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## Lewisburg plans for new wayfinding signage

By Sarah Richardson

The city of Lewisburg hosted a second public meeting at City Hall this week to hear input from the public regarding proposed wayfinding signage for the downtown region. Members of the Historic Landmarks Commission (HLC), the Mills Group Historic Preservation and Architectural Firm, and city officials gathered Tuesday, Feb. 15 to hear feedback and ideas from attendees.

Ryan McClain, a creative design and planning associate with the Mills Group, said that the goal of the new signs is to highlight a variety of things downtown including parking areas, public restrooms, shops, restaurants, and historical areas. He proposed some rough designs that would be easy to follow without being overbearing in the historic district. While final decisions such as

colors, sizing, and placement are all very much up in the air, participants at the meeting reviewed the amount of information presented on each sign, as well as general topics they would like to make sure are included.

McClain specified that they plan to use existing poles and structures for the signs when possible, such as the posts that hold the stoplights at the main intersections. This gives them the ability to highlight areas located off of Washington Street, as well, without taking up extra sidewalk space.

City Manager Misty Hill specified that no designs or locations have been finalized, and that the group is currently in the first planning phases. However, regardless of the type of signs chosen, everyone expressed strong interest in making sure they are updatable in order to

keep up with the ever-changing and growing city. McClain proposed removable sections of each sign, updatable panels, or vinyl that can be easily replaced as some of many options available to do this. For an instantly updatable version, the utilization of QR codes is a fun practical addition for visitors who wish to navigate via smart phone. By adding a QR code to the sign, anyone with a smart phone can scan the square using their camera to downtown relevant information, such as a map or a link to a website.

While the project continues through beginning-stage development, it remains an exciting opportunity to promote the city and highlight all that our "Coolest Small Town" has to offer.

## Commissioner McClung to complete probation, training in pre-trial diversion

By Sarah Richardson

Greenbrier County Commissioner Mike McClung must complete one year of probation, as well as training established by the West Virginia Ethics Commission, according to a pre-trial diversion struck on Tuesday, Feb. 15, in Raleigh County Circuit Court.

McClung was facing three charges: unauthorized access to computer services, unauthorized possession of computer data or programs, and unauthorized possession of computer information, after an incident occurred at Greenbrier Valley Airport on Aug. 23, 2019.

A document filed on Jan. 22, 2020 by Special Prosecuting Attorney Brian Parson states, "Michael McClung did knowingly, willfully and without authorization, directly or indirectly, access or caused to be accessed a computer or computer network belonging to Greenbrier Valley Airport with the intent to obtain computer services by physically removing a computer hard drive from the Greenbrier Valley Airport and later making duplicates of the aforesaid hard drive."

McClung later admitted to entering the airport and taking the hard drive and copying its contents, but he denied viewing any of the information.



Mike McClung

Upon completion of diversion agreement, the three charges are expected to be dropped.

## Anthony Youth Correctional Facility rebuild update given by Sen. Baldwin

By Adam Pack

After closing due to the presence of black mold in May of 2018, the Anthony Youth Correctional Facility was slated to undergo extensive renovation with a tentative original deadline of August 2022 for the completion of mold removal and repair.

These repairs were then expected to cost \$33 million, with State Senator Stephen Baldwin stating in 2019 that, "We want to do it the right way so we don't end up in this position again."

When Anthony Correctional closed, inmates had to be rehoused in other facilities around the region. The boys were sent to Parkersburg and Denmark Correctional Facility, the girls were sent to Lakin Correctional Facility, and staff members had their jobs relocated, as well. Some of those facilities are hours away and have caused a great deal of inconvenience for area correctional workers and their families.

This week, Senator Baldwin has provided an update on the project in his regular column.

"Earlier this week, I met Anthony Correctional Center Superintendent Robert Neal and the Department See "Anthony Rebuild" Page 3

## Lewisburg City Council approves final Starbucks plat, motions to add police officer

By Sarah Richardson

Lewisburg City Council met Tuesday, Feb. 15, to discuss adding an additional police officer to the Lewisburg Police Department, formally recognize the 2021 Volunteer of the Year, change the starting time for future council meetings, and approve the final plat for the new Starbucks location.

### Nature's Way

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The meeting began with a discussion on changing the start time of Council meetings to be consistent with Finance Committee meetings. Currently, the Finance Committee meets at 7 p.m., and Council meets the following week at 7:30 p.m. Councilmembers floated the idea of having both meetings start at 7 p.m. to avoid any confusion on the start times between the two. With all in favor, the motion passed, and Lewisburg City Council will now convene each third Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Lewisburg City Hall.

Mayor Beverly White again announced that the 2021 Volunteer of the Year is the Greater Greenbrier COVID-19 Task Force, who also received the 2020 Volunteer of the Year award. The Council had been waiting to present the award to a representative of the task force. Councilmember Valerie Pritt, a member of the task force, accepted the award.

"I'm representing a whole lot of people that aren't here," Pritt said. "Every week, sometimes three times a week, for two years now, we've all met together and put together everything, and I'm honored to be the person that's here tonight with you all. I want to thank everyone in the community for their support."

City Manager Misty Hill said she has been continuously working on the new water plant project, which will be going out to pre-bid on Mar. 3, and bids opening on Mar. 22. "That's really exciting, and we still have a lot to do," she said. "We're not knocking down the door that we're going to have water plant construction anytime soon, but we are going to go out to bid just to see what the change in expense is from what we predicted in 2019 and where we are at now, and what we need to strive to work towards."

Hill said that she has also been working with Lewisburg Fire Chief Joey Thomas and the Thrasher Engineering Group on planning of the new fire station building. The new station will be located off of Grand Avenue, across from Lewisburg Cinema 8. "We finished the development, now we are just back to working on the numbers and seeing where we are at, and how large of a building he needs to get things by." She noted that "it's grown just a smidge."

She also reported that the city is working on the possibility of placing a dog park at Dorie Miller, and she is working with the parks department on options for this plan.

Finance Committee Chair Aaron Seams said there is a request to add a police officer position to the Lewisburg



City Manager Misty Hill reported on Tuesday that it's time to remove the winter snowflakes from downtown as the beginning of spring approaches. Public Works crews were out Wednesday and Thursday stripping the lampposts of their festive garb. "Hopefully this means it will stop snowing," joked Councilmember Valerie Pritt.

Police Department. "Due to the ongoing rise of calls for service from Lewisburg's Police Department, we've definitely seen a need to expand our police department and add an officer," he said. Despite there being a "small decrease in calls" throughout the pandemic, the trend has been an overall increase in calls. The addition of another officer will allow the police department to have two fully-staffed shifts, and two officers always on patrol. Seams reports that the first-year impact of adding an officer is \$146,637.36, with almost half of that expense stemming from providing a cruiser. Following years will carry a budget impact of \$72,360.36. Councilmember John Little noted that, "In 2012 the call numbers were 996, and in 2021 were 2,711. That's almost a threefold increase in calls over a nine-year period."

In other news:

• Planning and Zoning Officer Marsha Cunningham said that the Planning Commission approved the final plat plans for the new Starbucks at Wal-Mart. There were no changes from the initial plan. She also updated the commission on a sewer line extension project for the Rolling Hills and Brush Road areas. There will be an addition of four pump stations to serve the areas, with conditions that the construction crews "put

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# AmeriCorps looks to fill positions

By Adam Pack

In partnership with AmeriCorps, a national youth volunteerism organization, High Rocks has opened the application process for two half-year positions (March 2022 - August 2022) for both the Lee Street facility in Lewisburg as well as positions at their Hillsboro campus. For specific information on serving at The Hub, emails can be directed to keveney@highrocks.org. For information on serving at either of High Rocks' facilities at Lewisburg or Hillsboro, email AmeriCorps@highrocks.org or call 304-653-4891

High Rocks operates both The Hub and Tech Express in Lewisburg. Tech Express is a program and a company which provides computer hardware and software repair and maintenance services, as well educational tutorials on computer use and repair. Tech Express employs area youth with adult supervision and training in order to give them valuable technical and business operational skills.

The Hub Cafe functions on a similar model, providing quality, affordable food to the community while training teens in marketable skills and knowledge relevant to the restaurant and hospitality industry.

# Delegates propose tax relief for seniors

Several members of the West Virginia House of Delegates introduced a resolution Feb. 8 that aims to increase the state's homestead tax exemption.

The proposal came in the form of House Joint Resolution 107, which lead sponsor Delegate Phil Mallow, R-Marion, said would reduce the property taxes for the West Virginians who need it most: retirees and seniors between the ages of 65 and 80.

