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## Suddenlink ordered to open WV call center, penalized \$2.2M

By Sarah Richardson

According to a Final Order issued on Wednesday, Feb. 9, by the West Virginia Public Service Commission (PSC), it has been determined that Suddenlink Communications "failed to provide safe, adequate and reliable service" to area customers by "intentionally reducing its maintenance work and maintenance budget, reducing full-time employees, changing its methods of communicating with its subscribers and ignoring the thousands of customer complaints that resulted."

The 38-page report details how Altice acquired Suddenlink in 2017 and closed its only West Virginia call center which was located in Parkersburg, West Virginia. They also closed a dispatch training center that was lo-

cated in Shrewsbury, West Virginia. After the closing of the West Virginia call center, Altice began routing its customer calls to call centers located outside of the United States. In 2019, 36 percent of calls were answered in the United States. This number dropped to five percent in 2020; and only two percent of calls were routed to representatives in the United States in 2021.

A July 2021 order states that Suddenlink offers service to more than 300,000 households and small businesses over a hybrid fiber optic-coaxial network with more than 8,500 plant miles and eight headends across the state. The PSC has received nearly 1,900 complaints from West Virginia customers regarding Suddenlink's service since 2019.

Members of the PSC met with Suddenlink representatives in May 2021 to discuss complaints regarding the quality of cable television service that it provides, including, but not limited to, delays in restoring service following an outage, billing errors, and the inability of customers to place orders for service or contact personnel regarding the status of customer service requests.

After this meeting, PSC Chairman Charlotte Lane directed Suddenlink to file a correction plan that included how and when Suddenlink will open a call center in West Virginia; hire technicians and other employees to promptly address quality of service issues; fix problems with incorrect E-911 fees being billed to customers. See "Suddenlink" Page 2

## Town clock installed at Alderson

By Sarah Richardson

The Alderson Town Clock was installed earlier this week after impressive fundraising and organizing efforts spearheaded by Stacy Eskins, a Main Street Alderson volunteer, Town Recorder and Alderson resident.

Eskins took the initiative to approach the town and get the gears turning on the project, which quickly gained the blessing of local officials and organizations.

"It's a day many have been eagerly anticipating, and what a gorgeous day it was for the clock to arrive," said

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Multiple crews worked hard to install the clock at its new home next to the Memorial Pedestrian Bridge (Photo courtesy Stacy Eskins)

The clock has quite a presence at the intersection, and has a glowing face for readability at night (Photo courtesy Stacy Eskins)

Nature's Way  
By Karen Cohen  
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## Commission meets to discuss Meadow River Trail, broadband installation training program

By Adam Pack

The Greenbrier County Commission met briefly on Tuesday, Feb. 8, to open bids for 6.23 miles of construction on the Phase 2 portion of the Meadow River Rail Trail. This portion of the trail is located nearest to Rainelle and is under the care of the WV DOH. After opening, the bids revealed that the lowest bid was placed by T. White Construction of White Sulphur Springs at \$680,664.55. All the bids, of which there were four, will be reviewed by the Meadow River Rail Trail Commit-

tee, and their decision will be sent back to the County Commission for approval at their next meeting.

The Commission also considered the signing of a letter of support for the request for a grant from the West Virginia Economic Development Authority by the head of the Bluefield Economic Development Authority. The request would provide funds from a federal jobs initiative which would train Southern West Virginians to install broadband and

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## Eileen Kramer continues to make headlines at 107

Washington Post says she is seizing the spotlight at the Dance on Camera Festival

By Sarah Richardson

Former Lewisburg resident Eileen Kramer has made international headlines this week with a Washington Post article detailing her dance entry, "Eileen," for the 50th edition of the Dance on Camera Festival. The festival, which is presented in New York at The Lincoln Center's Walter Reade Theater, contains entries from 37 countries and spans over four days.

Sarah Kaufman with The Post calls Kramer's performance "a four-minute stunner," and details her enchanting submission:

"Kramer performs mostly seated on a chair, her hair pearly and glowing, the skin of her bare arms like shirred silk. She flutters a fan, causing tendrils of smoke to twist in the air around her. She rolls her hands in space and curls her arms around her body, transported by the lute and clarinet music, but also, it seems, by an irrepressible spirit of wildness. She shatters all manner of expectations, and it's exhilarating. She is uninhibited, at her ease, vivacious, drawing you in with her naturalness and making you feel you're involved in life itself. Importantly, this is an encounter you could have only on film, with the intimacy and focus of the camera."

Kramer, who was born in 1914, resided in West Virginia from 1988 to 2013. She first lived in Hinton before moving to Lewisburg in 1992. She was heavily involved with the Trillium Performing Arts as a core artist, and released her first book, Walk-about Dancer, in 2008.

Her travels took her to many exotic parts of the world including India, Australia, Paris, New York, London, South Africa, Turkey, even Afghanistan. She absorbed the cultures and customs she encountered: appreciation of music, art, architecture, and politics,

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Eileen Kramer

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Eskins in a social media post last Wednesday. "I have to say, it turned out perfect... not only the clock, but the entire site looks so inviting. What a wonderful way to welcome residents and visitors alike to the heart of town. I truly hope everyone enjoys and takes pride in this beautiful addition to Alderson. And, I can't say THANK YOU enough to those who made this all possible!"

Eskins thanks the following people and groups for their efforts: A total of 180 personal and corporate donors, Alderson Main Street, the Town of Alderson, Construction Site Manager Lewis Halstead (LEH, LLC), Tony Cole with Tony Cole Construction for the concrete, Gill Merritt with Merritt Electric for the electrical, Antonio Lopez for the brick masonry, TerraCare Inc. for the landscaping, Canterbury Designs for the bollard covers, and the Verdin Company for the clock.

"This project was completely 100 percent funded by donations made by caring individuals who want to see improvements made in Alderson," said Eskins. "All donations were made through Alderson Main Street, a US 501(c)(3) non-profit organization."

## Morrisey reminds consumers to protect information when filing taxes

West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrisey reminds taxpayers at the start of the tax season to exercise great caution by protecting their personal, identifiable information when preparing and filing their tax returns.

Sensitive information such as Social Security numbers, finances, birth dates and addresses are some of the many things scammers could easily use to their advantage.

"Scammers are actively trying to steal your sensitive, personal, identifiable information," Attorney General Morrisey said. "That's why it's imperative that consumers be mindful of how they handle tax information and who processes tax-related documents on their behalf. When filing taxes, remember that studies show those more likely to steal your information aren't strangers but people you know."

Consumers can greatly reduce the risk of fraud by filing their return well before the April 18 deadline. This gives thieves less time to file a false return since IRS records would show a return in the consumer's name has already been filed. They also should use a secure Internet connection and never file their return via publicly available Wi-Fi.

Additional tips include:

- Cross shred documents. Identity thieves rummage through trash to find information.
- Be wary of suspicious emails that may look legitimate, but are really a means to steal personal information. Look for typos, misspellings and bad grammar.
- Know the Internal Revenue Service does not contact taxpayers via text message, email or social media.
- A victim may learn of tax-related identity theft when he or she receives a letter from the IRS reporting it has received a return the consumer did not file, or reporting multiple returns filed under the victim's name, or reporting that the victim received wages from an employer he or she doesn't know.
- Anyone who receives a letter from the IRS indicating potential impersonation should immediately call the agency's Identity Protection Specialized Unit at 1-800-908-4490.

Consumers who believe they may be the victim of tax-related identity theft should contact the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Office at 1-800-368-8808, the Eastern Panhandle Consumer Protection Office in Martinsburg at 304-267-0239 or visit the office online at [www.wvago.gov](http://www.wvago.gov).

**Kramer**

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and stored inspirations for dance dramas in her 'India Bag,' her reference to a dilly bag, an Australian outback basket made of rushes or bark, as a device for storing memories and images.

A BBC News story published last year detailed how Kramer continues to write, choreograph, collaborate with other dancers, and enter painting competitions.

Along with The Post and BBC News, Kramer has been featured by ABC News Australia, Dance Informa, The Sydney Morning Herald, The Griffith Review, HuffPost News, and a slew of other publications too numerous to list.

For more information on the Dance on Camera Festival, visit [www.filmlinc.org/festivals/dance-on-camera-festival](http://www.filmlinc.org/festivals/dance-on-camera-festival).

To stay up-to-date with Kramer's latest performances and works, visit [eileen-kramer.com](http://eileen-kramer.com).

About Eileen:

Eileen Kramer is an Australian dancer, choreographer, artist and writer - a true creative spirit - born in 1914 and still making art in 2022 at the age of 107.

Eileen was an original member of the influential Bodenwieser Ballet, Australia's first modern dance company. Joining the company in 1940, she toured with them extensively for a decade, both within Australia and internationally, then spent the next 60 years living and working overseas. She danced and painted murals in Karachi, worked as an artist's model in Paris and London, met Ella Fitzgerald and GroUCHO Marx, and learnt the twist from Louis Armstrong.

In the 1970s, she made a full-length feature film with her partner, Baruch Shadmi, using stop-motion animation shot entirely in their New York apartment. When Baruch died in 1987, Kramer moved to West Virginia, joined a performance collective in Lewisburg, and began to dance again, as well as design costumes and choreograph new works.

She returned to Australia in 2013 aged 99, because she "missed the kookaburras and the smell of gum trees", but her creative energy remained strong. She choreographed and starred in two dance dramas for the stage in 2015 and 2017, and collaborated with award-winning dance filmmaker Sue Healey on several short films. She had roles in Belvoir's production of The Wizard of Oz (2015), and the Foxtel series The End (2020) and danced in music videos for the likes of Lacey Cole (2014) and Sarah Belkner (2015).

