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New bench at Carnegie Hall dedicated to Janie Kirk

The Carnegie Hall Guild is pleased to announce that a new bench, placed on the Ivy Terrace of the Hall, has been dedicated to Janie Kirk. Janie is the founder of Carnegie Hall Guild which has been active since 2007. She also served as president of the Guild for two years. The mission of the Guild is to provide interest in the Hall and to provide financial and volunteer support.

Greenbrier County is fortunate that Janie and her husband Ron moved to Lewisburg in July 2006 following their retirement. Janie was raised in Claremont, CA. She and Ron met in California following Ron's transfer to California from Kansas City, MO. Ron, being a native of Nitro, WV, brought Janie to visit family there and soon discovered Lewisburg. They were impressed with how alive it felt and decided to put roots down here. And we are grateful they did.

They immediately became active in all the cultural activities and began volunteering at Carnegie Hall and at the North House Museum. Janie served on the Carnegie Hall Board of Directors as secretary for five years. She and Ron contributed countless hours developing and re-



Janie Kirk, founder of the Carnegie Hall Guild, is honored.

fining administrative procedures which have been invaluable to the Hall, management, and staff. Janie discovered that Carnegie Hall did not have an organized "support" group - such as a guild. She quickly drew upon her volunteer experiences in Southern California where she was

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Lewisburg intersection temporarily a four-way stop after accident

By Sarah Richardson

At approximately 8:43 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 22, a semi truck driving through downtown Lewisburg struck and knocked over a traffic light pole and streetlight at the main intersection. The traffic light pole that was struck is located beside the Green Space and hangs over Washington Street facing southeast.

According to Lewisburg Police Chief Chris Teubert, officers were made aware of the incident quickly, as a driver behind the semi called to report the accident. After making contact with the poles, the operator of the semi truck continued driving and later stated that he didn't realize he had hit the poles due to the large load he was hauling. He was stopped by police approximately one mile from the Hart's Run interstate exit. While he wasn't apprehended or issued a ticket, he was found to be at fault for the incident, and his insurance will be covering the costs of replacing the poles.

"The intersection will be a four-way stop intersection until we get a temporary light post sometime next week," explained Chief Teubert. "If possible, I'd advise drivers to avoid to area and to expect some delays."

The city is working with the state on securing the temporary pole. He explained that the damage done to the base of the traffic post makes it difficult to replace quickly.

The Chief noted that, "We are absolutely monitoring the intersection" for traffic backups and other issues, and said that they will direct traffic as much as possible when it is needed.

Nature's Way

By Karen Cohen on page 4



Commission meets to discuss water line project for Clintonville, select contractor for Meadow River Rail Trail

By Adam Pack

The Greenbrier County Commission met Tuesday, Feb. 22, to discuss the approval of a grant application from the West Virginia Planning and Development Commission for the Greenbrier PSD#2 Clintonville Water Extension Project. Greenbrier County falls within Region 4 of the State Planning and Development Commission, and Region 4 Commissioner Donna Ward appeared via Zoom and briefed the commission and the public on the amount of money being requested, and answered questions from the community about the project. The grant application is for the amount of \$2 million, which would replace that amount of money in loans for the project. According to Ward, the entire project

will cost between \$10 and \$11 million. The new water line will run from Sam Black to Clintonville and will not run from Charmco to Rainelle. That will have to be a separate project.

In other news, Matt Ford, representing the Meadow River Rails to Trails Planning Commission, reported, "The Meadow River Rail Trail has reviewed the bids, and with the help of Chapman Technical Services, we recommend Lynch Construction. With the base bid, we are below the estimated construction cost, so my recommendation is that we contract through Lynch Construction for the base bid, and alternates one through four."

The motion to hire Lynch Construction was passed unanimously.

U.S. Senator Manchin tours 'world's first fully disabled-accessible hotel in White Sulphur Springs