"Here in the West Virginia Legislature, we are constantly looking for ways to give back to our senior citizens," Mallow said. "As property taxes keep going up and our seniors receive very little, if any, financial increases in their monthly incomes, it is imperative we help them out in any way possible.

"These folks who are challenged monthly by their limited incomes need help to meet their expenses and make their quality of life a little bit better," Mallow said.

HJR107, if adopted by the Legislature, would propose an amendment to the West Virginia Constitution. Voters then would be asked during the 2022 General Election to vote on the potential amendment, which would increase the current homestead tax exemption rate by \$20,000 for every five years of the age of the homeowner until the person reaches age 80 and the maximum exemption of \$80,000.

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# Full steam ahead on the Meadow River Rail Trail

After years of planning and setbacks caused by a natural disaster, the Meadow River Valley that once echoed with the chug of steam-powered locomotives will be replaced with the sounds of bikers and hikers. The Meadow River Rail Trail is a project that started by preserving the railroad right-of-way for the 23-mile corridor between Nallen and Rainelle.



Damage on the Russellville Bridge

Construction on the trail began near Nallen but was extensively damaged during the 2016 flood. Necessary trail repairs are underway, and completion is expected by this fall. The Russellville Bridge that was damaged will take longer to repair. The Fayette and Greenbrier County Commissions have worked tirelessly to complete the repairs and facilitate additional improvements and expansion.

In partnership with the West Virginia Division of Highways, the two county commissions are currently bidding on a trail improvements project between the Russellville Bridge and Burdette Creek Bridge, with construction expected to start this year. The Greenbrier County Commission recently selected an engineering firm to design the remaining trail improvements between Burdette Creek Bridge and Rainelle. The commissions expect that the trail between Nallen and Rainelle will be open by 2024.

The Meadow River Rail Trail will be an economic driver and a tremendous community asset. Due to stipulations set when the land was purchased, the trail will be designated for non-motorized use only (no ATVs). For more information, email the Meadow River Rail Trail at meadowriverrailtrail@gmail.com.



# Local West Virginia Brewery collaborates with Pink Boots Society

GVBC believes in the continued success and growth of women in the beer industry

Greenbrier Valley Brewing Company (GVBC) is set to release their new Ninkasi Saison in collaboration with Pink Boots Society for this year's 5th annual Pink Boots Collaboration Brew Day on Feb. 21. This beer will be brewed with Pink Boots Society's 2021 Feature blend of hops, produced by Yakima Chief Hops, which will donate \$3 for every pound of hops sold to Pink Boots Society for education and programming.

This beer will launch the beginning of the Pathfinder Series, designated to signify those who are the first to create new ideas, knowledge, or activities both within the brewing industry and social movements throughout history and current events.

The Brewery would like invite all in supporting our women and/or nonbinary individuals in the beer industry by attending their special release party at Greenbrier Valley Brewing Company on Saturday, Mar. 12, at 6 p.m. Key speakers will include Jennifer Runyon, Vice President of American Distributing; with live music from West Virginia rock band Samantha Fox and the Hound Dogs.

Pink Boots Society's mission is to "assist, inspire, and encourage the professional development and education of women in our industry." With the help of their partnership with Yakima Chief Hops, this society has been able to provide scholarships to young women and nonbinary persons that have a desire to pursue a career in beer industry. Breweries across the United States have been allowed the opportunity to support Pink Boot Society by purchasing the specialty blended hops to create their own Pink Boots Society brew.

Greenbrier Valley Brewing Company will be presenting a woody, spicy Saison which will complement the fruity characteristics of the selected hop blend of HBC 630, Idaho Gem, Loral, Talus, and Triumph at their release party in March.

Get out. Explore. Support your local female beer industry workers. Bring Beer.

Learn more about Greenbrier Valley Brewing Company at [www.gvbc.beer](http://www.gvbc.beer). Donate to the Pink Boots Society and learn more about how you can make a difference at <https://www.pinkbootsociety.org/about-us/>.

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**SCOOTER**  
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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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## Williamsburg Community Shooting Match

Our next match will be Saturday, Feb. 19, at the Williamsburg Community Center. Match starts at 7 p.m. but food concession will open at 6 p.m. The match will be eight rounds, 12-gauge guns only. Full choke, .660 inch minimum. Screw in chokes must be from a recognized supplier (patented) and extend no more than 3 inches beyond original barrel. Barrel length 34" maximum. First seven rounds are \$2 per shot, eighth round 50/50 is \$5 per shot. Shooters must compete in the first seven rounds in order to compete in the eighth round. 50/50 splatter match is \$1 per chance between rounds. Cash prizes will be awarded. You do not need to be a shooter to win! Come early! Come hungry! Delicious hot food and refreshments will be available starting at 6 p.m. Families welcome - you don't have to shoot to come get a meal. The match will be held at the Community Building on Sinking Creek Road next door to the fire department. We hope to see you all there. Proceeds will benefit Williamsburg Community service projects. These events are sponsored by a joint effort of the Williamsburg Community Action and the Williamsburg Ruritans. For more information and directions visit [www.williamsburgwv.com](http://www.williamsburgwv.com)

## Democratic Women's Club

The Greenbrier County Democratic Women's Club will meet Tuesday, Feb. 22 at 5:30 p.m. at Fellowship Hall at Old Stone Presbyterian Church in Lewisburg. Kayla McCoy, candidate for County Clerk, will be the guest speaker. Please join us and bring a friend to meet Ms. McCoy and learn more about the Democratic Party, our priorities and activities in our community.

## Share Your Good News in the MRV

Building on the success of Meadow River Valley Association's (MRVA) Good News event last fall, we are hosting a second virtual gathering on Mar. 24, at 6:30 p.m. There are a wealth of successes, recognitions and achievements within the Meadow River Valley, and we want to hear about yours. Did you win a scholarship, or were you accepted to college? Did you hire a new staff member? Are you expanding your business? Maybe your walking group met its six-month milestone. During Good News Meadow River Valley, you have two minutes via Zoom to share your news and celebrate with others. There were 16 good news updates last fall - help us round up to an even 20! To learn more or participate, email Dara Vance at [dara@meadowriver-valley.org](mailto:dara@meadowriver-valley.org).

## Tax Relief

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The current homestead tax exemption allows for the first \$20,000 of assessed value of a home to be exempt from property tax when that home is occupied by an owner aged 65 or older or an owner who is permanently and totally disabled.

Nine Delegates signed on to the proposal as co-sponsors: Delegate Austin Haynes, R-Fayette; Delegate Trenton Barnhart, R-Pleasants; Delegate Roger Conley, R-Wood; Delegate George Miller, R-Morgan; Delegate Josh Holstein, R-Boone; Delegate Charlie Reynolds, R-Marshal; House Majority Leader Amy Summers, R-Taylor; Delegate John Mandt, R-Cabell; and Delegate Josh Booth, R-Wayne.

Many co-sponsors of HRJ107 expressed their thoughts on the importance of the proposal:

"Since my first days in the House of Delegates, I've had many priorities, but among the top has been helping our seniors," said Barnhart. "This is a wonderful bill that will help our seniors, and I enthusiastically support it."

"Giving back to our taxpayers is a commitment many of us made during our campaigns," Conley said. "I think we need to start with our great senior citizens. We now have a very healthy surplus, and I would submit that the time is now."

"I made a promise to my constituents that I would work hard to increase the amount of the homestead exemption," said Haynes. "This piece of legislation will directly benefit so many folks in our state who put in their years of service to build our state and our country; it's time to give back to them."

"Increasing the homestead exemption will help alleviate the burdens of inflation, skyrocketing utility rates and cost-of-living expenses by allowing our seniors to keep more of their hard-earned money," said Holstein. "The sponsors of this bill are dedicated to providing tax relief to all our citizens, especially our senior citizens, who unfortunately sometimes get overlooked."

"As prices continue to rise, those on Social Security have less expendable money in their pockets," Mandt said. "The adoption of this resolution would help lighten the burden of those continued rising expenses."

"This homestead act is a good bill for our seniors," Miller said. "It's never easy to take the first steps toward tax relief, but we need more bills like this."

"It is time for West Virginia to help its seniors," said Reynolds. "The homestead exemption is a good start for our seniors who truly are the backbone of our country. They've worked hard and deserve better."

HJR107 has been referred to the House Finance Committee and House Judiciary Committee for consideration. The regular legislative session ends at midnight Mar. 12.