Eileen published her first memoir, Walkabout Dancer, in 2008, and a fantasy novel The Heliotropians, in 2009. This was followed in 2018 by Eileen: Stories from the Phillip Street Courtyard, chronicling her bohemian adventures sharing an inner-Sydney rooming house in the 1930s. Then, in 2020, the COVID-19 lockdown saw her spinning her vast trove of memories into the imaginative tales that became the book Elephants and Other Stories, as well as conceiving a new work for film, The God Tree, released in 2021. (*Information from eileen-kramer.com*)

**Suddenlink**

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ers; accurately and timely process payments and credits to customer accounts; correct billing errors; ensure late fees are accurately assessed; and identify the entity that provides Suddenlink's billing service.

Suddenlink responded in June 2021, but "did not provide a correction plan or specifically address the issues raised." The PSC determined that Suddenlink's response was "inadequate" and continued with legal proceedings.

The overview of the Final Order states that "Suddenlink Communications is penalized in the amount of \$2,242,000; that Suddenlink Communications shall divide the total penalty by its existing West Virginia cable television subscribers and pay the penalty to its subscribers as a credit on each subscriber's bill that is issued on the next billing cycle immediately following entry of this Order; that Suddenlink is put on notice that the Commission shall fully exercise the authority granted to it to impose continuing penalties for its failure to provide safe, adequate and reliable service to its West Virginia

subscribers, and for any failures to adhere to the directives set forth in this Order, either prospectively under a court order or on a continuing basis for known violations; etc. Case Final."

## Federal Court in Virginia rejects Mountain Valley Pipeline Permit

By Nadia Ramlagan for WVNS

A federal court in Virginia has struck down a proposed permit for the Mountain Valley Pipeline, siding with environmental groups who said the project would threaten endangered wildlife and habitat.

The pipeline would run more than 300 miles, transporting natural gas through eleven counties in West Virginia and neighboring states. The decision is the second rejection by a federal court over permitting for the pipeline's construction.

Cindy Rank, chair of the extractive industries committee for the West Virginia Highlands Conservancy, one of several groups behind a lawsuit against the pipeline, said it would cross many of the state's headwater streams, both large and small.

"And the impact on both of those is going to be a tremendous amount of sedimentation," Rank explained. "Both from the construction sites on either side of the stream if you're going to drill under; and the actual in-stream degradation as you're blocking up one side and digging up another side to put that pipeline down."

High levels of sediment can disrupt ecosystems, harm fish, and increase algae blooms. The interstate pipeline would be owned and operated by Mountain Valley Pipeline, LLC, a joint venture between several energy companies, and regulated by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. On its website, the company said it has provided funding to preserve land and remains dedicated to ongoing environmental preservation efforts.

Rank argued a decision last December by the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to issue a water quality certification failed to consider the pipeline's potentially harmful impacts to wildlife and the environment.

"Because we believe that certification is based on fallacies," Rank asserted. "DEP did not consider everything they needed to consider, before determining that this would not violate water-quality standards."

She believes it would be a mistake to tie West Virginia into more fossil fuels, at a time when the nation is focused on creating a sustainable renewable-energy infrastructure.

"But now is the time to make those changes," Rank contended. "To solar, to wind, to other options that don't have as big a carbon footprint. And in fact these permits are supposed to take that kind of future impact into account."

According to the Center for Biological Diversity, the pipeline has been required to pay millions of dollars in fines for more than 350 water-quality related violations in Virginia and West Virginia.

## Free COVID-19 testing, vaccine and booster clinic set for February 12

The PAAC COVID-19 Surge Testing team will host a free COVID-19 vaccine, booster, and testing clinic on Saturday, Feb. 12, in White Sulphur Springs.

The clinic will take place at New Vision Baptist Church located at 268 Church Street. All testing and vaccinations will be conducted on a first come first served basis from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Free COVID-19 tests, vaccinations, and booster shots are available to everyone in the community. Johnson & Johnson, Moderna, and Pfizer vaccines for age 5 and up will be available. All children under the age of 18 wanting to be vaccinated must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. No insurance is required. Results are usually back within 48 to 72 hours.

For more information visit [www.paac2.org](http://www.paac2.org) or call 304-741-7157. Visit the PAAC Covid-19 Surge Team on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter @PAAC. Surge for updates.

## PICK OF THE LITTER

**BROWNIE**

Brownie is a male retriever mix and is approximately four years old and 70 pounds.

**MERLIN**

Merlin is a male heeler mix who is roughly two years old and 31 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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## NEW RESIDENTS WANTED BY:

# Greenbrier Greeters

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City National Bank • Cornerstone IGA-Philip Cutlip  
Creative Kitchens • Edith's Store • Fairlea Animal Hospital  
The Ferrell Eye Clinic, P.C. • First Baptist Church, Fairlea  
Grassroots Church • Greenbrier Bowling & Rec. Center • Greenbrier Recycling Center  
Greenbrier Valley Brewing Company • Greenbrier Chevrolet Buick  
Greenbrier Chiropractic Center-Dr. Timothy Pence • Greenbrier Medical Arts Pharmacy  
Greenbrier Valley Medical Center • Greenbrier Valley Theatre  
Greenbrier Valley Veterinary Hospital • The Heart Center-Thomas W. vonDohlen, M.D.  
Knight Henderson-American National Insurance  
Lawrence J. Ickes, CPA, A.C. • Lewisburg United Methodist Church  
Lewisburg Veterinary Hospital, Inc.-Dr. Mary Ann Mann  
Mary Kay Cosmetics-Erica Buzzard • Mountain Messenger  
Olive + Shea Natural Nail Studio • Post Net • Premier Bank • Robert C. Byrd Clinic  
Sandy Epling-State Farm Insurance • Seneca Trail Animal Hospital  
Shuck Memorial Baptist Church • S.J. Neathawk Lumber  
Spare Time Sports Bar & Grille • St. James Episcopal Church  
St. Thomas Episcopal Church, WSS • State Farm Insurance-Chris Hall  
Summit Community Bank

Heather Blake, Owner 304-646-2624

Alice Hollingsworth 304-645-3788

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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.

## 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.

## Red Cross Blood Drive to be held at the White Sulphur Springs Library

The American Red Cross's blood bank is still experiencing a severe shortage. Healthy donors of all blood types, and those who can give platelets, are urged to make an appointment to give to prevent further impact to patients. The White Sulphur Springs Public Library will be holding a blood drive on Thursday, Feb. 17, from 12:45 to 5:45 p.m. You can make an appointment to give the gift of life by visiting RedCrossBlood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) to schedule your blood or platelet donation appointment. You can also call the library at 304-536-1171 on weekdays between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. to make an appointment. The library is located at 344 Main St W in White Sulphur Springs. This drive is made possible in part through the support of the White Sulphur Springs Lions Club.

## Safety Breaks accepting applications for WSS Rest Area Welcome Center

The West Virginia Department of Transportation (District Nine) is accepting applications for nonprofit organizations to provide Safety Breaks at our I-64 Welcome Center near White Sulphur Springs. Qualifying groups will provide small pre-wrapped baked goods and coffee to promote safety during the following high-traffic holidays: Memorial Day, Father's Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Opening Day of Buck (Deer) Gun Season, Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and Day, and New Year's Eve and Day. To qualify, groups must be non-profit with identifiable safety programs targeting bicycle, automotive, pedestrian, ATV, or other transportation, or participate in the Adopt-A-Highway Program. The activity must be conducted for the express promotion of safety and not as an advertisement or solicitation for funds for the organization.

For official rules and applications, please contact Matt Curry, I-64 Supervisor, via email at Matthew.R.Curry@wv.gov, or by phone at 304-536-1472. The deadline for calendar year 2022 applications in Mar. 31.

## Commission

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fiber optic systems. This initiative synchronizes well with recent initiatives to expand broadband access here in Greenbrier County, and the motion to approve the letter of support was passed unanimously by the Commission.

## For the Record

### Deeds

Man Cong Van and Nancy Nep Tran to Campbell Properties, LLC., a West Virginia Limited Liability Company, Lots Nos. 3, Block 4, Garner-Detch Addition, Lewisburg Municipality  
 Jeremiah Kennedy and Nichole Kennedy to Jeffrey Earl Fullen, Parcel 0002, 0003, and 000, Falling Springs District  
 Justin Manspile to Jonette Marsh, Todd Marsh, and Sandra Richards, Parcels Nos. 1 and 2, Rupert Corporate District  
 Michael J. Nelson and Jody L. Nelson to Andrew Brandt and Lisa Brandt, Lot 31, Howard's Creek Phase Two Neighborhood, Greenbrier Sporting Club  
 Ole Hank Dog, LLC to Richard L. Hudson VI and Joseph A. Desant, Lot No. 8, Phase 2, Overlook at the Greenbrier, White Sulphur Springs  
 Property Brothers, LLC, A West Virginia Limited Liability Company, to Benjamin Lee Dunbar and Jacqueline Elaine Dunbar, Lots Nos. 149 and 150, Alderson Corporate District  
 Lacey Ciera Waid to James A. Dunlap, Lots Nos. 41, 43, 45, Block 3 of the Huddleston Hills Addition, Town of White Sulphur Springs  
 Charles M. Lobban, Jr. to Betty J. Lightner, 428.37 Acres, Talcott District  
 Ronald F. Malus and Marguerite E. Malus to Eric J. Malus and Tricia E. Green, 5.716 Acres, Blue Sulphur Springs District  
 GR Real Estate Holding, LLC, a West Virginia Limited Liability Company, to Timothy Taylor Hamilton II and Inna Hamilton, Lot No. 1, Copeland Hill Neighborhood, White Sulphur Springs, The Greenbrier Sporting Club  
 Brian J. Carter and Joan M. Carter to Leah Rae Ratliff and Kirby Blake Campbell, Lots No. 1 and 2, Hurxthal Addition, City of Ronceverte