By Matthew Young, WV Press News Services

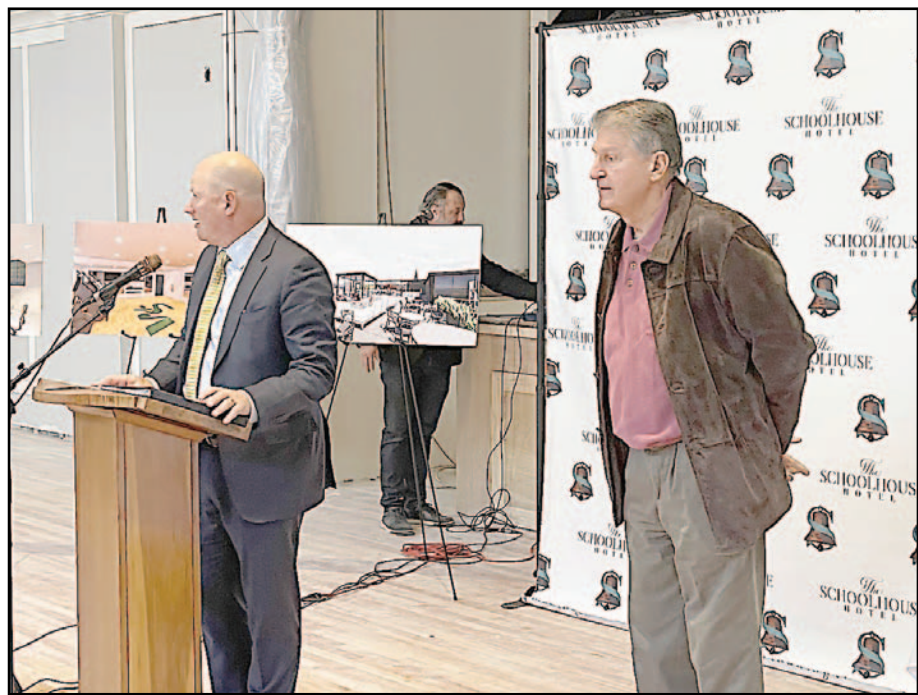
U.S. Sen. Joe Manchin, D-West Virginia, visited White Sulphur Springs on Monday to tour the newly-constructed "Schoolhouse Hotel." On hand to personally guide the tour was Charles Hammerman, president and CEO of the New York-based Disability Opportunity Fund (DOF), the organization behind the hotel project.

According to a statement from the DOF, the project, which began some 18-months ago, "will transform the historic WSS High School into a hub for the community and visitors alike." Once completed, the Schoolhouse Hotel, designed by architectural-firm Crabtree, Rohrbaugh & Associates, will be the "world's first hotel where every room is adapted for use by disabled people."

The tour began in the hotel lobby, where Manchin was given a first-hand look at the multi-level reception desk, conceived to be accessible from either an upright or seated position. The counter's design allows for better service to those reliant upon a wheelchair.

"The other added part to it is the technology that we're bringing in," Hammerman told Manchin. "Let's say one of your constituents comes in and they need American sign language, but the person on the desk doesn't know American sign language. We have a little iPad where you can push one button, and in literally 10-seconds somebody will be there who can speak American sign language."

The tour then proceeded down a hallway which will soon feature memorabilia salvaged from the old high school, before providing Manchin with his first look of a nearly-completed guest room. Hammerman took the opportunity to show off the room's large, wheelchair-friendly bathroom door, as well as the touchpad door-latch feature.



DOF President and CEO Charles Hammerman (left) and U.S. Sen. Joe Manchin address the audience in the ballroom at the Schoolhouse Hotel in White Sulphur Springs.

"The beauty is that you (West Virginia) are the home to the first ever (fully disabled-accessible hotel)," Hammerman said. "And we're going to keep inviting the rest of the world to come and see this."

After being shown the hotel's bar and restaurant area, Manchin was led into the ballroom, where he greeted many of the contractors responsible for the building's conversion from dilapidated high school to world-class hotel.

After unveiling the fully-restored original 110-year-old schoolhouse bell which will be preserved within the hotel's lobby, Manchin took the microphone to briefly address the room.

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WVSOM's Rural Practice Day focuses on improving emotional health

The West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine (WVSOM) brought alumni of disparate backgrounds together for its 11th annual Rural Practice Day, which took place Feb. 11 on the school's Lewisburg campus. Rural Practice Day, hosted by WVSOM's Rural Health Initiative (RHI), is intended to educate WVSOM students about what it's like to practice in rural communities and to encourage students to work in rural areas after completing medical school.

A total of 146 individuals, including 110 WVSOM students, attended this year's event, which was presented in a hybrid virtual and in-person format. The theme was "Emotional Health in Diverse Demographics," and in service of that theme, topics included providing care for the military and veteran community, for transgender individuals, and for patients with opioid addiction and other forms of substance use disorder.

In her introductory remarks, Linda Boyd, D.O., WVSOM's vice president for academic affairs and dean, pointed out that the school and the RHI program are working to alleviate some of the health disparities that persist in the state.

"In West Virginia we currently have 62 medically underserved areas and more than 100 health professional shortage areas. These are areas that don't have adequate primary care physicians, have high infant mortality rates, high poverty and high rates of elderly people," Boyd said. "One of the most important factors in improving health care in medically underserved areas is putting a primary care doctor in that area. It improves health outcomes tremendously, and that's what our mission is at WVSOM."

The keynote speaker was Pat Browning, D.O., a WVSOM Class of 2000 alumna and former primary care physician who lost two daughters to substance use dis-

order. She spoke about how social stigma surrounding the disorder can lead physicians to lose their clinical judgment, resulting in a lower quality of care.