## 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.

## Lewisburg Planning Commission

will meet Thursday, Mar. 3, at 7 p.m. in the Paul R. Cooley Council Chambers at City Hall, 942 Washington Street West. Also available via Teleconference. For information on how to participate on ZOOM contact Marsha Cunningham at 304-645-2080 ext. 120 before 2 p.m. on Mar. 3. On the agenda:

- Approval of Minutes - Feb. 3, 2022
- Comments from the public
- Sketch plan review: Seneca Trail Animal Hospital, 3453 Jefferson Street North
- Comments from the Commission
- Comments from the Planning & Zoning Officer

The next scheduled meeting of the Lewisburg Planning Commission will be held Thursday, Apr. 7 with a deadline of Friday, Mar. 18.

## Suits

In Re: The Marriage of: Lindsey Scott Ormsbee and Madison A Ormsbee

In Re: The Marriage of: Estela Estrada and Nestor A Arzon

## Anthony Rebuild

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ment of Corrections. They provided me with an update on the rebuilding plan. Construction activities will begin this summer. Phase one of the project will involve rerouting all the electrical, HVAC, etc out of the main building (which will be demolished) into a central location to allow the other buildings to remain "online." Phase two will be the demolition of the main building which has the mold issue. Phase three will be the rebuild. The entire process will take years. This fall, I plan to host a community meeting in White Sulphur Springs so that the plan can be shared in detail with the community for feedback and information. Many thanks to Superintendent Neal and his staff for their hard work."

Read Baldwin's full column on page 4 of this edition of the *Mountain Messenger*.

## City Council

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anything back that they disturb as good as, if not better, than what it was in the beginning before they started tearing it up," and that there will be decorative landscaping around the stations for beautification.

• Police Chief Chris Teubert announced that Justin Deeds will be joining the department this month. He comes to the force with a year and a half of experience. "We are happy to have him," said Chief Teubert.

**Deadline for Letters to the Editor is noon Wednesday**

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# Rainelle has 'a lot' happening

Amanda Reed, business owner and photographer, is bringing good things to Rainelle. She has a new complex underway, called The Lot on Route 60 which is anchored by her photography studio.

"My son already has his detail shop up and running, my studio is moved in, and we're working on the deli," Reed explains.

It will also be home to an outdoor performance venue and a satellite location for Lewisburg's Manic Espresso. Owner Rachel Warner is setting up a micro drive-up style espresso bar serving drinks and light snacks. Later this summer, Reed anticipates having the utilities established to host outdoor entertainment and food trucks for weekend events. During the week, the deli will be a go-to quick stop for prepared and made-to-order food.

Amanda Reed is proud to create new businesses and employment opportunities in the Meadow River Valley. "This has been a dream for a long time, and despite the challenges of Covid, we are moving forward to make it a reality."

The Lot is located at 1625 Riverside Drive in Rainelle.

## For the Record

### Deeds

Kathy Ann Kashola to Michael A. Griggs and Stacy S. Langham, 1.14 Acres, Meadow Bluff District  
Robert L. Hall and Norma Hall to Peter Fannin, LLC., 0.1901 Acres, Rainelle  
Stephen J. Ross to Glen P. Wentz, Lot No. 27, 5,824 Sq. Ft., Town of Rainelle  
Marion E. Bailey to Tanner E. Farnack and Larra L. Farnack, 2.48 Acres, Frankford District  
West Virginia Holdings LLC to Peter Hanekamp, Lot No. 1, Greenbrier Summit Village Phase One Neighborhood, The Greenbrier Sporting Club, White Sulphur Springs District  
Linda S. Fox to Roger Baker, Lots Nos. 16, 18, Block 3, Seneca Estates, Lewisburg Corporate District

## Greenbrier County Magistrate Court Convictions

Calvin Jesse Clere IV, Ronceverte, 1) obtaining money, property & services by false pretenses, GP, jail 30 days - suspended and placed on 9 months unsupervised probation; 2) shoplifting

Tristan Kyle Wilson, Crawley, 1) rules & regulations for dog control, NCP, fine \$20; 2) rules & regulations for dog control, fine \$20

Robert Leslie Worley, Beaver, speeding, NCP, fine \$6



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# OPINION

## Nature's Way

By Karen Cohen

Master Gardener/Photojournalist/Artist

### She knows her onions

Do you mind if I gossip a bit here? I want to tell you about my neighbor's onions, yeah, that's right. I have never seen onions grow so perfectly round and bigger than baseballs. I saw these hanging in a shed on individual nails, all singular and all gorgeous. I wanted to taste them but they looked so precious I didn't want to ask.

Months later I finally asked her, what kind of onions are those? She said Patterson. Hmmm. I normally grow heirlooms and Patterson is a hybrid. Hybrids are scientifically altered to have maximum growth and disease and insect resistance. That's how crops have been improved over the ages by big seed companies. By cross pollinating two different varieties, in this case, onions, the resulting "offspring" takes the qualities of both parents and its seeds will not reproduce true to the original. You can't save or swap these hybrid seeds.


You might have experienced cross breeding in your own backyard garden. Cucurbit crops, for instance, will cross breed if planted close together. That means if you plant your squash too close to your cucumbers, the bees and wind will carry pollen from one species and drop it on the other variety. If you save seeds that come from these cross pollinated plants, the result will be a different vegetable entirely, one that you may not recognize as true to its parents. So you might get a weird misshapen squash that maybe doesn't taste as good as its parent plant.

I am an avid saver but I buy new cucurbit seeds every year. When I plant cukes and zukes in my garden, I keep them far apart, about 100 feet away from one another if possible, and I pollinate by hand, yes I do. Taking a small brush, when a flower appears, I swab a bit of the pollen from inside and go to another flower with it. That is tedious but worthwhile for true to character vegetables.

Cucurbits are cucumbers, pumpkins, summer and winter squash, watermelons and muskmelons. Any of these will drop their seeds and if left on the ground or tossed in the compost bin will spring up the following year on their own. That's called volunteer plants. Normally I welcome these from kale, mustard greens, lettuces- but with cucurbits, I am wary that they might be crossed pollinated and therefore won't grow what I expect.

So back to my friend's onions. She knows her onions! Patterson onions are great for long storage, stay nice and hard throughout the winter when hung up to dry, and can be braided into cute bunches. Another variety called Copra, dark yellow onions, pungent but sweet were excellent for cooking. BUT and this is a big BUT, the Copra onion seeds were removed from the market in 2019 and replaced by Patterson onions. AHA. The best qualities from Copra were passed on and strengthened in the new hybrid, Patterson.

Onions are a cool weather crop, so start them from seed right now in seed trays with lids inside on a heat mat.



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When the ground thaws out and the danger of frost is over, take them outside to plant. Here in WV, the farmer's almanac predicts our last frost is from April 23- May 7. The bulbs will form when the weather warms up but temps lower than 40 may kill the young starts. Onions require about an inch of water per week and take about 104 days to grow. We hold back watering them the week before we harvest them to help dry the onion skins a bit. Homegrown onions, just like anything grown in your own garden, will taste better and last longer than store bought. These onions can last up to a year!

Because we love onion soup, cook with onions almost daily, and the deer don't eat them in the garden, we are planting a 15 foot row of them this year. Can't wait to have bunches along with freshly pulled garlic hanging from the rafters, just like my neighbor!

*(Karen Cohen is a Master Gardener, photojournalist, artist and avid explorer! Email tips, comments and questions to [natureswaykaren@gmail.com](mailto:natureswaykaren@gmail.com))*

## The Back Pew

By Stephen Baldwin



**VIRTUAL TOWN HALL.** Please join me for a virtual town hall on Tuesday, March 1, at 5:30 p.m. I welcome all constituents to ask questions about what's going on at the legislature. To participate, click on the Zoom link on my social media, email me, or call me. We will get you signed up. All the info will also be on [www.baldwinforwv.com](http://www.baldwinforwv.com).

**ANTHONY CORRECTIONAL CENTER.** Earlier this week, I met Anthony Correctional Center Superintendent Robert Neal and the Department of Corrections. They provided me with an update on the rebuilding plan. Construction activities will begin this summer. Phase one of the project will involve rerouting all the electrical, HVAC, etc out of the main building (which will be demolished) into a central location to allow the other buildings to remain "online." Phase two will be the demolition of the main building which has the mold issue. Phase three will be the rebuild. The entire process will take years. This fall, I plan to host a community meeting in White Sulphur Springs so that the plan can be shared in detail with the community for feedback and information. Many thanks to Superintendent Neal and his staff for their hard work.

**PAY RAISES.** The 5% pay raise (on average) for public employees passed the Senate unanimously. The raise is for all public employees. I voted yes. The raises are a step in the right direction. Salaries in surrounding states for the same jobs remain significantly higher, so we need to keep working to become more competitive. Also, a raise for public employees also benefits the private sector in WV as folks have more to spend with local businesses.