## 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.

## 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,

## 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 War

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

In Re: The Marriage of: Jerry Luke Rider and Jennifer Dawn Rider

In Re: The Marriage of: Amanda Sue Adkins and Charles Lacy Adkins

## Greenbrier County Magistrate Court Convictions

April Lynn Martin, White Sulphur Springs, attempting to commit an offense, NCP, fine \$50, jail 10 days - suspended and placed on 9 months unsupervised months  
 Mario O. Funez, Virginia Beach, VA, 1) speeding, fine \$38, GP; 2) no operators, fine \$25

Donald Franklin Taylor, Boones Mill, VA, 1) unlawful acts, NCP, fine \$100; 2) regulation of fireworks & related explosive materials (4 counts), fine \$100 per count  
 Norman F. Thompson, Lynchburg, VA, over width by 1 ft., 1 in. total 9 ft. 9-3/4", GP, fine \$50

Shannon Boswell, Ronceverte, petit larceny, NCP, jail 45 days

Nathan C. Huffman, Alderson, hunting without permission / posted land, NCP, fine \$40

Phillip R. Johnson, Lewisburg, unlawful acts of licenses, NCP, fin \$30

David Eugene Bennett, Rainelle, possession of a controlled substance without a prescription, NCP, fin \$75, jail 90 days - suspended and placed on 10 months unsupervised probation

## Supreme Court Justice Evan Jenkins announces resignation

Gov. Jim Justice recently received a letter from Supreme Court Justice Evan Jenkins indicating that he will be resigning from the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia, effective Sunday, Feb. 6, to return to private practice.

"Evan has devoted his entire life to public service and, on behalf of all West Virginians, we thank him," Gov. Justice said. "It was one of my highest honors to appoint Evan to our Supreme Court in 2018 and, since then, he and his colleagues have restored honor and integrity to our court. I look forward to appointing a new justice who can fill his shoes and carry the torch of honor and integrity well into the future."

Jenkins served in the West Virginia House of Delegates, State Senate, United States House of Representatives, and then on the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia as Chief Justice.

Gov. Justice also sent a letter to Justice Jenkins, acknowledging his retirement and thanking him on behalf of the people of West Virginia for his public service during his tenure on the Supreme Court.

On Monday, Feb. 7, Chief Justice John Hutchison appointed Circuit Judge Alan D. Moats to sit temporarily on the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia to fill the vacancy left by Justice Jenkins. Judge Moats has been a judge in the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit (Barbour and Taylor Counties) since Jan. 1, 1997, when then-Governor Gaston Caperton appointed him to the bench. He was elected in 2000 and re-elected in 2008 and 2016.

He will serve on the Supreme Court until Governor Jim Justice appoints someone to fill the seat.

"It's a tremendous honor to be appointed to the court to fulfill this temporary assignment. I have the utmost respect for all of our justices and look forward to working with each of them," Judge Moats said.

Judge Moats is the Chair of the Mass Litigation Panel, Chair of the Judicial Investigation Commission, a past president of the West Virginia Judicial Association, an advisory member of the West Virginia Courthouse Facilities Improvement Authority, and a former state delegate to the National Conference of State Trial Judges.

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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.

## Lewisburg City Council

will meet Tuesday, Feb. 15, at 7:30 p.m. at 942 Washington Street West. Only via Teleconference. For information on how to participate on ZOOM, contact Lewisburg City Hall at 304-645-2080 by 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 15. On the agenda:

- Visitors' reports: (5-min. limit per subject not on agenda)
  - Citizen request
- Approval of Minutes - regular session, Jan. 18, 2022
- Ordinance
  - Ordinance 300, Codified Ordinances update, 1st reading
- Proclamation
  - Volunteer of the Year 2021 - Covid-19 Taskforce
- Communications from Mayor White
- Communications from City Manager Hill
  - Finance Committee & City Council schedules
- Communications from City Council members
- Communications from Boards and Commissions
  - Planning Commission report
  - Final Plat, Wal-mart property, 1976 Jefferson St. North, Wal-bucks
  - Rolling Hills sewer project extension
- Communications from Police Department
  - New Police Department officer Justin Deed
- Communications from the Fire Department
- Communications from Council Committees
  - Finance Committee
    - Health Insurance renewal
    - Engagement of bond council for Public Works building
    - Additional Police Officer request
    - Jason Hanna & John McMillion / Water Distribution Certification
  - Public Works Department

## 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  
Living and Learning

I miss my garden. Out my front windows, I can see the empty garden beds piled high after we doubled dug them, compost strewn across each one with an added layer of horse manure to sink down under slowly over the winter months. I imagine what it will look like when full blown growth is pumping by late July. Oh, be still my beating heart!

Seed packets line my dining room table and we are separating these into categories: first, flowers and veggies, and next grouping is March starts, April, June, July, etc. I have never done this task before; I usually hit the seed box randomly and search for something interesting I find and then plant it. This year is the year I get more organized with my garden plans and so far, I've been excited for this project. We drew on graph paper the measured garden boxes which fill each fenced area; we have three each about 20 x 10 ft. Not planning to expand, we assure ourselves that this much garden space will be plenty to get all the veggies and flowers that we desire from it for two people. Of course, I end up seeing a special seed packet online or in the store which puts my mind in the WHY NOT/experiment mode. That's OK too; variety is the spice of life!

New for 2022 are our mushroom logs, all twenty oaks measuring 6 inches wide by 30" long, have been cut from our forest and recently inoculated with shiitake spawn. No guarantee on when these will actually produce mushrooms but it keeps life interesting! We bought one pre- inoculated log filled with lion's mane mushroom and the person who sold it to us assures us it has a crab/lobster flavor. Hope so! After living near the eastern Maryland shore for many years, I miss the succulent lobster rolls smothered in melted butter. We'll give it a go with mushrooms, if and when they "hatch."

Leeks, plenty of them, will be started from seed this week. I have seed trays with covers and a heating mat to put them on. They will germinate in just a few days if kept slightly moist. Leeks are not ordinary garden vegetables and that's exactly why I enjoy the challenge of growing them. Once the shoots reach about 3 inches in height, I start to "harden" them off by taking the tray outside in dappled sunlight on a warm day, here that means any temperature over 40 degrees will do, and then back in again over the cold nights. When the ground is fully thawed out, I punch holes in the soil using a wooden spoon handle and mallet going 6 inches deep, spacing 6 inches apart, then drop in a leek shoot. Time consuming, for sure, but the concentrated repetitive process is actually meditative and the results are worth the prep time. I roll out a tape measure and leave it on the ground as a guide and just work at it until they are all planted in composted soil. Then I add a dollop of compost tea for each baby plant and I step away; nothing else needed to do. Don't pile up the soil around the plant because this will happen over weeks when rain comes to wash it in. The ground around each leek will stay soft and fluffy, not compacted.

## Commentary

### Sen. Manchin questions Commerce Secretary on broadband expansion


Earlier this week, U.S. Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV), member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, questioned U.S. Department of Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo on the implementation of the \$65 billion for broadband expansion efforts included in the bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA).

Senator Manchin said in part, "It's said that there are at least 258,000 West Virginians without broadband access. But we've had estimates as high as 900,000 West Virginians, which is 50% of our population, that do not have dependable connectivity. So what steps are you taking in the short term to make sure that these needs are going to be met? And how can I help?"

Senator Manchin successfully fought to ensure the incorrect broadband coverage maps that determine federal funding are corrected before this funding is distributed to states. According to BroadbandNow, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has overestimated broadband coverage in West Virginia more than any other state in the nation. As a result of Senator Manchin's efforts, IIJA will be the first broadband funding based on the updated maps. Senator Manchin questioned Secretary Raimondo on the coordination between the Commerce Department and the FCC on correcting the coverage maps and distributing these funds in a timely manner.

"Rural America was getting left behind, specifically rural West Virginia and Appalachia. So we put some things in this piece of legislation as we were working on the bipartisan infrastructure bill to make sure that we wouldn't get left behind this time... We've been speaking and trying to make sure the FCC has the necessary funds and also the resources and help with the urgency that these maps need to be done. Because we can't do a thing without that," Senator Manchin continued.

The bipartisan Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act (IIJA) also includes Senator Manchin's formula which distributes funds based on each state's proportion of unserved areas and a 10% set aside for additional assistance to states with higher costs of deployment like West Virginia. While this funding will be determined by the FCC's updated broadband coverage maps, it is estimated that West Virginia will receive around \$600 million for broadband deployment alone. Nearly \$48 billion of the \$65 billion included for broadband in IIJA will be implemented by the Department of Com-



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Part of the Allium family, leeks grow their prized and edible white part below ground with the green stalks shooting upwards. They can grow as tall as three feet. The green stalks can be tough but you can add these to soups or stuff inside a roasted chicken cavity to add that oniony flavor. Be sure to wash them well because dirt gets hidden in the multi-layers and perhaps a little bug or two.