"Nobody starts out wanting substance use disorder. It can start because a person is self-medicating for a mental illness or anxiety, because they want to be like their peers, or because there are problems at home and they want to numb themselves," said Browning, addressing the audience from a lectern adorned with a photo of each of her daughters. "There are a lot of high-functioning people with substance use disorder, and we're all vulnerable to it."

Rob Snuffer, D.O., of WVSOM's Class of 2001, is an emergency department director, hospitalist and lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve who has served seven deployments. He recounted anecdotes about patients he has cared for throughout his career, including the chilling story of one veteran who had an extreme reaction to learning that his wife had been unfaithful.

"Patients with a military background or with post-traumatic stress disorder have a different outlook on life," Snuffer told students. "You don't have to have been in combat to take care of veterans. What you have to do, and it's one of the hardest things, is to not try to understand what they've been through, but accept what they're telling you as the way it is."

Janie Kirk

membership chairman for the first "Guild" in support of the young Orange County Pacific Symphony. She garnered support from two additional couples, Pam and Jeff Graham and Liz and Jim Jeter (and of course, from Ron) and proceeded to organize the Carnegie Hall Guild.

In May of 2007, she formed an interest group which pledged their support of Janie's endeavor. By early fall of that year, the Guild had nearly 80 members. Close to half were active members and the others, patron members. Janie became the first president and was instrumental in organizing the Guild's first fundraising event - a fancy tea - along with former charter Guild member, Pam Graham. It was a huge success and attended by over 100 men and women realizing a profit of approximately \$5,000. The rest is history!

Janie has been instrumental in so many of our fundraising successes and has taught members invaluable information on leadership and organization. We sincerely attribute the Guild's ongoing success to Janie's vision and leadership. The Guild has raised approximately

Jessica McColley, D.O., of WVSOM's Class of 2009, is chief medical officer of Cabin Creek Health Systems in Kanawha County, W.Va. She spoke about how physicians can improve the emotional health and wellness of individuals who identify as transgender. McColley said America's culture often places a "veil" over important aspects of people's lives.

"As doctors, I want us to be able to take off the veil so that we can treat humans like humans," McColley said. "The first thing you can do to help any member of a community where they feel like they've been discarded is to say, 'I see you. I hear you. How can I help you?' You can build rapport just by validating that your patient is a person with feelings."

Other Rural Practice Day participants included Rhonda Hamm, D.O., of WVSOM's Class of 1993, who discussed how primary care physicians and specialists can serve patients' mental health concerns, and Deborah Schmidt, D.O., a Class of 1988 alumna who chairs WVSOM's Department of Osteopathic Principles and Practice. Schmidt demonstrated the National Acupuncture Detoxification Association (NADA) protocol, in which needles are placed into the exterior of the ear to decrease anxiety, ease symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder and, in patients fighting addiction, reduce cravings.

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Ronceverte to receive nearly \$500,000 for sidewalks

Gov. Jim Justice announced this week that over \$8.3 million in Transportation Alternatives and Recreational Trails Program grants for 29 improvement projects in 21 counties across West Virginia have been approved.

The City of Ronceverte is slated to receive \$474,000 for Ronceverte Main Street sidewalks, specifically for the "design and construction of approximately 2,000 linear feet of replacement sidewalk along Main Street in Ronceverte."

These grants help towns and cities improve their network of recreational trails, biking/walking paths, sidewalks, and more, by either building from scratch or enhancing what they already have through various types of projects.

The program is administered by the West Virginia Department of Transportation and funded by the Federal Highway Administration.

"This program will provide millions of dollars that is going to be put to work making our cities and towns easier to get around and making our beautiful park trails even more appealing and accessible to West Virginians of all abilities," Gov. Justice said. "These projects will also draw tourism and visitation to new destinations all throughout our state and the positive economic ripple effects will be off the charts."

"I could not be more proud to make my recommendations for each of these deserving and exciting projects on behalf of these communities and the entire state," Gov. Justice added.

Sen. Manchin

"White Sulphur sits right here," Manchin began. "And the world-famous Greenbrier is right up here. Did the two ever intertwine? You didn't see the town getting the benefits of all these people coming here. And then the 2016 flood hit."

Manchin then shared some personal tragedies from the flood before moving on, saying: "The town was devastated. I walked Main Street at that time. And to see what you all have been able to do, and the resilience that people have, and West Virginians are known for that. We don't give up - we can't give up."

From there, Manchin broadened his remarks beyond those relating specifically to the flood.

