exotic locales can all create an air of romance each February. Crafty individuals can express romantic sentiments in other ways, including making homemade jewelry.

A survey from Statista found that 10 percent of Valentine's Day gift shoppers gave jewelry in 2017. Jewelry remains a popular way to express romantic sentiments, and such gifts can be even more meaningful when they're homemade.

Individuals who want to try their hand at making homemade jewelry this Valentine's Day can consider these tips as they try to go the extra mile for that special someone in their lives.

» Purchase a jewelry-making toolkit. Even skilled do-it-yourselfers with a kit full of useful tools can benefit from a toolkit designed specifically for making jewelry. Jewelry toolkits may feature an assortment of pliers, such as round nose and chain nose varieties, that can be useful for different projects or even different components of the

same project. Additional tools to look for in a jewelry-making toolkit include wire cutters, clasps and peg boards to bend wire.

» Start with something simple. Stone might be the most expensive component of items sold by licensed jewelers, but those hefty price tags also reflect the labor necessary to produce the beautiful items on display. Making jewelry is a complicated process, but beginners can narrow things down by looking for simple projects like homemade button earrings and ring pendants. Many crafts stores even sell kits for specific projects that include all the materials DIYers will need as well as the tools they'll need to turn those materials into beautiful jewelry.

» Watch online tutorials. Lessons from skilled crafts workers are only a click or two away. The internet offers plenty of tutorial videos that can help DIYers accumulate the right supplies and offer advice on projects that correlate to individuals' skill levels.

» Practice, practice, practice. If the goal is to really impress that special someone in your life, then don't plan to give



the first piece you've ever made this Valentine's Day. Though that's an option if you discover you're an especially skilled jeweler, it's best to plan for some trial and error. So leave yourself ample time in advance of Valentine's Day to experiment and learn the craft. This en-

sure that your sweetheart won't just be excited by the sentiment homemade jewelry conveys, but the jewelry itself as well.

Homemade jewelry is a unique gift that conveys romantic sentiments that are synonymous with Valentine's Day.

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