A long growing period of 4-8 months is required for maximum growth. Harvest leeks by gently digging around the plant, pulling it will cause it to rip apart; their long roots are firmly anchored deep down. Leeks have three parts, the roots which get cut off and tossed, the white bulby stalk part that will be very white if grown underground away from sunlight, and the green leaves. Keep them in the ground and harvest only when needed until frost hits. You can cut them up, blanch them, and freeze leeks for use all year round.

What's new for your garden this year? Life is too short for the same ole same old. Try something new in 2022!

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merce's National Telecommunications and information Administration (NTIA). Through NTIA, the Commerce Department will coordinate with the FCC to implement this funding and close the digital divide.

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## The Back Pew

By Stephen Baldwin



It's halftime at the WV Legislature. To be honest, so far it reminds me of the old Wendy's commercial where grandma asks, "Where's the beef?" Here are some of the issues you need to know about.

**UNEMPLOYMENT.** This week, the Senate passed a bill (SB2) slashing unemployment and low earnings benefits for WV workers from 26 weeks to 12 weeks. The majority said doing so would help us fill and create jobs. The facts do not support that. Right now, 8,000 citizens in the whole state are drawing unemployment. Over 50,000 jobs are available. We have a people problem. That's why we can't fill the open jobs. The only thing that cutting benefits from 26 weeks max to 12 weeks max will accomplish is driving seasonal workers in construction, hospitality, and tourism out of state. (The very real fraud we saw during the pandemic with computer programs and organized crime isn't addressed by the bill at all.)

**SEASONAL WORKERS.** To be crystal clear, seasonal workers at The Greenbrier and the rafting industry, for example, will lose their benefits if the House or Governor do not stop this bill. Someone who works in a seasonal job but goes on low earnings in the winter will lose benefits after 12 weeks. That won't get folks through winter. And employers will lose their employees. This is why I fought the bill so hard. What will end up happening is that seasonal workers will move out of state. They will cross the border to Virginia. We cannot afford for that to happen!

**PAY RAISES.** The proposed 5% pay raise (on average) for public employees has bipartisan support. With inflation at 7%, I don't think 5% is enough... but it's a start. Retirees and certain classifications of employees were omitted from previous raises, and we continue to push for them to be included this time. A raise for public employees benefits the private sector in WV as folks have more to spend with local businesses. It's good for everyone.

**SURPLUSES.** During my first session in 2017, we faced a \$500 million budget deficit. Now during 2022, we are likely to have a \$1 billion budget surplus. What a turnaround! There are a couple reasons. One, energy prices are up. That helps our severance tax collections. Two, personal income and sales tax receipts are up. Three, revenue estimates have been set low purposely in order to achieve surpluses. Four, federal COVID funds have injected steroids into the economy.

**HOW TO HANDLE SURPLUSES?** With these surpluses come options, including a sales tax reduction, an income tax reduction, a future property tax reduction, saving the money, or investing it in our state. The sales tax reduction has support with the people but not with legislators. The income tax reduction is still a sore subject after last year's situation. Our Rainy Day Fund already has over \$1 billion, so further saving seems unwise. We've got federal funds earmarked for broadband and infrastructure, which are two areas we could spend the surplus on. My point is that it's a complicated puzzle, which will take some time to sort out. My two cents is that we should use the surpluses to build the future. We will not have this opportunity again. We must not squander it.

**CHILD WELLBEING.** Speaking of our future, child wellbeing continues to be one of my top priorities this session. Several bills are moving relating to the child abuse hotline, pay for Child Protective Services, foster care support, gathering better foster data, and improving the MDT system. Stay tuned for updates on those. I also referred a slew of major DHHR-related issues to the legislature's most powerful committee (Joint Committee on Government & Finance) on which I serve, as these serious issues require immediate oversight and accountability. Half-measures aren't good enough for our state's most vulnerable kids. We need real change now.

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)*

## Commentary

### Commissioner Leonhardt applauds HB 4007, House Income Tax Reduction

The Commissioner of Agriculture released the following statement regarding HB 4007:

"I fully support HB 4007, the West Virginia House of Delegates income tax reduction plan. The Legislature has been good stewards of the budget by keeping spending flat leading to the accumulation of record surpluses. At the same time, we have used our dollars wisely to make necessary infrastructure investments now and for the future. It is time we give a pay raise to every citizen through a tax reduction."

"With the current supply chain issues and inflation, our farmers, small businesses owners and families are starting to feel the squeeze. If our federal government is not going to step up, it is time to return money to the hard-working West Virginians who have stayed here and want to raise a family. The income tax reduction, without raising any other taxes and reducing the size of government, is the fairest way to give every working West Virginian a pay raise."

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# 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.

## Dear Recycle Lady,

**Dear Recycle Lady,**  
Are there any plastics that are compostable?

**Composter**  
**Dear Composter,**  
The only plastic that might be compostable is #7 plastic, but it is not suitable for home-composting. Number seven plastics require a modern, high-rate composting facility for composting and there are very few of these facilities. As you know, the number in the triangle symbol tells the type of chemicals that makes up a particular plastic; #7 plastics are made up of all the chemicals that don't fit in one of the other six categories. This makes composting difficult.

**Dear Recycle Lady,**  
I was always told to never store canned food in the refrigerator in an open steel can. Is this true or is it just an old wives tale?

**Believer of Old Wives Tales**  
**Dear Believer of Old**

**Wives Tales,**  
According to <https://cooking.stackexchange.com>, food can safely be stored in the refrigerator in covered cans for a short period of time, as cans today are made of either steel or aluminum - what used to be called "tin" cans. If the content of the cans is acidic, the cans will have a protected lining of polymer (plastic) to prevent oxidation of the metal, which is not toxic but tastes terrible. A transfer of odors between open items in the refrigerator is also possible.

**Dear Recycle Lady,**  
What about inkjet printer cartridges? Can they be recycled?

**Printer**  
**Dear Printer,**  
Yes, they can be recycled at the Recycling Center. Take them to the aluminum door at the Recycling Center, press the large button on the left-hand side of the door and

someone will come assist you. Have you tried refilling them? They can be refilled only two or three times, but there are savings if you do so. For step-by-step instructions see <https://www.wikihow.com/Refill-an-Inkjet-Printer-Cartridge>. Staples, Office Depot and OfficeMax all have cartridge recycling programs.

**Dear Recycle Lady,**  
What does biodegradable mean? I see it used more frequently now.

**Interested**  
**Dear Interested,**  
Biodegradable means that bacteria will break down an item over time. When biodegradable is used to describe a product, it would seem to be one that is good for the environment. However, biodegradable can be used to describe anything that takes between 6 month and 1,000 years to break down. Thus, "biodegradable" is sometimes used to market products that actually are not good for the environment, a practice called "greenwashing." Greenwashing is using an eco-friendly word, symbol or color, to market products as good for the environment when they aren't.



Kudos and many thanks to all you recyclers who have put your old toothbrushes, toothpaste containers and floss containers in the bin at the Recycle Center. We now have an entire box full! TerraCycle has sent us a postage-free label, so everything will be recycled without cost to us.

**Good News:** California law now requires all people and businesses to compost! Considering that food waste in landfills is the 3rd largest emitter of greenhouse gasses and as California is the highest populated state in the US, this is huge. This will divert an estimated 1.9 million tons of food waste each year from the landfills in Los Angeles County! ([fto.com](http://fto.com))

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

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## Card of Thanks

The family of Mrs. Edith Seams would like to thank you all for your gifts of love. Whether it be flowers, cards, food, supplies, phone calls, visits, monetary donations and prayers, we appreciate your thoughtfulness and expressions of sympathy. Much love and gratefulness to everyone.

## Barbara Ann Riggs



**Lewisburg**-Barbara Ann Riggs, 79, went home to heaven on Thursday, Feb. 3, 2022, joining her parents, Frank and Nancy Runyon; brothers, James and Dewey; and sister, Kathy Rockel in Glory. She was born Apr. 14, 1942, at Riffe Branch, WV, in Mingo County.

She is survived by her loving husband, John Riggs; stepsons, Johnny and Harold; a beloved sister to Aracoma Hall, Damon, Laura Collins, Della Marcum, David, Abigail Runyon, Teresa Brewer and Paul Stevens; and a loving aunt to numerous nieces and nephews.

Services will be at 1 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 11, at Highland Memorial Gardens, Chapmanville, WV. Interment will follow in Highland Memorial Park Cemetery.

The family will receive friends prior to the service at the mausoleum on Friday.

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

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## Sandra C. Steep

**Lewisburg**-Sandra C. "Sandy" Steep, 73, passed away Monday, Feb. 7, 2022, at her residence with her loving family by her side.

She was born July 13, 1948, on Muddy Creek Mountain just west of Lewisburg, the daughter of Thelma Hanson Sampson and the late William Alfred Sampson.

St. Sandy, as the family would address her, was a former member of Frankford Presbyterian Church and a member of Jane's Chapel United Methodist Church. She retired as a Greenbrier County Deputy Assessor after 36 years.

Sandy loved her twin daughters, grandkids, family, square dancing and Saltine Crackers, which she was never caught without.

Other than her father she was preceded in death by her husband of 33 years, Thomas "Steve" Steep in 2005.

Surviving Sandy are her mother, Thelma Sampson; twin daughters, Amber Jackson (Earl) and April Hiser (Les); grandchildren, Kaitlyn Deskins Sheppard, Madison Jackson, Tyler Deskins, Christopher Jackson, Drew Jackson and Conner Jackson; great-grandkid, Addy Jackson; brothers, Randy Sampson (Peggy) and Malcomb Sampson; sister, Brenda Lemine (Sam); nephews and nieces, Brian

Sampson (Becky), Daniel Lemine, Jeremy Sampson, Lucas Lemine (Erin) and Shelly Sampson.