"We've always said ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act)," Manchin continued. "But when you think about those of us, by the grace of God, who take for granted the health that we have - if you have health, you have all the wealth in the world. What you all are doing here is showing that anybody with any type of a disability can enjoy the quality and the fruits of life that so

\$80,000 towards items needed by the Hall that are visible to the public. Examples of these gifts over the years include providing financial assistance to bring a symphony to Carnegie Hall to execute the Carnegie Hall New York Link-up music education program for 4th and 5th grade students in Greenbrier and neighboring counties, as well as providing recorders needed for each student. Additional items include the historical marker in front of the Hall, elegant and versatile Board Room tables and chairs as well as a new floor, large planters for the Ivy Terrace, hearing-assistance devices and a new stage lighting board for the Hamilton Auditorium, efficient window blinds, acoustic ceiling tiles for the Old Stone and Board Rooms, tall café type tables for receptions, the replacement of hammers for the Hall's Steinway grand piano, updated sound equipment etc.

To learn more about the Carnegie Hall Guild, or to become a member, refer to www.carnegiehallwv.org or contact current president, Mary Leeb, at 304-646-1450 or maryleeb@frontier.com

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many of us take for granted. I think to have it in West Virginia - more importantly, to have it in Greenbrier County, to have it in White Sulphur Springs, is pretty special."

"There's a lot happening in the world, I don't need to tell you," Manchin went on to say. "If you watch television, we have a troubled world and we have a divided country. But the country is not so much divided as far as our people, it's our politics that are divided. Just don't let them divide you, that's all I can tell you. We've got to be one people for one purpose. The American dream should be alive for everybody. We're still the best. We are the best in the world. We've got to make sure that everybody knows it - that everyone has an opportunity."

After leaving the hotel, Hammerman led Manchin on a short walk down White Sulphur Springs' Main Street, where the senator stopped in to visit with several store owners. Lunch was then served at the GreenRiver Academy, the first private school for special-needs children to open in West Virginia.

PICK OF THE LITTER



SCOOTER

Scooter is a two-year-old male mixed breed and weighs 41 pounds.



MERLIN

Merlin is a two-year-old heeler mix and weighs 31 pounds.

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

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

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

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

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Correction

In last week's *Mountain Messenger* Tia Bouman was incorrectly named as Valerie Pritt in the story "Lewisburg City Council approves final Starbucks plat, motions to add police officer." We apologize for the error.

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Greenbrier Chiropractic Center-Dr. Timothy Pence • Greenbrier Medical Arts Pharmacy
Greenbrier Valley Medical Center • Greenbrier Valley Theatre
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Briefly

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Williamsburg Community

Shooting Match

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

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. 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@meadowrivervalley.org.

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.

Greenbrier Co. Board of Education

will meet in a special meeting - work session - Friday, Feb. 25 at 1 p.m. at the County Board Offices, Kyle & Ann Fort Arts & Sciences Building - small conference room. On the agenda:

- Executive Session - student hearings per WV code §18a-5-1A
 - Student A - GEHS
- Executive Session Out
- Superintendent's presentation to the Board of Covid protocols

Alderson Municipal Planning

Commission

will meet Thursday, Mar. 3, at 3 p.m. in the Council Room at Alderson City Hall, through the entrance door on the side of building. The agenda includes election of officers. The meeting is open to the public; interested people are encouraged to attend.

Greenbrier County Magistrate Court Convictions

Romalee Curtis Goins, Jr., Crawley, domestic battery, NCP, fine \$75, jail 20 days - suspended and placed on 9 months unsupervised probation

Lesley Carr Adams, Quinwood, domestic battery, NCP, jail 45 days - suspended and placed on 12 months unsupervised probation

James Everette Thomas, Union, failure to move over for emergency vehicle, NCP, fine \$20

Bethany Marie White, Lewisburg, domestic assault, NCP, fine \$25, jail 90 days - credit for 5 days served - remainder suspended and placed on 12 months unsupervised probation

Tommy Hernandez Alexander, White Sulphur Springs, disorderly conduct, NCP, fine \$20, jail 24 hours

Protection as the administrative agent, so any money that could go through the DEP program can be parallel to the program we are talking about here, depending on the ownership," Swope said. "If we get an amount like \$30 million, we can make a pretty big showing somewhere."

"I think each project you do almost has to be an isolated project," Swope continued, noting that a 2018 West Virginia University research study estimated statewide residential demolition projects will cost about \$150 million and other building demolition projects will cost about \$400 million.

The focus of the conversation then shifted to creating eligibility requirements to receive ARPA funding and finding an administrative agent.

Swope stated that he is willing to speak with DEP officials to determine if they would be the appropriate administrative agency and he suggested that all counties should pass ordinances giving them the right to condemn dilapidated structures and hire a building inspector.

House Bill 4319, also moving through the legislative process, would require county assessors "to identify defective and dilapidated properties for subsequent enforcement proceedings" and provide appropriate personnel training through the Division of Emergency Management.

Swope added that he has been recommending this type of enforcement for some time. He also noted that through the current demolition model, the contractor has the right to salvage, but counties should utilize government owned property to set up a clearance and demolition landfill to avoid expensive flood debris disposal costs, often \$30 a ton. Additionally, the state should partner with the DEP to create asbestos removal contracts, which would minimize final costs.