**BROADBAND FUND BILL.** The Senate took up a bill creating a new broadband fund this week. Why is this bill important? Because we can begin to fund open-access broadband projects out of it. What is open-access broadband? Fiber lines that different companies can tap into, thereby increasing competition and decreasing prices. Open-access broadband lines are the future. We need to be ready for the future, as it's coming down the pike very quickly.

**DEPUTY SHERIFFS.** Last week, I was honored to meet with sheriff's deputies from across southern WV to talk about how we can support them with recruitment and retention issues. SB489 is up for passage in the Senate this week, and it clarifies that deputy sheriffs are to receive a \$60 raise for every year of service automatically. HB4624, which would have helped improve funding for deputy sheriff's retirement accounts, likely died yesterday when House leadership refused to put the bill up for a vote. This is a real shame, as it was another small but important step in helping our deputies like the pay bump.

**LIBRARY COMMISSION.** I voted against SB524 this week, which reorganizes the state library commission. For example, the bill reduces the qualifications for the state librarian, removes the commission's independent status and puts them under a political appointee, and reduces the size of the commission. After hearing from local librarians that these changes were bad for libraries, I opposed the bill. Local libraries provide valuable community services and should remain independent from the political process.

**AGRITOURISM.** Agritourism is a growing segment of rural economies. Farmers open their land to visitors for corn mazes, hay rides, or pumpkin patches, for example. It helps farmers make a living while also educating the public about the importance of agriculture. It also presents challenges for neighbors of the agritourism operations. Several bills are in motion to make it clear that 1) agritourism sites are protected as agricultural operations, 2) local residents deserve protection of their property rights, and 3) local governments can regulate certain things like noise and traffic. These interests are not mutually exclusive; we can all work together in rural America as good neighbors.

That's the view from the back pew, where it is my privilege to serve you. Don't hesitate to reach out. I'm here to serve you and your family!

*(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

### Mountaineer Rental Assistance Program accepting applications

By Erica Boggess, Executive Director

West Virginia Housing Development Fund

COVID-19 has not been easy on anybody. For many West Virginians, the virus has not only affected their physical health, but their financial health as well.

Many Americans continue to struggle economically because of the COVID-19 crisis. Nationally, nearly a quarter of all renters and more than 11 million homeowners were behind on their payments last year.

A Congressional appropriations bill and the American Rescue Plan Act address some of these issues by establishing Emergency Rental Assistance and the Homeowner Assistance Fund. The West Virginia Housing Development Fund is responsible for administering these programs in the Mountain State.

We launched the Mountaineer Rental Assistance Program in March to allocate rental assistance funds to qualifying renters who need help catching up on their housing and utility payments. Applicants can also receive three months of future rent and a one-time \$300 stipend to offset Internet costs. Future Lease Certification provides security deposits, first month's rent, and three months of future rent to those displaced through eviction or who experience homelessness. To date, MRAP has distributed more than \$45 million to satisfy

more than 12,000 applications.

The need for this assistance is great. We receive an average of 100 new applications daily and each and every application is reviewed for eligibility and to determine the correct amount of assistance allowable. Our processors work diligently to move these claims through the system as swiftly as possible.

If you are a renter facing difficulty paying rent and utilities, MRAP can help. Don't wait for an eviction notice or a utility cutoff notice. Apply now at [www.wvrentalassistance.com](http://www.wvrentalassistance.com) on your computer, smartphone or tablet. If you do not have computer or internet access, call 1-866-623-6284. Paper applications also are available.

Although we have ramped up efforts to process and pay out applications faster, it may still take several weeks for claims to be paid. If you qualify for MRAP help, don't wait to apply. The sooner you complete your application, the sooner we can process and pay your claim.

Developing and implementing an emergency aid program while continuing our slate of existing projects has not been easy. However, we recognize that COVID-19 has created myriad issues in the housing and rental markets, and we are eager to do our part in providing relief to Mountaineers who need it most.

## Commentary

### It's time for West Virginians to pull up a seat at the clean energy table

By Dan Conant, CEO and Founder of Solar Holler

Since 2015, renewable energy has been the largest source of new energy generation built across our nation. In the last couple years, the renewable energy industry has just started to show its potential here in West Virginia. In 2021, our team at Solar Holler built 25% of the state's total solar capacity. And, we did it the right way: with union labor.

Here in Appalachia, our mountains and our muscle powered the rest of the country. Our energy electrified New York City, and turned iron into steel in Pittsburgh. If there's one thing we do well, it's energy. But, coal jobs are slowly fading.

If we want to rebuild and renew our economy with union jobs in the trades - then we have to invest and bolster the next generation of energy. Is there any better plan for West Virginia's economy?

The clean energy investments being discussed in DC could be a boon for us. America has an insatiable demand for low cost, clean energy. They need us - they need folks who know how to build, trained in the trades and experienced in the energy sector.

With good reason, the trade unions - including the United Mine Workers of America and the United Steel

Workers - support the policy in discussion.

Federal investment in clean energy manufacturing and generation will invest in our people, bring new life to empty mills and warehouses, reenergize West Virginia's towns and cities, and pull up a seat at the table for us. We can manufacture the metal racking and electrical supply needed for solar installations. We can build the electric school buses - like we're getting ready to do in South Charleston. We can design clean energy systems, and take care of them.

Establishing new tax credits for clean energy manufacturing and installation would drive investment in the industry, and build on Senator Manchin's leadership with the Bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act signed into law in November.

In addition to jobs, renewable energy installations owned and operated by West Virginians - whether small solar arrays on homes or larger systems to power businesses - bring the wealth of ownership home. Last year Solar Holler's work helped 350 families and businesses go solar, and save an estimated \$8.1 million over the life of their systems. For those in AEP territory, we use our solar financing to cut their energy expenses by 20% on Day 1 and protect them from rapidly rising rates.

Large-scale solar projects are beginning to pop up in coal country will bring tax revenue to rural communities. As a recent profile highlights, retired coal power plants and mines are often already wired into the grid and the largest regional interstate power market. This makes Appalachia ripe for large-scale clean energy projects.

New clean energy tax credits and other policies supporting rural energy would leverage more resources to enable business leaders in Appalachia to continue to provide jobs and contribute meaningfully to our economy. They would accelerate and enhance advanced manufacturing through the energy community reinvestment financing program - spurring the repowering, repurposing, and redeveloping of manufacturing facilities in energy communities. And they can create the opportunity for Appalachians and own and profit from the nation's next generation of energy infrastructure.

As a native West Virginian, I'm excited for our future as a state, for the chance to build new industries, and for the chance to share our expertise with the world. Now all we need is to put the finishing touches on this new legislation.

# OBITUARIES

## Edward Lake Kersey, Sr.



White Sulphur Springs-Edward Lake Kersey, Sr., 84, passed away Friday, Feb. 11, 2022, at his home.

Born Feb. 13, 1937, in White Sulphur Springs, he was the son of the late Leo and Macy Jane Kersey.

Mr. Kersey was a Master Electrician and was a member of the White Sulphur Springs Pentecostal Holiness Church.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Kersey; daughters, Maria Dolan and Patricia Dawn Kersey; sister, Mary Kersey; and brother, Gene Kersey.

Survivors include a daughter, Chrissy McMillion (Robert); sons, Ed Kersey, Jr. and Marvin Vance (Ashley) all White Sulphur Springs; 16 grandchildren and eight-great-grandchildren.

A memorial graveside service will be at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 27, at Greenbrier Memorial Gardens with Leo Lewis officiating.

Online guestbook may be signed at [www.morganfh.net](http://www.morganfh.net) Arrangements by Morgan Funeral Home, Lewisburg, WV.

## Basil Capaldo



Caldwell-Basil Capaldo, 78, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2022, at Greenbrier Valley Medical Center.

Born Feb. 3, 1944, in Anjean, he was the son of the late Fred and Flora Cole Capaldo.

Basil retired from West-Vaco.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by brothers, Pete, Bill, Frank and Steve Capaldo; sisters, Mary Peters Walls, Madeline Highlander and Elizabeth Martin; and half siblings, Tony and Dutch Capaldo and Mary Briggs.