Graveside services for Sandy will be on Friday, Feb. 11, at Riverview Cemetery, Ronceverte, with Rev. Emory Hanna officiating.

The family received family and friends on Thursday evening, Feb. 10, at the Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Lewisburg.

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## Sandra Marie Schooler



**Alderson**-Sandra Marie Schooler, 59, formerly of Simi Valley, CA, passed away Sunday, Feb. 6, 2022, at Greenbrier Valley Medical Center in Fairlea, following a long illness.

Born Nov. 20, 1962, in Culver City, CA, she was the daughter of the late Donald Franklin and Marie Wallace Schooler.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her companion of 16 years, Daniel Irvin Overholtzer in 2012.

Ms. Schooler was a former Certified Nursing Assistant, having worked at Greenbrier Manor in Fairlea. She was a June 1980 graduate of Royal High School in Simi Valley, CA, where she played on the ladies basketball team and was a United States Navy Veteran. She enjoyed planting flowers and flower gardening, watching basketball, listening to music and collecting recipes. But above all, Ms. Schooler loved to socialize, talk, and spend time with her family and friends.

Survivors include two sons, Monte H. Overholtzer of Princeton, WV, and Samuel Dixon Overholtzer of Alderson; two brothers, James Franklin Schooler and Donald Thomas Schooler both of Simi Valley, CA; two nieces, Maddie Schooler and Leanne Schooler both of Simi Valley, CA, and two nephews, Cameron Schooler and Ryan Schooler both of Simi Valley, CA.

Funeral services will be on Saturday, Feb. 12, at 2 p.m. at the Lobban Funeral Home Chapel in Alderson, with the Rev. Sam Groves officiating. Burial will follow in the Alderson Cemetery, Alderson.

Friends may call Saturday, Feb. 12, from 1 to 2 p.m. at the Lobban Funeral Home in Alderson.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, CDC guidelines will be observed, with mask and social distancing encouraged.

Family and friends will

serve as pallbearers.

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

## Stephen Lee Davis



**White Sulphur Springs**-Stephen Lee Davis, known to everyone as "Steve," 61, departed this life Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2022.

Steve was born in Bluefield, WV, on June 19, 1960 to the late Robert, Jr. and Annie Davis.

Steve was a graduate of Bluefield High School (class of '78) in Bluefield. Being a road warrior, he began his career as a truck driver which took him to Atlanta, GA, Upland, CA and Roanoke, VA. Steve's most proud accomplishment was being the father to his son, Ryan. They were best buds and kept everyone laughing. He "lived his best life" every single day and lived life with no regrets. He touched many lives in his lifetime with his infectious smile and sense of humor.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert, Jr. "Bobby" and Annie "Gibby" Davis and brother, Marcus Davis.

His legacy will be carried on by his son, Ryan Davis and grandson, Khalil Davis. He is survived by his brother, Roderick Davis of White Sulphur Springs; sister, Tammy Davis of Woodbridge, VA; his baby momma, (in Steve's voice) Shelvne "Shelly" Embry; nieces and nephews, Taquisha (Larry) Smith, Roslyn (LeSean) Brown and Erica Davis all of Atlanta, GA, Tiffany (Kevin) Davis of Woodbridge, VA, and Teddy Robotham, Jr. of Colorado Springs, CO; great-nephews, LaDanian Smith and Kyle Robinson; special niece, Jenna Shernesky; his best friend Tracy "Beatsy" Carter; and a host of aunts, uncle, cousins and friends.

Funeral service was held on Thursday, Feb. 10 at the First Baptist Church of White Sulphur Springs where Pastor Greg Scott officiated.

Visitation was before the service at the First Baptist Church of White Sulphur Springs.

As per his wishes, he will be cremated following the service at the church.

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

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## Michael Staten

**Mobile, AL**-Michael Staten, 73, passed away suddenly and unexpectedly on Sept. 2, 2021.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Rich-

ard H. and Carol Staten and his brothers, Richard H. Staten, Jr. and Stanley Staten.

Mike is survived by his loving wife of 39 years, Barbara; his daughter, Keli Staten, and her husband, Jeff Palilio of Edmunds, Washington. He also leaves behind a sister Stuart Ann Hanna of White Sulphur Springs, and eight wonderful nephews, Rand, Chris, Matthew, Paul, Andrew, Justin and Quinn Hanna, and Phillip Staten and their families. Mike also leaves lifelong childhood summer camp friends, tennis partners, golfing mates, co-workers, and contractor friends.

Mike grew up in Lewisburg. He attended Greenbrier Military School, where his father was an instructor until the school's closing in 1978, from sixth grade through graduation.

He spent summers on Greenbrier River at Camp Shaw-Mi-Del-Eca, in Caldwell. His father was the camp director.

He graduated from West Virginia University with a degree in landscape design. He had a 35-year career with the United States Army Corp of Engineers.

In 2008, Mike received an organ transplant and was able to enjoy good health, family, friends, and retirement the 13 years since. He was a quiet fellow with a wonderful sense of humor, and a zest for life. Every day since his transplant was a blessing gifted by God and organ donation.

A celebration of his life memorial service is planned for the Spring of 2022 at the Greenbrier Military School Alumni Center in Lewisburg, West Virginia.

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## Noah Ivan Carter



**Alderson**-Noah Ivan Carter, 79, passed away peacefully with his granddaughter Alexa by his side on Friday, Jan. 28, 2022, at the Peyton Hospice House in Lewisburg.

He was born Aug. 29, 1942, in Yolyn, WV, a son of the late Isaac "Ike" and Etta Pearl (Lowe) Carter.

Noah graduated from Union High School in 1961, where he earned an induction into the Union football Hall of Fame. He went on to serve his country in the United States Army National Guard. Noah proudly retired from the Monroe County Board of Education, where he worked as a mechanic. He was a devout member of the Mountain View Baptist Church on Flat Moun-

tain, where he served as a deacon and Sunday school teacher. Noah will be remembered for his love of the outdoors, working, fixing anything that needing fixed, but most of all, he enjoyed spending time with family and friends.

He is survived by his loving wife, Gladys Carter, of Alderson; his son, Lee Carter, of Alderson; his daughter, Tracy Carter, of White Sulphur Springs; his brothers, Glenn Carter and wife Cathy of Sinks Grove and Dennis Carter and wife Ruby of Alderson; his sisters, Marcella Smith of Alderson and Judy Dent of Peterstown; his grandchildren, Tori Hanna of Alderson, Alexandria Preston and husband Lucas of Second Creek, Christopher Hanna and Jonathan Carter both of Alderson, and Payton Carter of Columbus, MS; his great-grandchildren, Noah Dozier, Mia Gilbert, Tanner Preston, Carly Preston, and Diana Carter; as well as many loving nieces, nephews, and cousins.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his daughter, Frances Arminta Hanna; and his brothers, Troy Carter and Delano Carter.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, Feb. 9, at the Mountain View Baptist Church on Flat Mountain in Alderson where the Pastor James Combs officiated.

Burial followed in the Adkins Cemetery on Flat Mountain in Alderson.

Friends called Wednesday, Feb. 9, before the service at the church.

Lobban Funeral Home is honored in being entrusted with the arrangements.

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

## Glee Lelia Nutter

Glee Lelia Nutter, 71, went to be with her Lord and Savior on Sunday, Feb. 6, 2022.

Miss Nutter was born on Oct. 23, 1950, in White Sulphur Springs, the daughter of the late Pastor L. E. Nutter and Mary Nutter.

After graduation from Greenbrier East's first graduating class in 1969 as valedictorian, she attended West Virginia University where she earned an Elementary Education Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education with a minor in Social Studies and a second minor in Psychology with Magna Cum Laude honors in 1973. She earned a Master of Arts degree in Reading Education in 1975, also from West Virginia University. She was certified as a Reading Specialist in West Virginia in 1989.

Miss Nutter taught Greenbrier County school children from 1974-2008. Her educational endeavors included 15 years as a second grade teacher at Rupert Elementary where she was a primary

developer of Outreach Education Projects; 13 years as a Reading Specialist, for the Title One program at Rupert; organizing of the Rupert P.T.S.A.; and recipient of commendations from the West Virginia State Education Department accompanied with nominations for National Innovation in Education Awards. She continued her Title One Reading activities at Crichton Elementary from 2001-2008.

Additionally, throughout her career she was an integral part as a writer, a coordinator, and a director of various educational activities. This included many children's dramas, school yearbook productions, parental involvement programs, and accelerated reader workshops, seminars, and councils. She was a member of Greenbrier East Hall of Fame, listed as Who's Who Among America's Teachers, A Greenbrier County Reading Teacher of the Year and a recipient of Title One awards. After retirement from the public school system, she continued educating students by substitute teaching, tutoring at The Tutoring Center and as an instructor at Greenbrier Community College.

Beyond her public school service, she and a partner organized, formed and directed a summer enrichment program for elementary age children, which she entitled Castle of Learning: The Mindblender, Inc. (1990-2006).

Miss Nutter grew up attending the Community Tabernacle Church in White Sulphur Springs. As an adult, she taught children's Sunday School, directed children special programs, and participated in the church's musical presentations. In later years, she was a church trustee and an administrator. After the Community Tabernacle was dissolved, she became an integral constituent of the McRoss Baptist Church in Hines.