Jennifer Ferrell, director of the Community Advancement and Development division of the West Virginia Development office, added that any bidding contract should include specifications for property remediation and include language for old car and outbuilding removal.

At the meeting's conclusion, Baldwin stated "we will do our homework, put something together, send it out to everyone for feedback and have it ready for when we get back together."

The counties that had been considered most impacted by the June 2016 flood include Clay, Kanawha, Nicholas and Greenbrier. Additional counties considered impacted by the flood include Fayette, Jackson, Monroe, Pocahontas, Lincoln, Roane, Summers and Webster.

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For the Record

Deeds

Linda S. Fox to Roger Baker, Lots Nos. 16, 18, Block 3, Seneca Estates, Lewisburg Corporate District
Henry Lee Hamrick to Donald Edwin Hamrick, 135.81 Acres, Lewisburg District
Prem Prakash to 283WE962 Trust, Lot No. 136, East Rainelle Subdivision, Rainelle Corporation
Jameson C. Parker and Kelsey M. Parker to Michael L. Reickauer and Vickie K. Reickauer, 1.57 Acres, Lot No. 7, Lewisburg District
Dallas F. Smith and Donna B. Smith, to Jameson Parker and Kelsey Parker, 1.152 Acres, Lot No. 8, Lewisburg District
Edward Jonathon Stout and Rhonda I. Stout to George Robert Kusner, III and Sherry L. Kusner, 100.18 Acres, Blue Sulphur District
Dannie Lee Huffman to Jacob Lee Huffman, 42 Acres, Lewisburg District
Mark Grim to Greenbrier Premier Rentals & Property, LLC, a West Virginia Limited Liability Company, 0.341 Acres, Ronceverte Corporate District
Cendlelyn Workman to Greenbrier Premier Rentals & Property, LLC, Lot No. 7, Estates of Greenbrier Subdivision, Lewisburg District
Dannie Lee Huffman to Dervin Clay Huffman, 41.835 Acres, Lewisburg District
Richard Midkiff to Ellen Marie McClung, Lot No. 1, Maple Grove Addition, Town of Rupert, Meadow Bluff District
Frankie H. Walkup to Pentagent, LLC. A West Virginia Limited Liability Company, Lots Nos. 31 and 33, White Sulphur Springs Municipality
Greg Scott to Robin Patterson, Lots Nos. 18 and 19, Garling Addition, Town of White Sulphur Springs, White Sulphur Springs District
Volusia Ventures, LLC, A West Virginia Limited Liability Company to Luke Anthony Martin and Brittany Rose Martin, Lot 85 & 85, Meadow Bluff District
Joseph L. Warren and Carolyn N. Warren to Douglas Warren and Patricia O. Warren, 7.35 Acres, Lewisburg District
Larry C. Kickell and Liliana Isaza Nickell to Mary Jo Doddrell, Lots No. 10 & 50, Lamplighter Valley Subdivision, Lewisburg Corporate District
Hubert L. Workman and Karen S. Workman to Corey Alexander Lane and Rebecca Faith Lane, 1.2 Acres, Meadow Bluff District
Hobert Lee Robertson and Penny Robertson to Edith Burger and Lauren Burger, Lot No. 23, Quinwood Heights Addition No. Two, Meadow Bluff District
Anthony W. Lewis and Janet W. Lewis to Nathan Paul Totten, 5.19 Acres, Blue Sulphur Springs District
James L. Edens and Pamela Edens to Nolan Calabro and Kathy Halstead Calabro, 1 Acre, Meadow Bluff District
Stephen E. Carey to Matthew James MacGregor and Sara Murrill, Lot No. 28, Phase 1 Overlook at Greenbrier Subdivision, Irish Corner/White Sulphur Springs District
Norman Langdon and Drema Langdon to Kelsey L. Carter, Lot No. 4, Martin L. Clark Addition, White Sulphur Springs District

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"His bill will use the Department of Environmental

OPINION

Nature's Way

By Karen Cohen
Master Gardener/Photojournalist/Artist
Sweet Dreams

Want to add a visual and aromatic touch to your garden? Plant lavender! With grayish-green foliage and tiny purple flower spikes, lavender is not only attractive but the added benefit of growing it is for its scent. Both the leaves and the blossoms are picked for drying and then added to sachets, potpourris, and teas. I cut long stems and hang these upside down in a closet or on a bedpost to allow the fragrance to waft through spaces. You can dry the stems and leaves on a screen in the shade outside and then use it for various purposes. Tuck some under your pillow at night or fill a spray bottle with some sprigs and water and mist it on your duvet cover. One of the most luxurious hotels I stayed in at Provence offered a small bottle of lavender spray at each guest's bedside table. Obviously, they knew about lavender! It has been used for centuries to induce relaxation and sleep.