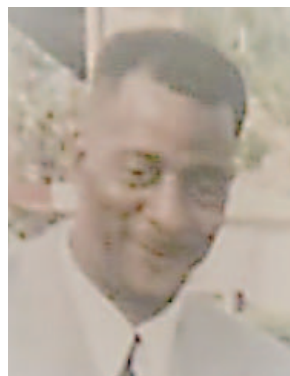
Survivors include his loving wife of 50 years, Helena Joy Nichols Capaldo; son, Jeffrey Capaldo (Janice Nelson) of St. Louis, MO; sister, Nellie Capaldo of Zenith; brother-in-law, Gene Martin; sisters-in-law, Annabelle, Lois and Billie Capaldo;

and several nieces, nephews, and cousins whom he loved.

It was Basil's wish to be cremated. There will be no service.

Online guestbook can be signed at [www.morganfh.net](http://www.morganfh.net). Arrangements by Morgan Funeral Home, Lewisburg, WV.

## Steward F. Godfrey



White Sulphur Springs-Steward F. "Tony" Godfrey, born on Jan. 29, 1961, in Clifton Forge, VA, the son of the Late Frank and Odessa Godfrey and stepmother, Annie Godfrey.

He transitioned from this life on Sunday, Feb. 13, 2022, at Greenbrier Valley Medical Center.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Roy and Norman Robinson; sister, Barbara Kemp; and nephew, Hershall Godfrey.

Tony attended public schools in Botetourt, VA; later moved to Martinsville, VA, prior to making his permanent residence in White Sulphur Springs.

He was baptized at an early age in Eagle Rock, VA, under the leadership of the late Elder John Henry Jackson and later became a member of the New Vision Baptist Church in White Sulphur Springs.

Tony was involved in a serious car accident in 2008, which left him disabled and he lived the rest of his life with his sister, Odessa. He was delicately cared for by his sisters, Odessa and Gillie. Prior to his disability he was an employee of Jim Walter Homes, DD Kerns Construction Company, and an Independent Contractor. He loved hunting, fishing, riding horses, playing corn hole and was an avid horseshoe player. Tony's favorite hobby was reading. He loved children of all ages and his favorite football teams were the Atlanta Falcons and Pittsburgh Steelers.

Those left to cherish Tony's spirit: sisters, Odessa and Gillie Godfrey; brothers, Frank and Timothy Godfrey; four nephews, Dominique, Isaiah, Rahzell and London Godfrey; two nieces, Chasity Crawford and Jasmine Sowell; two great-nieces, Anayiah and Winter; three aunts, Lucille (David) Beverly, Shirley Flower and Katherine Cook; and Uncle Lloyd (Kathleen) Robinson; Tony's Special Friend Eugene Gooch and two special cousins/nieces,

Kizzie (Deborah) Damon and his partners in "crime", Akiva (Keylo) Martin. He also leaves a host of other family members, friends and acquaintances.

We always knew, no matter what or how far we were, if we needed Tony, he'd be there! You would have to deal with "Long Bill" if you messed with his family and after he made his point he would say, "Let's go get a drink." Upon meeting him, you would know that he was a kind, generous and loving person.

We will truly miss our brother, uncle, cousin and friend, but we the family believe and relied upon the scripture found in Philippians 4:13. "I can do all things through Christ which strengthened me."

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, Feb. 19, at New Vision Baptist Church, 268 Church Street, White Sulphur Springs, at noon with Pastors Katie Holland and Greg Scott officiating. Viewing will be held from 11 a.m. to noon.

Masks are required in the sanctuary.

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

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

## William Sanford Kelly, Sr.



White Sulphur Springs-William Sanford Kelly, Sr., 81, passed away at home on Friday, Feb. 11, 2022, after a long illness.

Born in White Sulphur Springs, on Sept. 2, 1940, he was the son of the late Samuel and Nellie Waggoner Kelly.

After graduating from White Sulphur Springs High School, he attended the National School of Aeronautics Inc. He worked at The Greenbrier Hotel as a Security Guard prior to working at West-vaco in Covington, VA, where he retired after 36 years. While working there he also graduated from Dabney Lancaster College. Bill pastored at several area churches. He enjoyed traveling with family and friends, deer hunting, golfing, listening to music and most of all, talking about the Lord.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his first wife, Bonnie Broyles Kelly; son, Billy "Cookie" Kelly; and sister, Rose Kelly Wright.

He is survived by his wife, Wilma McMillion Kelly; daughter, Kathy Callison (Mike); daughter-in-law, Samantha Kelly, all of White Sulphur Springs; stepson, Neil McMillion (Tina) of Harvest, AL; sister, Shirley MacCartney (Wayne) of Irvine, CA; brother, John Kelly and special friend Patty Lovell of White Sulphur Springs;

brother-in-law, Marshall Forren (Sue) of Louisa, VA and Kenneth Broyles (Barbara) of Durham, NC; step-grandchildren, Eli and Sam Peppers, Cody Burgess (Lisa), Randall Burgess (Morgan), and Chris Boggs; several step-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral service will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 15, at the Morgan Funeral Home, Lewisburg, where pastors A.C. Hollins, Lloyd Camp and John Kelly officiated. Burial followed in the Greenbrier Memorial Gardens, Lewisburg.

Visitation was Monday evening, Feb. 14, at the funeral home.

The family asks for donations of sympathy be made in lieu of flowers to the Peyton Hospice House, 1265 Maplewood Avenue, Lewisburg, WV 24901. The family thanks Allyson Ferguson and the Hospice team for their care.

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

## Charles Roscoe McQuain, Jr.

Mar. 10, 1925-Jan. 28, 2022

Rainelle-Charles Roscoe McQuain, Jr. completed his journey through life on Friday, Jan. 28, 2022. He was 96 years old. He was the fifth child of Charles Roscoe McQuain, Sr. and Lola Bowyer McQuain of Rainelle in Greenbrier County.

He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers, three sisters, two half-brothers, and four half-sisters; first wife, Audrey Morris McQuain; second wife, Mavis "Penny" Morris McQuain; and stepson, John Morris.

He leaves two children, Nancy Kay McQuain Payne formerly of Athens and Vicki Ann Gross of Princeton; two stepchildren, Jewell Morris Dean (Mike) of Ashland, VA, and David Scott Morris (Brenda) of Fayetteville. He was a proud grandfather of Patricia Gross Haworth (Stephen) of Villa Park, IL, Rebecca Gross of Princeton and Leeanne McQuain Payne of Bedford, VA. He was a step-grandfather to Melissa Mathes (Mike) of Mechanicsburg, VA, Jerri Lynn Mullen (Tony) of Bradenton, FL, Brian Scott Morris (deceased) and Alana Morris Palmer (Cody) of Princeton. He was a

great-grandfather to Evan Thomas Haworth of Villa Park, IL, and step-great-grandfather of seven other children. He also leaves behind beloved half-sister, Gail McQuain Hanshaw (Gary) of Meadow Bridge.

He was a veteran of WWII where he toured Belgium, Germany and France with the 569th AAA AW Army Battalion.

He was a proud railroader following in the tracks of his father for over 40 years, working for the N.F.&G. Railroad, the C&O and finally retiring from the CSX Railroad in 1988. With the help of his wife, Penny, he wrote "A Brief History of the N.F.&G." He loved railroading, reading his newspapers, to cheer on WVU and dance. He was a member of Sewell Valley Baptist Church, the Lions Club, and served on the Greenbrier County Commission on Aging Board of Directors for seven years. He was head "grave maker" for the Sewell Valley Baptist Churchmen's breakfast for many years.

The family wishes to thank Fred and Mary Heath of Camp Creek for their loving care of our precious father, Roscoe.

A celebration of life service will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Mar. 26 at Wallace & Wallace Chapel, Rainelle.

We love you, Dad.

Online condolences at [www.wallaceandwallace-fh.com](http://www.wallaceandwallace-fh.com)

Wallace & Wallace, Inc., 283 Main St., Rainelle, WV 25962 is in charge of arrangements.

## Thomas Edward Powell



Hillsboro-Thomas Edward Powell, 64, passed away Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2022, at Greenbrier Valley Medical Center, Ronceverte.

Born May 21, 1957, in Marlinton, he was the son of the late Leonard and Mabel Cutlip Powell.

Survivors include his loving companion of 27 years, Connie Jean Clev-

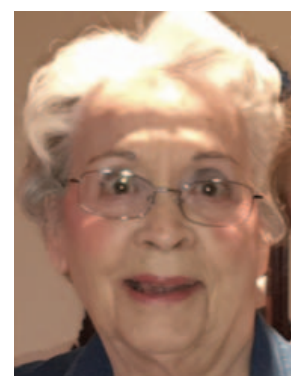
enger; sons, Thomas Edward Powell, Jr. (Amber) of Elkins, Matthew Alan Powell and Jason Raleigh Powell of Hillsboro; Amber Dawn Powell of Gap Mills; and step-grandchild, Asa Cohen Streets of Elkins.