In addition to her parents, her siblings, Mary Sandra Nutter, Lambuth Nutter and Leslie Nutter also preceded her in death. Her brother, Newman (Deborah) of Poca, WV, survives her. She has nine nieces and nephews and their families.

Funeral services for Glee will be Saturday, Feb. 12, at 2 p.m. at the Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in White Sulphur Springs with Pastor Bennie Kenney officiating. Interment will follow in the Greenbrier Memorial Gardens in Lewisburg.

The family will receive their family and friends from 1 until 2 p.m.

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)

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## Leroy Walton Smith



**Creamery**-Leroy Walton Smith, 82, passed away on Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2022, at Greenbrier Valley Medical Center, following a long illness.

He was born Jan. 1, 1940, in Sinks Grove, a son of the late John and Lilly Bowyer Smith.

After graduating from Greenville High School, Leroy was self-employed, working as mechanic and operating a lawn care service. He will be remembered for his love of the outdoors, hunting, working, and enjoying life, but most of all as a loving husband and father.

Leroy is survived by his loving wife of 62 years, Gloria Jean (Mann) Smith; his sons, Marvin E. Smith and wife Kathy of Ballengee, Randy L. Smith and wife Lisa of Hildale, Eddie D. Smith and wife of Lynchburg, VA; daughters, Brenda L. Fox and husband Tim of Talcott and Debra A. Smith of Creamery; his brother, Blaine Smith and wife Cathy of Wayside; his 12 grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren; as well as many loving nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his brother, James Smith; and his sisters, Elizabeth Longanacre and Dreama Comer.

Funeral services will be on Sunday, Feb. 13, at 2 p.m. at the Lobban Funeral Home Chapel in Alderson, with Pastor Jim Anderson officiating. Burial will follow in the Campground Cemetery at Creamery.

Friends may call Sunday, Feb. 13, from 1 to 2 p.m. at the Lobban Funeral Home in Alderson.

Serving as pallbearers are Ronnie Joe Mann, Marvin Smith, Randy Smith, Marvin Smith, Jr., Eddie Smith, Tim Fox, and Timothy Fox.

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

# A Look Back



Courtesy of the Greenbrier Historical Society.

### By William "Skip" Deegans

This undated photo of the Johnson Reynolds house on Chestnut Street was taken before the Greenbrier County Board of Education purchased it in 1940 for administrative offices. The house was built in 1835 by master builder John Dunn for Johnson and Elizabeth Reynolds on three acres of land. When completed, the house was undoubtedly one the grandest homes in Lewisburg. Johnson Reynolds was a lawyer, circuit judge, and served as clerk of the Court of Appeals.

To the right of the house and barely visible in the photo is a detached brick building that

served as the kitchen and possibly lodging for the Reynolds' enslaved servants.

To reduce the risk of fire destroying all of one's home, it was not uncommon for early American homes to have detached kitchens. It was up to the servants to transport meals to the dining room in the main house. Behind the kitchen, the photo reveals some more primitive frame or log outbuildings that may have been additional slave quarters.

The kitchen was eventually moved into the house. Bettie Sydenstricker Woodward recalled using the former kitchen as a playhouse when she was a child. In 1977, the detached

brick building was moved to the former county library on Washington Street. Dr. John Montgomery who lived near the west end of Chestnut Street heard a commotion about midnight. He put on his clothes, ran outside, and found the building on the move towards Jefferson Street. Although largely abandoned now, the old kitchen served as an annex to the library.

Sources: *Greenbrier Historical Society (John F. Montgomery papers), Letters From Lewisburg by Caroline S. Miller, Greenbrier Pioneers and Their Homes by Ruth Woods Dayton.*

## Instructors and volunteers needed for Kids' College 2022

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Interested in volunteering for Kids' College this year? Carnegie Hall also has opportunities for everyone, including students and retirees. Contact Volunteer Coordinator Teri Hartford at 304-645-7917, or by email to [volunteer@carnegiehallwv.org](mailto:volunteer@carnegiehallwv.org).



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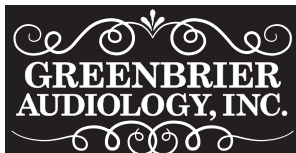
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DISTRICT MEADOW BLUFF MAP 67 PARCEL 0027 0000
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DISTRICT RAINELLE CORP MAP 5 PARCEL 0274 0000
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DISTRICT RAINELLE CORP MAP 5 PARCEL 0251 00000000
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**DISTRICT RAINELLE CORP MAP 5 PARCEL 0072 0000**

You will take notice that BILL BELL, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2020-S-0000052, LTS 27 & 28 BLK 33 LEVELTON LD IMPRVE CO 1ST ST 10, located in RAINELLE CORP, which was returned delinquent in the name of SEXTON DAISY D (LIFE ESTATE), 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.	\$ 196.64
Amount of subsequent years' taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to March 31, 2022.	\$ 0.00
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.	\$ 1,471.31
Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2022.	\$ 0.00
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>	\$ 1,667.95
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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(2020-S-0000055 - Greenbrier County - JESSE CLARK)

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**DISTRICT RAINELLE CORP MAP 1 PARCEL 0030 0000**

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Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to March 31, 2022.	\$ 284.42
Amount of subsequent years' taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to March 31, 2022.	\$ 48.64
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.	\$ 1,009.64
Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2022.	\$ 43.13
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>	\$ 1,385.83
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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(2020-S-0000056 - Greenbrier County - JESSE CLARK)

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**DISTRICT RAINELLE CORP MAP 1 PARCEL 0327 0000**

You will take notice that JESSE CLARK, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2020-S-0000056, 0.117 AC SIXTH STREET 27.15X86X41.71X93.06X96.82, located in RAINELLE CORP, which was returned delinquent in the name of JARRELL JEFFREY 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.	\$ 151.31
Amount of subsequent years' taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to March 31, 2022.	\$ 53.86
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.	\$ 1,009.64
Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2022.	\$ 43.13
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>	\$ 1,257.94
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**

(Cert. No. 131824 Mark W. and/or Doris K. Dooley)

To: SOUTHERN ALLEGHENY LAND CO, O. GAY ELMORE, JR., SOUTHERN ALLEGHENY LAND COMPANY, 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 56C PARCEL 0011**

You will take notice that Mark W. and/or Doris K. Dooley, the purchaser of the following real estate, Certification No. 131824, located in MEADOW BLUFF District, On Anjean Rd at Kessler W of SLS 1N of Rupert (R/W (B) which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of SOUTHERN ALLEGHENY LAND CO, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of Greenbrier County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on 10/04/2021. Mark W. and/or Doris K. Dooley requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after 03/02/2022, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before 03/02/2022 will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to 03/02/2022.	\$ 1,771.93
Amount of taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to 03/02/2022.	\$ 0.00
Amount paid for Title Examination and preparation of the list to be served and for preparation and service of notice with interest to 03/02/2022.	\$ 515.03
Additional statutory Fees with Interest to 03/02/2022.	\$ 0.00
Total Amount Payable to Sheriff - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check must be made payable to the <b>The Honorable Bruce Sloan, Sheriff and of Greenbrier County.</b>	\$ 2,286.96

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Given under my hand 1/5/2022.

**G. Russell Rollyson, Jr.**

G. Russell Rollyson, Jr.

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**LEGAL**

(2020-S-0000082 - Greenbrier County - WVTI 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 WVTI 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-0000064 - Greenbrier County - WVTI 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, 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 35J PARCEL 0003 0000**

You will take notice that WVTI 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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**LEGAL**

(Cert. No. 132199 Brandon Burgess)

To: BARBARA FORTE JOHNSON, BARBARA FORTE JOHNSON - REGULAR MAIL, RUTH S FORTE, ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS OF LILLIAN THURSTON, AKA FLORENCE LILLIAN THURSTON LAST KNOWN ADDRESS LOUISA, VA, 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 BLUE SULPHUR MAP NOMP PARCEL 0112 00000000**

You will take notice that Brandon Burgess, the purchaser of the following real estate, Certification No. 132199, located in BLUE SULPHUR District, LOTS 31, 32, 33, 34 HILL FROM FINLEY which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of FINLEY RUTH E JOHNSON BARBARA FORTE, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of Greenbrier County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on 10/04/2021. Brandon Burgess requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after 03/02/2022, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before 03/02/2022 will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to 03/02/2022.	\$ 462.59
Amount of taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to 03/02/2022.	\$ 0.00
Amount paid for Title Examination and preparation of the list to be served and for preparation and service of notice with interest to 03/02/2022.	\$ 940.27
Additional statutory Fees with Interest to 03/02/2022.	\$ 0.00
Total Amount Payable to Sheriff - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check must be made payable to the <b>The Honorable Bruce Sloan, Sheriff and of Greenbrier County.</b>	\$ 1402.86

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Given under my hand 1/5/2022.

**G. Russell Rollyson, Jr.**

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**LEGAL**

(2020-S-0000083 - Greenbrier County - WVTI 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 WVTI LLC, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2020-S-0000083, 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, to March 31, 2022.	\$ 128.96
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 must be made payable to the <b>The Honorable Bruce Sloan, Sheriff and Treasurer of Greenbrier County.</b>	\$ 1,812.82
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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## The Lewis reopens with something new in 2022

Trillium Performing Arts is reopening the doors of the Historic Lewis Theatre in 2022 with a new take on an old favorite. Now in its 40th year of production, Trillium hosts two versions of Friday Night Alive.

Event organizer Jeff Laughlin says, "Trillium's mission has always been to provide diverse performance opportunities for the community. Offering an adult Friday Night Alive in addition to our family friendly version opens up the stage to more

artists to express themselves."