There are four types of lavender. French lavender is the most elegant with slim stems topped with purple flowers. The leaves have more scent than the flowers much like rosemary and can grow up to 3 feet in height. Spanish lavender grows about two feet tall. This variety grows two spikes per stem topped with purple flowers and leaves that hold the most scent. English lavender likes cool climates and is cold hardy. It will tolerate winter frosts and snow and it is deer and rabbit resistant. You will find this variety in our local nurseries. Lavandin is a hybrid that is also cold hardy but also heat tolerant. Its flowers are very fragrant and it grows about two feet tall. It only flowers once during the season. These are used for cosmetics and aromatherapy because its oils are stronger in camphor.

Lavender may seem exotic but it is easy to care for in your home garden. Annual pruning is mandatory to keep it from getting too woody and to encourage annual blooms. Be sure to wait until spring after new growth appears. Also in the summer after flowering, cut off the flowers but don't cut into old wood. You may get a second flush of blossoms. Good air circulation and low humidity is a must. Shade, soggy soil, and humidity can kill these plants. Plenty of sunshine and low acid soil will keep them happy. Work a sprinkle of lime into the soil before planting or annually.

Deer and most insects don't like lavender, and that's another plus. Plant some mixed into your flower beds for a splash of purple. I have planted the four corners of each of my garden boxes with lavender bushes. For winter protection, I cover them with a plastic pot turned upside down. They will die back in the winter and reemerge in the spring.

You can bake with lavender too. Add a tablespoon of



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freshly ground leaves to cake batter or pastry dough for sweetness. Toss a few sprigs in your salad for a distinctive delicate flavor. Surprise your guests with a lavender mojito or a lavender gin sour cocktail. You can easily make a simple syrup with sugar and lavender leaves for alcoholic beverages or lemonade. Just boil one cup of water with one cup of sugar with a tablespoon of lavender leaves, simmer for a minute and then let it sit for up to one hour, then put through a sieve and bottle it.

There's something very elegant about lavender. Is it because it is French or is it because it evokes memories of sweet dreams?

(Karen Cohen is a Master Gardener, photoartist, journalist and avid explorer. Email comments and gardening tips to: natureswaykaren@gmail.com)



The Back Pew

By Stephen Baldwin

It's crunch time at the capitol. Only two weeks remain in the legislative session. Things will move very quickly now, so stay up to date by following my updates on social media.

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.

VETERINARY SCHOOL. There's a nationwide shortage of veterinarians and vet techs. Especially those who work on large animals in rural areas. On my recommendation, the Senate Agriculture Committee is calling for a formal study of adding a veterinary school and new vet tech programs in West Virginia. This will help secure the future of agriculture in our region for decades to come.

TRAILS. A number of folks reached out to me this week regarding several bills which allow motorized vehicles on walking/horseback riding trails. One bill would allow ATVs, but it hasn't made it on an agenda yet. One would allow certain motorized bikes, and I voted NO on it. Trails designed for walking and horseback riding should remain that way. ATV trails should be just for ATVs. We need both types of trails in West Virginia, but they should remain separate.

STATE PARKS. A bill to privatize state park operations (SB485) passed committee by a single vote. It allows the director of the Division of Natural Resources to sign contracts of up to 50 years with private companies to provide services at state parks. I do not support this effort, because our state parks are affordable treasures. Why should we give away what has been built with taxpayer dollars? It's fine for private companies to provide certain services at state parks, but this bill takes it way too far.

MICRO SCHOOLS. Speaking of taking it too far, a bill allowing "micro schools" establishes a new category of schools which can have up to 100 students with zero health, safety, or learning parameters. They are fully unregulated. I'm supportive of educational choices, but this takes it too far. Schools are responsible for taking care of our kids and must be subject to basic health, safety, and learning parameters. When my amendment to do that was rejected, I voted NO.

ATHLETIC TRANSFERS. I voted against a bill (SB586) this week that allows student athletes to transfer schools more often. Several local coaches reached out to me arguing it was a bad idea, and I agreed. We shouldn't encourage recruiting. We shouldn't allow transfers to take roster spots from local students. High school sports should be a place where everyone gets a shot to play, learn, and grow.

FLOOD DEMOLITIONS. I'm chairing the subcommittee on flood demolitions. At our meeting last week, we took initial steps towards creating a proposal to find additional demolitions of flooded buildings across West Virginia using American Rescue Plan funds. Stay tuned.

RETIREEES. Many folks are reaching out about SB432, which provides a one-time supplement for retirees in the state. I'm a co-sponsor, so I support it. Unfortunately, it does not look like it will be put up for a vote.