It was Mr. Powell's wish to be cremated. The family will have a private service later.

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

Arrangements by Morgan Funeral Home, Lewisburg, WV.

## Catherine J McMillion



Ronceverte-Catherine J McMillion 94, passed away peacefully at Bealeton Christian Home in Bealeton, VA, on Wednesday, Feb. 16, 2022.

She was born on Nov. 4, 1927, to Clarence M. and Georgia A. Bostic.

She lived most of her life in Ronceverte with her deceased husband, Austin H McMillion and both were lifelong members of the Trinity United Methodist Church.

Family left to cherish her memory are two daughters, Reta C. Rodgers (Steve) of Warrenton, VA, and her children, Kurt Rodgers (Dona), Tom (Wendy), Sid (Mary), Sarah Lubbe (Gavin) all of Warrenton, VA, and daughter, Joanne Williams of Charlotte, NC, and children, Russell Hefner and Molly Zostant (Thomas) all of Charlotte also. Catherine has 18 great-grandchildren and a sister, Connie Keeble (John) of Maryville, TN, and a brother, Earl Bostic, that preceded her in death.

A private graveside service will be held Monday, Feb. 21, at the Rosewood Cemetery in Lewisburg, with Rev. Joe Geiger officiating.

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

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

## A Look Back



### By William "Skip" Deegans

Shown in this 1949 photo are Hillsboro-native and Nobel prize-winning novelist Peal S. Buck (left), and African-American writer and civil rights advocate Eslanda Goode Robeson (1896-1965). In 1948, Buck and Robeson co-authored American Argument, in which they shared their dissatisfaction with the position of women, poor quality of education, human relations, and sex codes in the United States.

Robeson was born in Washington, DC, and earned a degree in chemistry from Columbia University. She became the first African-American to head the surgical pathology department at the New York Presbyterian Hospital. Following her marriage to singer and actor

Paul Robeson, she studied at the London School of Economics and eventually received a Ph.D. in anthropology from Hartford Seminary. She made several trips to Africa, became an advocate for African independence, and wrote African Journey in which she argued for black people to take pride in their African heritage.

For speaking out against racism in America and visiting Russia, the Robesons were brought before the U.S. House of Representatives Un-American Activities Committee in 1956. The committee revoked their passports for five years until they were reinstated by the U.S. Supreme Court.

While living in Paris, Robeson and Alderson-born Ada "Bricktop" Smith, cabaret singer and nightclub owner, shared the same orbit of friends while they found freedom and opportunities for African-American women not found in the United States.

Sources: *Out of the Shadows: The Political Writings of Eslanda Goode Robeson* by Robert Shaffer; *The Modernist Review*; *Paul Robeson House and Museum*.



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# GEHS advances in WV Academic Showdown competition

Teams from Greenbrier East High School and PikeView High School took first and second place honors (respectively) at the latest West Virginia Academic Showdown competition hosted by Concord University. These teams have qualified for the statewide championship in Charleston on March 25. Two teams from Greenbrier East and one team from PikeView participated in today's competition.

"This has been an exciting experience for me and my team," said Jason Ream of Greenbrier East High School. "I really want to thank our coaches for preparing us for the

competition." "It's great to represent my school and county," said Samuel Chambers of PikeView High School. "We look forward to going to states."

Championed by West Virginia Senate President Craig Blair, the Academic Showdown is a new academic competition for West Virginia high school students that brings teams together from across the state for regional matchups on college campuses. The initiative represents a partnership among the West Virginia Department of Education, the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission, the West Virginia Department

of Arts, Culture, and History and West Virginia Public Broadcasting.

Competition questions cover literature, math, history, science, geography, fine arts, religion/mythology, social science, philosophy, current events, pop culture and general knowledge. The West Virginia Academic Showdown utilizes official National Academic Quiz Tournaments (NAQT) questions for all regional and championship matches.

The first competition was held at Marshall University on Jan. 15 with teams from Tug Valley High School and Ripley High School advancing. The second competition



First Place, Greenbrier East High School: Jonathan Nguyen (left), Ceili Allder, Lawson Hamilton, and Jason Ream.

was held at Shepherd University with teams from Berkeley Springs High School and Spring Mills High School advancing. The final regional compe-

petition will be held at West Virginia State University on Feb. 19.

The advancing teams from each region will face-off at the West Virginia Culture Center on March 25 during the Aca-

ademic Showdown championship, which will be live streamed by West Virginia Public Broadcasting.

For competition highlights and details, visit <https://wvde.us/academic-showdown-highlights/>.

## NRCTC Foundation accepting scholarship applications

The New River Community and Technical College Foundation scholarship application is available online from Feb. 14 through Apr. 4.

Students apply at [www.nrctcf.org](http://www.nrctcf.org) for scholarship funds to help pay for college tuition, books, and expenses. Scholarships will be awarded during the fall 2022 and spring 2023 semesters.

"New River CTC Foundation seeks to increase the number of scholarship recipients each year. The more scholarships that are awarded, the more students receive much-needed financial assistance to reach their academic and career goals," said New River CTC Ex-

ecutive Director of Institutional Advancement and College Foundation Michael Green.

New students, current students, and graduating high school seniors are encouraged to apply. Scholarship awards are based on a variety of criteria including financial need, program of study, academic merit, and community service. Each year, New River CTC Foundation provides \$125,000 in scholarships for students.

"The scholarship application is designed to be user-friendly for students to make the process as simple as possible. Additionally, scholarship information sessions help stu-

dents with any questions about the scholarship process," Green said.

Scholarship information sessions will be held in March to help students navigate the online application as well as provide information about financial aid, letters of recommendation, and scholarship essays. Information sessions will be announced on the College's website and Facebook page.

For more information about scholarships call 304-929-6734 or email [foundation@newriver.edu](mailto:foundation@newriver.edu). For information about degree programs at New River CTC, visit [www.newriver.edu](http://www.newriver.edu), email [admissions@newriver.edu](mailto:admissions@newriver.edu) or call 866-349-3739.

### LEGAL

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF GREENBRIER COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME FROM David Lexxan Peacock TO: Lexxan Neal Ray

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLICATION CHANGE OF NAME PROCEEDING

Family Court of Greenbrier County, West Virginia

Notice is hereby given that on the 6th day of April, 2022, at 2:00 o'clock p.m. on said day, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, Karen Ruth Ray will apply be Petition to the Family Court of Greenbrier County, West Virginia for the entry of an order by said Court changing the name of her child or ward from David Lexxan Peacock to Lexxan Neal Ray, at which time and place any interested party may appear and be heard, if they so desire.

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

A copy of said Petition can be obtained from the undersigned Clerk's office at 912 Court St. N, Lewisburg, WV.

Entered by the Clerk of said Court this 20th day of December, 2021.

Louonne Arbuckle  
Greenbrier County Circuit Clerk

By:   
Deputy Circuit Clerk

### LEGAL

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF GREENBRIER COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME FROM Skylar Kay Peacock TO: Skylar Kay Ray

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLICATION CHANGE OF NAME PROCEEDING

Family Court of Greenbrier County, West Virginia

Notice is hereby given that on the 6th day of April, 2022, at 2:00 o'clock p.m. on said day, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, Karen Ruth Ray will apply be Petition to the Family Court of Greenbrier County, West Virginia for the entry of an order by said Court changing the name of her child or ward from Skylar Kay Peacock to Skylar Kay Ray, at which time and place any interested party may appear and be heard, if they so desire.

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

A copy of said Petition can be obtained from the undersigned Clerk's office at 912 Court St. N, Lewisburg, WV.