On Friday, Feb. 25, at 8 p.m., Trillium will debut After 8: Friday Night Alive. The evening of community performance on the fringe will include established performers such as Michael Buttrill, Ben Cadle, Jeff Laughlin, and Devin Preston. You will also be introduced to new artists including Anna Knapp (aka Tasergirl), Anthony V. Camarda, and Dr. Vennum.

"We are excited to emerge out of Covid and begin our 40th year with

new work and new artists," Laughlin continued. "We hope Lewisburg is equally excited to support community members sharing their talents and ideas."

Tickets are still just \$6 for adults and \$3 for students and AmeriCorps. Masks are required and seating is limited to allow for social distancing. The content is rated mature for language and sexuality. Younger audience members can enjoy family friendly Friday Night Alive on Mar. 25.

## Carnegie Hall offers preshow reception for Amy Helm performance

Carnegie Hall presents Grammy Award winner Amy Helm on Friday, Feb. 18, at 7:30 p.m. in the Hamilton Auditorium. Prior to the performance the Hall brings back the popular Mainstage Lounge preshow

reception, from 6:30 to 7:15 p.m. in the Carnegie Hall Board Room.

Themed as Soulful Sweets with a Salty Treat, attendees may enjoy a wine or Prosecco paired with handcrafted chocolates. Guests also will

be entered into a drawing, with two winners receiving a free 45-minute Spa Halotherapy Room session for two people at The Salt Cave and Spa in White Sulphur Springs. The winners will be announced before the mainstage performance.

Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased at [www.carnegiehallwv.org](http://www.carnegiehallwv.org) or at the door. Carnegie Hall is located at 611 Church Street and its Board Room is located adjacent to the Auditorium. Masks are required and space is limited.

## Super Crossword

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| <b>ACROSS</b>                              | 52 Eligible for Soc. Sec.                      | 92 Minneapolis-Montreal dir.       | 6 Universal truth            | 38 Color                          | 79 Active types               |
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| 23 Endlessly repeating programming problem | 64 China's Zhou —                              | 103 Bacterium, e.g.                | 13 Nonverbal "yes"           | 50 New Mexico skiing spot         | 90 Being amorous, to Brits    |
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| 27 Man-mouse middle                        | 72 Prickly shrub                               | 111 Miracle- (plant food)          | 16 French racing city        | 56 Floral symbol of purity        | 98 Roccoco                    |
| 28 What iPads run on                       | 75 Occurrence                                  | 112 Vocalist Sumac                 | 17 "Upon my word!"           | 58 Former "Top Chef" judge        | 99 Watery silks               |
| 30 "Boston Legal" actor James              | 76 — d'Or (Cannes award)                       | 115 Not together                   | 18 "David" and "The Thinker" | 59 Rounded roof                   | 101 Whiskey type              |
| 31 Higher, spiritual level of awareness    | 77 G-man, e.g.                                 | 118 2, for helium                  | 19 Imitating sorts           | 63 "P.S. I — U" (old TV show)     | 103 Political hostess         |
| 38 Get a whiff of 40                       | 80 Cousin's mommy                              | 123 Like rags                      | 24 Prefix with state         | 65 They may be glossed over       | 104 Thoughts                  |
| 40 Lift to check the weight of             | 82 Actresses Carrere and Mowry                 | 124 Follow, as a pointer           | 29 Make afraid               | 67 "You got that right!"          | 105 Injury marks              |
| 41 Gig hookup                              | 84 "Look here as well," in a reference book    | 125 Join a force                   | 32 Fake fat in some chips    | 69 "Joey" star LeBlanc            | 106 Singer Hayes              |
| 42 PC key abbr.                            | 86 1931 crime film starring Edward G. Robinson | 126 Evaluates                      | 33 Kind of camera, in brief  | 70 Anxious                        | 107 Bow's shape               |
| 43 Elicitor of a major "Whew!"             | 90 — Juan                                      | 127 Partner of Cheech              | 34 Just-OK grade             | 71 Make revisions to              | 108 Tune for nine             |
| 46 Zodiac ram                              | 91 Late hours, in ads                          | 128 Chinese system of calisthenics | 35 — a mile (not even close) | 72 Farm bundle                    | 109 Fit together              |
| 48 Truckload                               |  |                                    | 36 "Yes, sign me up"         | 73 Lay waste to                   | 114 Beginner's painting class |
| 51 Basso solo, e.g.                        |  |                                    | 37 14-member oil gp.         | 74 Picks off, as a pass           | 116 Pipe joint                |
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### HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF

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### Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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# Bridal 2022

## Unique locations to host a wedding

*When tying the knot, couples continue to do so in familiar venues. Houses of worship, hotels and country clubs remain wildly popular wedding venues. Couples who want to stray from that norm often look for unique locations to say "I do," and there's no shortage of special spots to do just that.*

### Rooftop venues

Few backdrops inspire the awe of city skylines, especially when couples wait to get hitched until night has fallen and buildings have lit up. Rooftop restaurants and bars have undergone a resurgence in recent years, and these facilities are tailor-made for city-dwelling couples who want an enviable backdrop for their nuptials. Many such establishments are even affiliated with hotels,

which can simplify wedding planning.

### Museums

Couples who want their guests to take a stroll through history before they watch the happy couple stroll down the aisle can consider tying the knot at a local museum. Many museums offer a variety of ceremony and reception options. The vaulted ceilings and airy quality of many art museums make them an ideal place to host large gatherings. The unique decor of such facilities guarantees couples will get some awe-inspiring photos on their big day.

### Vineyard/winery

Oenophiles will no doubt love the idea of getting hitched at a vineyard or winery, but even people without a taste for wine can



appreciate such locales. Sprawling fields and expansive skies make vineyards and wineries an ideal place to tie the knot, and

guests will no doubt enjoy the unique surroundings.

### Stadiums

Couples who first bonded over their love of a particular sport and/or favorite team can incorporate that into their nuptials by getting married at a stadium. Professional and collegiate teams typically offer wedding and reception packages, and guests may appreciate the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to hang out on the field where their favorite athletes play.

### Historic homes

Another go-to option for history buffs, historic homes and mansions can make for memorable places to get married. Such homes tend to have a classic appeal, making them ideal for couples who want traditional weddings that call to mind the grandiose ceremonies of bygone eras.

Couples have an endless array of options when looking for wedding venues. Some outside-the-box options can impress guests and make for memorable ceremonies and receptions.

## How to take the hectic out of your big day

Weddings are among the most complex events many people will ever plan. Couples often try to go the extra mile in an effort to make the day memorable for themselves and their guests. That pressure can make a wedding day feel a little frenzied. Thankfully, there are various ways to ensure the vibe of the big day is happy and not hectic.

### Hire a wedding planner/coordinator

Leaving the nitty gritty to a professional wedding planner takes a lot of pressure off of couples. The renowned wedding resource The Knot says wedding planners are clued into everything there is to know about a wedding and they can be tapped to take care of just about anything on couples' to-do list.

### Consider a package deal

All-inclusive resorts are popular vacation spots because variables like entertainment, lodging, food, drinks, and more is all taken care of, leaving vacationers with little to do other than show up and relax. Couples can apply that same approach

on their wedding day. Host the ceremony and reception at the same site, which takes the potentially problematic issue of getting guests to and fro out of the equation. Some venues may even provide in-house vendors like photographers and florists. Such vendors' familiarity with the venue reduces the risk of surprises that can derail wedding day schedules.

### Pick your priorities

Avoid getting bogged down on a million details by making a list of your priorities when planning. Couples can revisit this list a couple of days before their wedding so they remember what's most important to them on the big day. This refresher can ensure couples don't get too concerned if minor issues arise during their big day, helping them remain calm and keeping a focus on all the fun to be had during the day.

*It's easy for couples to feel a little overwhelmed on their wedding day. Some simple strategies can take the hectic out of couples' wedding day and ensure they keep their focus on one another and their loved ones.*

## Picture perfect wedding day photography tips

*Few things document weddings more effectively than photographs. Carefully curated wedding albums and portraits hung on walls serve as daily reminders of a couple's special day.*

Photography is often left in the very qualified hands of professional photographers. However, couples can pitch in to make their photos really pop. These picture pointers from industry insiders can help couples put their best smile forward.

### Leave ample time

A carefully orchestrated timeline can ensure photos are the best they can be. Why? Because a couple who is relaxed and not overwhelmed will notice that attitude translates to their photographs. When planning wedding timelines, couples should leave ample opportunities for getting dressed, chatting with the wedding party and going through various photography settings to grab great photos, advise the experts at Martha Stewart.

### Put together a short list

The photographer will have his or her ideas of which shots to cover, but a couple with specific goals in mind should relay that information to their photographer. For example, if a grandparent is getting up in years, request some solo photos of that person so you can look back on happy times together. Certain couples want



**A vineyard can provide an idyllic backdrop for a wedding.**

to be snapped posing with a beloved pet. Putting that on the list helps ensure it will happen.

### Enlist a family photo coordinator

If the photographer does not have his or her own assistant, recruit someone who is assertive to help wrangle everyone for the family shots. Attempt to get family photos when family members are relaxed but not too far ruffled by dancing or having a good time.

### Play your style safe

A wedding day is not a time for the bride or groom to try a dramatic new style, according to photographer Amanda

Lamb. Resist the urge for a daring cut or color. It's also likely not the place to try out new facial hair or heavy makeup. A couple unaccustomed to the way they look may be shy in front of the camera.