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. Follow him on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram @BaldwinForWV)

Commentary

Suddenlink and the importance of customer service

By PSC Chairman Charlotte Lane

When you sign up and pay for a service, such as a company promising cable television service, you expect the television to work when you turn it on. Unfortunately, for many who subscribe to Suddenlink for cable television and other services, that has not been the case for far too long. The Public Service Commission has received thousands of complaints from Suddenlink customers over the past few years. The complaints have covered all areas, from interruptions in service to billing problems. To make matters worse, customers calling to complain have had terrible experiences and very little success in getting their problems resolved.

Commission staff tried to intervene on behalf of customers over and over. The response from Suddenlink

was always less than satisfactory. That's why the Public Service Commission recently took the extraordinary measure of fining Suddenlink \$2.2 million and demanding 16 very specific corrective actions. The \$2.2 million penalty fine will not be sent to the Commission or to any other government agency bank account. The Public Service Commission has ordered Suddenlink to refund that money directly back to its existing customers who have been forced to endure years of bad customer service.

The Commission has also put Suddenlink on notice that these penalties can continue to accrue until the Commission determines that the company is finally providing the safe, adequate and reliable service customers are paying for.

Consumers deserve to get the services they request and pay for. When the service breaks down, customers deserve to be able to report the problem and have the service fixed.

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3) All letters must be signed by the author and include the city in which they reside.

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Commentary

Celebrating Black History Month

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WE HAVE THANKED ALL OF THOSE WHO OPENED SO MANY DOORS

WE HAVE STAYED TRUE TO OUR BELIEFS EVEN WHEN THERE WAS NO RELIEF FROM PREJUDICE AND PAIN

WE HAVE FOUGHT THE GOOD FIGHT WE HAVE STOOD FOR WHAT IS RIGHT WE HAVE GIVEN RACISM A VOICE BECAUSE WE HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO CARRY ON

TODAY THE WAR IS STILL GOING ON FOR EQUALITY

AND YES IT'S STILL UP TO YOU AND ME TO KEEP THE BATTLE GOING UNTIL THE RACE IS WON

AND RACISM IS DEAD AND GONE ALL THAT YOU'VE BEEN ASKED TO DO IS FOLLOW GOD'S LAW AND TO YOURSELVES BE TRUE

TO HELP OUR FELLOWMAN EACH DAY AND ALWAYS, ALWAYS, SHOW THE WAY THAT YOU ARE THE BETTER PERSON TODAY AS WE CONTINUE TO CELEBRATE THINGS ARE BETTER - HOWEVER, WE ARE AIMING TO BE GREAT

SO THAT ALL GOD'S CHILDREN CAN HONESTLY SAY

YES, YES - WE'VE COME A LONG WAY!

Beverly D. White

2-16-12

OBITUARIES

Elizabeth Mae Patrick Beavers



Fairlea-Elizabeth Mae Patrick Beavers, 78, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2022, at Peyton Hospice House in Fairlea, WV.

Mae was born on May 19, 1943 in Caldwell, the daughter of Gladys Jackson Garner and Jasper Say Patrick.

She was preceded in death by a special brother, Howard Eugene "Gene" Patrick (Karen) and stepfather, Roy Garner.

Mae was known for her unique sense of humor and love of playing bingo, card games, bowling and was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Auxiliary. She was the beloved Matriarch of the family and will be greatly missed.

Those left to cherish her memory include sons, Walter Reynolds, Jr., Greg Reynolds; daughter, Paula Reynolds Gallimore (Mike); four grandchildren, Evan Reynolds, Sara Reynolds, Jordan Gallimore and Cade Gallimore; sister, Mary Dunleavy (Tom) of Roanoke, VA; brothers, Jerry Patrick of Caldwell, Mitch Patrick (Janice) of Akron, OH, Arthur Erskine (Karen) of Ronceverte, and Johnny Erskine of Beckley; as well as many nieces, nephews and special friends, Alan Beckner, Jane Ridgeway, Linda Reynolds and Rachel Canfield.

Funeral services for Mae will be on Saturday, Feb. 26, at 2 p.m. at the Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Lewisburg with Pastor Greg Scott officiating. Interment will follow in the Salem Presbyterian Church Cemetery at Organ Cave, WV.

The family will receive their family and friends from 1 until 2 p.m. on Saturday at the funeral home.

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

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Gary David Trent



Ronceverte-Gary David Trent, 70, passed away on Thursday, Feb. 17, 2022, at Peyton Hospice House in Fairlea.

Gary was born Dec. 10, 1951, in Union, the son of the late Earl and Betty Elmore Trent.

He had been a groundskeeper at The Greenbrier Hotel with 30 years of ser-

vice. Gary was a graduate of Union High School and attended Second Creek Pentecostal Holiness Church. His hobbies were fishing, hunting, nature walks and his green thumb lead him to be an excellent gardener.