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**LEGAL**

(2020-S-0000052 - Greenbrier County - BILL BELL)  
 To: DAISY D. SEXTON (LIFE ESTATE), STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, ROBBIE E LUSK, ROBERT EUGENE LUSK, ROBBIE EUGENE LUSK, ROBBIE E LUSK, ROBBIE E LUSK, DAISY SEXTON C/O J. MICHAEL ANDERSON, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have any interest in the subject property.  
**DISTRICT RAINELLE CORP MAP 5 PARCEL 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

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

(2020-S-0000055 - Greenbrier County - JESSE CLARK)  
 To: JEFFREY JARRELL, 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 0030 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-0000055, LT 11 & P/O LT 12 CONS 2 TRA 6TH (SIMMS) 210X50X1, located in RAINELLE CORP, which was returned delinquent in the name of JARRELL JEFFREY, 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.	\$ 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)  
 To: JEFFREY S JARRELL, 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 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

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

You may redeem at any time before 03/02/2022, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.  
 Given under my hand 1/5/2022.  
**G. Russell Rollyson, Jr.**  
 G. Russell Rollyson, Jr.  
 Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and Nonentered Lands of Greenbrier County, State of West Virginia  
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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>	\$ 2286.96

You may redeem at any time before 03/02/2022, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.  
 Given under my hand 1/5/2022.  
**G. Russell Rollyson, Jr.**  
 G. Russell Rollyson, Jr.  
 Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and Nonentered Lands of Greenbrier County, State of West Virginia  
**Please return this letter and payment to the West Virginia State Auditor's Office, County Collections Division 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East Building 1, Room W-118 Charleston, West Virginia 25305 Questions please call 1-888-509-6568**

**LEGAL**

(Cert. No. 132232 WVTI LLC)  
 To: DANNY MILAM, DANNY MILAM - REGULAR MAIL, DIANNE MILAM, DIANNE MILAM - REGULAR MAIL, DANNY MILAM, DANNY MILAM - REGULAR MAIL, DIANNE MILAM, DIANNE MILAM - REGULAR MAIL, DANNY MILAM, DANNY MILAM - REGULAR MAIL, OCCUPANT, OCCUPANT - REGULAR MAIL, OCCUPANT - PERSONAL SERVICE, OCCUPANT, OCCUPANT - REGULAR MAIL, OCCUPANT - PERSONAL SERVICE, OCCUPANT, OCCUPANT - REGULAR MAIL, OCCUPANT - PERSONAL SERVICE, OCCUPANT, OCCUPANT - REGULAR MAIL, OCCUPANT - PERSONAL SERVICE, OCCUPANT, OCCUPANT - REGULAR MAIL, OCCUPANT - PERSONAL SERVICE, OCCUPANT, OCCUPANT - REGULAR MAIL, OCCUPANT - PERSONAL SERVICE, OCCUPANT, OCCUPANT - REGULAR MAIL, OCCUPANT - PERSONAL SERVICE, OCCUPANT, OCCUPANT - REGULAR MAIL, OCCUPANT - PERSONAL SERVICE, OCCUPANT, OCCUPANT - REGULAR MAIL, OCCUPANT - PERSONAL SERVICE, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have any interest in the subject property.  
**DISTRICT RAINELLE CORP MAP 5 PARCEL 0251 00000000**  
 You will take notice that WVTI LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, Certification No. 132232, located in RAINELLE CORP District, LT 7 BLK 19 LEVELTON LAND & IMPROVE CO 5TH ST 50X92 RAINELLE FROM MDR INC - FROM MDR INC which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of MILAM DANNY D & DIANNE L, 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. WVTI LLC 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.	\$ 3,325.98
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.	\$ 2,044.44
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>	\$ 5,370.42

You may redeem at any time before 03/02/2022, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.  
 Given under my hand 1/5/2022.  
**G. Russell Rollyson, Jr.**  
 G. Russell Rollyson, Jr.  
 Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and Nonentered Lands of Greenbrier County, State of West Virginia  
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## Dear Recycle Lady,

**Dear Recycle Lady,**  
Can cameras be recycled?  
*Photo Specialist*

**Dear Photo Specialist,**  
You didn't say whether your cameras were film or digital cameras, but both can be recycled locally. Take them to the Recycling Center and go in the doorway marked Aluminum Cans. Push the large button on the left-hand side of the door and someone will come to assist you. However, there are several other options you might want to consider before you recycle your cameras.

Check with your local high school or college to see if they teach photography as part of their art program. If you have darkroom equipment, they may also be interested in it. Another alternative would be a consignment shop or thrift store. The Americana may be a local option. You never know where or when a collector may stop by!

You might consider selling them on eBay or Craigslist. Retro photographers are always looking for old equipment. Additionally, there are several recycling programs specifically for digital cameras, such as Recycling for Charity. They also accept mobile phones and tablets. Digital cameras, as is true for all electronics, have valuable materi-

als. According to <https://recyclenation.com>, microchips have gold and platinum, copper wiring and aluminum in the devices. Another option would be take-back programs sponsored by Canon, Samsung, Sony, and Kodak.

**Dear Recycle Lady,**  
Last week I bagged all my cardboard in a dog food bag and took it to the Recycle Center. As I started to put the bag full of cardboard in the bin for cardboard a man there said I couldn't put the bag full of cardboard in the bin. He didn't say why, he just said I had to take the cardboard out of the bag first, then put it in the bin.

*Bagger*

**Dear Bagger,**  
There are several reasons why you must remove the cardboard from the bag before you put the cardboard in the bin. The biggest reason is that the Center doesn't have the staff, or time, to sort any recyclables, so all bagged recyclables must be sorted or put in the trash. Large cities have sorters, both equipment and personnel, but the local Recycling Center must depend on recyclers to do the sorting. Another factor is that the dog food bag you brought the cardboard in is not recyclable and becomes a contaminant if it is recycled with

the cardboard. Sorting must be done before any recyclables are placed in the bins at the Recycling Center. You have taken the time to gather up the recyclables, so please take a couple more minutes and sort them into the proper bins. Many thanks to all the recyclers who sort everything every time they come to the Center. You are much appreciated.

**Dear Recycle Lady,**  
Junk mail often contains not only paper, but it also may contain address labels or advertisements on glossy paper or "slicks." Do these slicks need to be removed before I put the entire envelope in recycle? What about the address labels? Do they need to be removed?

*Slicks Remover*

**Dear Slicks Remover,**  
Yes, both slicks and address labels must be removed before the envelope and its contents are put in with office paper. All glossy papers, or slicks, are put in with magazines. Address labels go in the trash. Some return envelopes are colored, and they go in with magazines. I use a letter opener to slice open the top of the envelope, then pull out all slicks and address labels, and recycle the rest of the envelope accordingly. This process doesn't require much time once you are accustomed to it. If you are a recycler, but don't have the time to open the envelopes and remove the slicks, just put the unopened envelopes in with the magazines. However, if the unopened envelope contains address labels, either remove the labels or put the envelope in the trash.

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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25 Western flick, in old slang

26 Like arias and anthems

27 "Go back to zero" button

28 Halloween's mo.

29 Titan orbits it

30 Other, to Juanita

32 Bible book before Jeremiah

34 Kingly title

35 Perp pursuer

38 Riddle, part 2

43 Giraffe's kin

45 Writer — Hubbard

46 1998 Disney musical set in China

47 Riddle, part 3

52 Rubber-stamping item

56 No, to Nabokov

57 Worn-down pencils, e.g.

58 Raise, as a building

61 Pie — mode

62 Maestro Kurt

64 Actress Debra

66 Second-rate flick

68 Riddle, part 4

73 Within easy reach

74 Sports facilities

75 Rudely brief

76 Chomp on

77 Begin

78 "Der —" (Konrad Adenauer's nickname)

80 General — chicken

83 Canonized Italian theologian

86 Riddle, part 5

90 Composer John Philip —

93 John Candy's old skit show

94 Bath sponge

95 End of the riddle

102 — (CIA tactics)

103 QED part

104 Nobel-winning "Mother"

105 Sleep furniture

107 Paid a visit

109 Feline cry

110 Credit card draw

113 Beef quality grader: Abbr.

117 Old arcade company

118 Riddle's answer

121 Like a well-pitched game

122 Audits, as a course

123 Actress Fawcett

124 Vestige

125 Mini-dictionary

126 Having soft, loose flesh

**DOWN**

1 Sporty

2 German cars

3 Dark brown songbird

4 Insider talk

5 Unit of corn

6 Shepherd formerly of "The View"

7 Giant in car rental

8 Funny — (racehorse)

9 Tech news website

10 Suffix with west

11 San Luis —, Mexico

12 Florence native, e.g.

13 Self-obsession

14 Rock's — Leppard

15 Horse halter?

16 Circuit-cooling device

17 Get a gut feeling about

18 With

39-Down, John Muir was its first president

19 Unit of corn

24 Briny bodies

29 Movie critic

Gene

31 Taunt in good humor

32 "Money — object"

33 Lead-in to puncture

35 McCarthy lawyer Roy

36 Allowable

37 Sidewalk materials

39 See 18-Down

40 Meal scraps

41 Phone book listings: Abbr.

42 Skillet or wok

44 Wall-breaching bomb

48 "Movin' —" ("The Jeffersons" theme)

49 Most chaste

50 Group of brainiacs

51 Therefore

53 Store selling latex

54 "That is — ask"

55 "— Yankees"

59 Conger, e.g.

60 Like pizza

63 Articulate

64 Girth

65 Here, in Arles

66 Life story, in brief

67 Table — (pair's seating)

68 "— Team" (2010 movie)

69 Cole — (footwear brand)

70 Tony winner

71 Citrusy

72 Amish "you"

77 Like prurient material

78 Joking Johnson

79 Tax

81 Clumsy sorts

82 Hotel visit

84 Mysterious

85 Hulk player

Ferrigno

87 This, to Juan

88 I, to Merkel

89 Inuit vehicle

91 Cow or hen

92 Letters sent by plane

95 Pour, as wine

96 Speechifier rival

97 Steinway

98 Really must

99 Sneaker brand

100 Lyft rival

101 Accompany to the airport, perhaps

106 Old Toyota

108 Chomp on

110 Penta- plus four

111 — about (roughly)

112 Big Apple

113 blaze-control org.