### Delve into the details

Prepare wedding details, like gowns, shoes, accessories, etc., in advance to save time once the photographer arrives, suggests Desi Mendoza, a pro from Dez and Tam Photography. Invest in a beautiful hanger for the wedding gown as well, because you may want to photograph that on its own.

### Learn to pose

Couples can practice posing in front of mirrors to get a feel for body positions that put them in their best light. A photographer's advice in regard to posture is invaluable as well. Create space between arms and the body and learn how to angle the body so you look your best.

Photos will capture wedding day memories forever. Couples can put themselves in the best positions for success by following some photography guidelines.



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## The rise of the microwedding



*The effects of the COVID-19 pandemic have been far-reaching. People from all walks of life have had to confront the pandemic and the changes it wrought, and many of those changes could have some staying power.*

Wedding industry experts note that one of the more noticeable and potentially long-lasting effects of the pandemic has been the rise of microweddings. The 2020 Real Weddings Study (COVID-19 Edition) found that 58 percent of couples who planned to get married in 2020 ended up reducing their guest list by a significant percentage. The average reduction was 41 percent, and some suspect small ceremonies may be the new normal in the years ahead.

### Microweddings

Microweddings are not necessarily a new trend, as couples have always had the option of getting married with only a small number

of family and friends in attendance. However, microweddings could be an emerging trend, and cost may have a lot to do with that. The Wedding Planner Institute notes that microweddings cost anywhere from \$1,600 to \$10,000, though the group notes that most microweddings fall somewhere in the middle of that range. A 2020 survey from TD Ameritrade found that 47 percent of respondents felt that cost of living was the biggest threat to their financial security and long-term investments. Engaged couples confronting the well-documented post-pandemic increase in cost of living, including an unprecedented rise in housing costs, could see expensive weddings as luxuries they simply can't afford. Microweddings could be viewed as a cost-effective way to combat the rising cost of living that still allows couples to share their big day with their closest friends and family members.

The WPI has urged wedding planners to offer microwedding packages in an effort to capitalize on this emerging trend. Data from

The Wedding Report indicated that the total number of weddings would rise to 2.77 million in 2021, an increase of roughly 650,000 over the yearly average. Even if only a fraction of couples who tie the knot in 2022 opt for a microwedding, a preexisting microwedding package can help wedding planners secure their business. Couples who opt for microweddings may do so to save money, but also to avoid the effort and save the time required to plan more lavish affairs. Such couples may be especially excited to work

with wedding planners who can plan their weddings regardless of how small the affair may be.

### What goes into a microwedding

Nothing should be off the table when planning a microwedding. The fewer the people who will be there, the more freedom planners and couples may have. The WPI notes that microweddings afford planners and couples the chance to get personal in ways that may not be possible when organizing larger affairs. Planners can focus on small details and allow couples to make their ceremonies and receptions as personal as they would like. Couples who prefer microweddings tend to emphasize minimalism, so keeping things simple is something to keep in mind when planning microweddings.

Microweddings are an emerging trend that make for a realistic option for couples and the people they hire to help them plan their big day. plan their big day.



## TIMELINE TIP

### Factors to consider when planning your wedding day timeline

The notion that "timing is everything" is applicable in many situations, perhaps none more so than on a couple's wedding day. Many couples spend months, if not years, planning their weddings in the hopes that all that hard work will ultimately result in a day they will cherish forever.

The sheer volume of things to do on a wedding day can make couples feel overwhelmed. Those feelings can be overcome by emphasizing timing on the day of the wedding. Wedding day timelines will differ depending on variables that are unique to each couple's wedding, but the following are some factors to consider as couples organize the big day.

- **Venue(s):** The schedule couples adhere to on their wedding day will be greatly affected by their choice of venue. Does the venue have somewhere on premises for the couple and their party to get ready? Are the ceremony and reception being held at the same venue? Before creating a timeline, consider the location of the ceremony and reception venue(s) and the accommodations each provides. Getting to and from multiple facilities won't be an issue if couples choose a multipurpose venue where they can get ready, tie the knot and dance the night away all in one place. Couples who will be moving from venue to venue throughout the day must

throughout the day must through the time it takes them and their party to get about into their timelines.

- **Wedding party:** The size of the wedding party also bears consideration when planning a wedding day timeline. Large parties will require more time to get ready, and that should be factored into couples' timelines. Large parties also may be harder to corral and transport from place to place, so couples should build some extra time into their timelines to account for that. Small wedding parties can be easier to manage, so couples with small parties may be able to begin their timelines a little later in the day than those with large wedding parties.

- **Weather:** Weather is the most unpredictable variable couples need to plan for on their wedding days. As the wedding day approaches, couples can monitor the day's forecast and then make any necessary changes to account for inclement weather. Getting around in a rainstorm will likely take longer than moving about on a sunny day, so some minor tweaks to the timeline may be necessary if storms or another type of inclement weather is in the forecast.

Couples can access wedding day timeline templates on various websites. But it's important that couples remember that their weddings are unique, so online guidelines might not be realistic. A careful consideration of a handful of variables specific to couples' weddings can help them craft timelines that make their big day go smoothly.

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## Greater Greenbrier Chamber of Commerce annual dinner and meeting scheduled

The Greater Greenbrier Chamber of Commerce announces its annual dinner and meeting Friday, Mar. 4, from 6 to 9:30 p.m. at The Greenbrier.

Steve Talbott of Greenbrier Automotive has been selected Business Leader of the Year and Swift Level Fine Meats will be recognized as the outstanding new business in the area. Davis Stuart has been chosen the nonprofit of the year.

This year's keynote speaker is Dr. Danny Twilley, Assistant Vice President of Economic, Community and Asset Development for the Brad and Alys Smith Outdoor Economic Development Collaborative. He will address the Ascend West Virginia program that has chosen Lewisburg, along with Morgantown and Shepherdstown, as one of its first three featured cities.

By utilizing West Virginia University's intellectual and social capital, Dr. Twilley focuses on growing the state's outdoor economy to make West Virginia a more desirable place to live, work and play by



Dr. Danny Twilley is this year's keynote speaker.

leveraging the state's expansive outdoor recreation assets. To do so, he leads initiatives that focus on talent attraction and retention, outdoor community development, outdoor recreation asset development, business development, workforce development and research to tell the story of outdoor recreation in the state. He

approaches this work by engaging with communities and facilitating academic collaborations across the University, state and local governments, outdoor industry, and related groups.

Dr. Twilley received his B.S. from Salisbury University, and his M.S. and Ph.D. from Ohio University. Prior to joining WVU, he spent 13 years as a faculty member in Ohio University's Recreation and Sport Pedagogy Department where he served as a Professor of Instruction and Assistant Professor in the Recreation, Parks, and Leisure Studies Program. He was the Director of the University's Ecotourism Certificate, Interim Program Coordinator, Coordinator of the Outdoor Skill Development Program, and led education abroad programs for seven years to places such as Costa Rica and the Balkans. In addition to his academic career, he has worked for organizations such as Outward Bound, Project Adventure,

Sun River Recreation Department and the Appalachian Mountain Club. It is safe to say that he has wasted no time on using his knowledge to improve the world around him through outdoor recreation and community.

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To order tickets, members should call 304-645-2818 or go online to [www.greenbrierwvchamber.org](http://www.greenbrierwvchamber.org).

## Johnson named to Coldwell Banker International President's Premier



Tom Johnson

Tom Johnson of Lewisburg, a broker and representative with Coldwell Banker Stuart and Watts Real Estate, has earned membership in the company's International President's Premier. This award represents the top one percent of all 96,000 sales associates and rep-

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Johnson can be reached at 304-667-8988. Stuart and Watts Real Estate has been an affiliate of the Coldwell Banker system for 116 years. Serving southern West Virginia, Tom brings clients 31+ years of real estate experience, combined with unmatched skills, knowledge and a passion for realizing their real estate goals. Our office sold 357 real estate properties in 2021, leading the Greenbrier County Board of Realtors.

## Congresswoman Miller announces grant for Mountain Steer Meat Company in Greenbrier County

Congresswoman Carol Miller (R-WV) announced that a U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development grant worth \$249,660 has been awarded to the Mountain Steer Meat Company in Lewisburg.

The investment will be used to hire a head butcher, butcher assistant, administrative assistant, and meat shop assistant. A \$27,740 borrower contribution will be included in the project, bringing the total investment to \$277,400.

"I am thrilled to see Mountain Steer Meat Company receive this grant to create new jobs in our community," said Congresswoman Miller. "By expanding their workforce, this small business

can continue to supply quality, local meat throughout the community and ultimately reinvest in the regional economy. As a family-owned business located just outside of Lewisburg, Mountain Steer Meat Company prides itself on being local from beginning to end. They exemplify what it means to be a West Virginia operation and with this grant, they can expand and thrive."

"Mountain Steer Meat Co. feels by supporting local farmers, our mission is to help West Virginia feed itself," said James Tuckwiller, Co-Owner of Mountain Steer Meat Company. "We were discouraged to see our cattle shipped out of state just to be bought back

on the grocery shelves. We have the product here, so we wanted to invest in our farmers instead. And thanks to the support from the USDA, we're able to create local jobs in our communities simultaneously."

"James and I are very invested in our area," said Frank Ford, Co-Owner of Mountain Steer Meat Company. "This grant gave us the ability to fulfill one our main goals, employ people in our community and provide them with a career. Mountain Steer Meat Company was created to localize this industry as it was decades ago, from cattle to jobs. This state has done a lot for us, it is time we gave back to it."

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