114 Balkan native

115 Lacking color

Hagen

116 Lacking color

118 Chinese

menu abbr.

119 Family gal

120 Comrade

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Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Cap is different. 2. Shirt is slimmer. 3. Fence board is missing. 4. Arm is lowered. 5. Panes are missing. 6. Glove is different.

## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦**

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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## SCRAMBLERS

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

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Touch

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"Now, that's what I call \_\_\_\_\_"  
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TODAY'S WORD



## NATIONAL FFA WEEK FEB. 19 – 25, 2022

### Activities Planned for National FFA Week

Please help us celebrate National FFA Week Feb. 19-25, 2022. This is a time when our members and community can recognize the impact that FFA has on our students and community. The 182 members of Greenbrier East FFA have planned a week full of activities which help students and the community understand how agriculture impacts all our lives.

- **Feb. 20** – Members will meet at the school to decorate the hall ways and agriculture classrooms
- **Feb. 21** – The FFA Petting Zoo will be held in the auxiliary gym and FFA members will discuss with all GEHS students the importance and impact of the animal production industry in our county, state and nation. They will also demonstrate small animal care and nutrition.
- **Feb. 22 & 24** – The Agricultural Olympics. These are fun team activities where students learn about different parts of the agricultural industry. Games this year include corn hole, stick horse racing, baby bottle milk chugging, butter sculpture, and obstacle courses.
- **Feb. 23** – Teacher and Staff Appreciation Day. We will serve all GEHS staff cherry pie and Ice Cream to thank them for their continued support of our students. Why cherry pie? As the story goes, George Washington cut down a cherry tree. We celebrate National FFA Week the week of Washington's birthday. He was an amazing agricultural producer and found out early on that accurate record keeping is important.
- **Feb 25** – FFA Tractorcade. Members with a driver's license and community members who would like to participate will meet at the Lewisburg Wal-Mart parking lot at 8 a.m. We will travel with a police escort down 219 South to Greenbrier East High School. Drivers will remove any attachments from the tractors for safety purposes. The parade will leave Wal-Mart about 8:30 a.m. We invite the public to line Rt. 219 to help celebrate agriculture in Greenbrier County.

### 2021-2022 FFA Officers

- President – Carmen Fogus
- Vice President – Anthony Wylie & Makayla Walton
- Secretary – Emma Kesterson
- Reporter – Lindsey Whitt
- Treasurer – Luke Carola
- Sentinel – Jagger McNeely
- Parliamentarian – Olivia Simms
- Historian – Luke Fogus
- Chaplain – Emma Helmick

This group of officers are off to an amazing start. They plan FFA meetings, activities, events, and field trips. They work hard to run this "student led" organization. Each officer is doing a great job with their responsibilities. This group shows true dedication and determination by taking challenges head on.

## Proficiency Awards Announced

- Autumn Eskins – Chapter 1<sup>st</sup> place Diversified Livestock Production Proficiency
- Grace Morgan – Chapter 1<sup>st</sup> place Livestock Placement Proficiency
- Morgan Wade – Chapter 1<sup>st</sup> place Swine Production Proficiency
- Hunter Wyatt – Chapter 1<sup>st</sup> place Placement in Agricultural Sales Proficiency
- Carmen Fogus – Chapter 1<sup>st</sup> place Poultry Production Proficiency. State 2<sup>nd</sup> place Poultry Production Proficiency.
- Mason Kincaid – Chapter 1<sup>st</sup> place Fiber Crop Production Proficiency. Chapter 1<sup>st</sup> place Diversified Agricultural Production Proficiency.
- Chase Hanson – Chapter 1<sup>st</sup> place Beef Production Proficiency
- Cassidy Kellison – Chapter 1<sup>st</sup> place Sheep Production Proficiency. State 1<sup>st</sup> place Sheep Production Proficiency. National Bronze Sheep Production Proficiency.
- Dana Mason II – Chapter 1<sup>st</sup> place Community Improvement Proficiency. State 2<sup>nd</sup> place Service Learning Proficiency.
- Luke Carola – Chapter 1<sup>st</sup> place Equine Proficiency
- Emma Helmick – Chapter 1<sup>st</sup> place Goat Production Proficiency. State 2<sup>nd</sup> place Goat Production Proficiency.
- Jagger McNeely – Chapter 2<sup>nd</sup> place Goat Production Proficiency. State 1<sup>st</sup> place Goat Production Proficiency. National Bronze Goat Production Proficiency.
- Kiah Hill – State 2<sup>nd</sup> place Diversified Livestock Production

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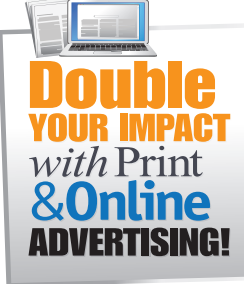
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# Agriculture in the Classroom



and Natural Resources pathways, gives students the opportunity to learn many skills. This year students have been learning carpentry, welding, electrical work and plumbing. Students are required to pass each safety exam in order to enter the shop. Student in Fundamentals of Agriculture Mechanics completed a unit on welding different angles and positions. Currently, they are working on a small carpentry project of their choice. This project includes learning to read a

tape measure, using power tools, constructing the project, and adding finishing touches like stain or paint. Students in Natural Resources class have worked recently on environmental science, wildlife resources, habitat, and forest conservation. The student's next project consists of water and soil samples. They will be provided soil and water sample kits to gain an understanding of quality and steps to take in order to make improvements.

Agriculture in the classroom has always been an important part of our school and community. This year with the retirement of Beth Massey, new Agriculture teacher Emily Dunkle has stepped up to the plate. Dunkle has now taken over Livestock Production, Animal Production, Floriculture, Plant Science and Introduction to Agriculture.

the animals, as well as the training. In Floriculture and Plant Science, students have been tasked with creating a multitude of floral arrangements and set plans for the spring greenhouse sale. The greenhouse has been an awesome opportunity for students to take care of a variety of plants through hands on and comprehensive learning.

Her Livestock Production class is blocked with Small Animal Care. This class is currently in the process of breeding rabbits and hedgehogs. This has given students a sense of responsibility, while learning reproduction, genetics and care. In addition to small animals, GEHS Livestock Production class is in the process of raising and halter breaking two bottle lambs and a bottle calf. Students are responsible for the health and wellbeing of

In order to be a part of these upper level courses, students are required to take the Introduction to Agriculture class. The Introduction to Agriculture class allows students the opportunity to explore different areas of agriculture in order to choose a particular pathway. Students have the option to explore FFA, animal production, plant science, agribusiness, mechanics, and natural resources.

Shelby Adkins, the instructor of Ag Mechanics

## Wickline elected Southeastern Region Vice President



Allison Wickline was elected during the 2022 WV FFA State Convention. She is the daughter of Cheryl and Joe Cooper of Lewisburg, and a proud Greenbrier East FFA member. Allison went through the Nominating Committee before and during State Convention, which consisted of history knowledge, interviews, essays, speeches, and creating workshops for members. Since Allison's election, she has traveled to National FFA Convention, traveled to various chapters in the state for visits, organized Fall Leadership Conference, and worked with her all female officer team or lead WV FFA forward.



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# State Degree and American Degree Recipients Named



**Carmen Fogus and Emma Kesterson received their State Degrees.**

During State FFA Convention two of our chapter members received their State Degrees. Those members are Carmen Fogus and Emma Kesterson. These members must have the following requirements in order to qualify and receive their State Degrees: Be in FFA and Ag class for at least two years, invest and earn profit of at least \$1000 and have 25 community services hours in two different activities. These members have worked very hard to earn their State Degrees. During National FFA Convention, Kiah Hill received her American FFA Degree. This is the highest



**Kiah Hill received her American FFA Degree.**

degree a member can earn. It required an investment and profit of over \$7,500 as well as leadership, coursework and community service requirements.



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