Surviving are his sons; Anthony Trent (Shelly) of Organ Cave, and Chad Trent (LeeAnn) of Roanoke, VA; the love of his life, grandchildren, Landon David Wade Trent of Organ Cave, Nicholas Aiden Trent of White Sulphur Springs and Yaira Zapheric Trent of Roanoke, VA; four brothers and two sisters, Ron Trent (Barbara) of Second Creek, Vicki Morgan (Gary) of Frankford, Michael Trent of Second Creek, Steve Trent of Second Creek, Jeannie Thompson (Mark) of Second Creek, and John Trent (Debbie) of Pennsylvania; and several nieces and nephews.

It was Gary's wishes to be cremated and a celebration of life will be held at a later date.

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

Please send online condolences by visiting www.WallaceandWallaceFH.com

Helen Ruth Hinkle



Lewisburg-Helen Ruth (Walton) Hinkle, 82, passed peacefully at the Peyton Hospice House in Lewisburg, on Saturday, Feb. 19, 2022.

Born on Mar. 18, 1939, at her family's homestead, Helen was the only living child of Sylvia and John Walton.

Helen grew up in Cornstalk, West Virginia and went to Williamsburg School, graduating in 1957. Upon graduation, Helen obtained a business degree at Bluefield College. Helen married her high school sweetheart, Charles Hinkle in 1959. Together they had four children and remained together (for 62 years) before death did part. They worked and raised their family in Virginia before returning to Greenbrier County (WV) in 2007. Helen had several paying jobs including baby-sitting, banking, and teacher's assistant, but most of her work was dedicated to raising her four girls and maintaining their home.

Helen had a love for children, was an avid reader, and enjoyed her time in women's groups such as the Red Hat Society and playing Mahjong. She was an active church member, most recently at The First Baptist Church of Fairlea.

Helen is survived by her husband of 62 years, Charles Hinkle; her daughters, Terry Gandy of Fredericksburg, VA, Cathy Stuple (Gary) of Stafford, VA, Lisa Hinkle

(Satima) of Asheville, NC, and Jamie Matteo (Steve) of Charlotte, NC; her sister-in-law, Ada Gregory of Lewisburg; she is also survived by six grandchildren, David and Arthur Joel Wacaster. Lila was a member of the Zions Light Baptist Church where she was a member of the Ladies Circle. She volunteered at GVMC in the gift shop and at the front desk for many years, as she loved helping people. Lila had a passion for the Samaritans Purse Christmas Shoebox ministry. She always wanted to make one more! This past Christmas she personally provided 108 shoeboxes.

Survivors include her loving and devoted husband, Bill Shafer; daughter, Dianne Miele (Robert); grandsons, Justin and Tristen Miele; many nephews, nieces and sister-in-law, Jean Jones Wacaster. She is also survived by Bill's children, Brian Shafer (Yvonne) and Russ Shafer (Beth) and his grandchildren, Brian Jr., Abbie, Rylee, and Reagan

Funeral service was held on Saturday, Feb. 19, at the Zions Light Baptist Church where Pastor Gary Baker officiated and special music was provided by Rev. Greg Scott. Burial followed in the McLean Cemetery.

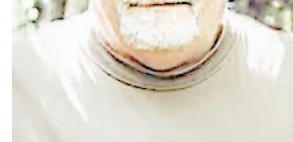
Visitation was at the church before the service.

The family would like to thank Dr. Stephanie Holliday for her kind compassionate care as well as the staff at GVMC for their kindness to the family.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations of sympathy be made to the Samaritans Purse Shoebox Ministry c/o Zions Light Baptist Church, P.O. Box 502, Ronceverte, WV 24970.

Online guestbook may be signed at www.morganfh.net

Arrangements by Morgan Funeral Home, Lewisburg, WV.



Ronceverte-John Austin Sharp, 62, passed away Thursday, Feb. 16, 2022, at Novant Health Forsyth Medical Center, Winston-Salem, NC.

Born Oct. 10, 1959, in Renick, he was the son of the late David Buster and Leatrice Marie Simmons Sharp.

John had worked at True Value for many years.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a half-brother, Pat Simons.

Survivors include his son, David Lee Sharp (Jaimee) of Beckley; brother, Joe David Sharp of Lewisburg; grandchildren, Wesley and Madilyn Sharp, Chloe Black and Jada Oneal; niece, Jennifer Miller; special cousins, Carol Sue Workman, Frankie Appel, Bernie, and Garland Simmons.

It was John's wish to be cremated. The family will hold a memorial service later.

Online guestbook may be signed at www.morganfh.net

Arrangements by Morgan Funeral Home, Lewisburg, WV.

Lila Dolphelen (Wacaster) Shafer



Caldwell-Lila Dolphelen (Wacaster) Shafer, 80, passed away peacefully Wednesday, Feb. 16, 2022, following a long illness.

Born Aug. 17, 1941, at Early Branch, SC, she was the daughter of the late Rev. Adolphus J. Wacaster

and Helen V. (Cummings) Wacaster.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her siblings, Julia Ilene (Rittmayer), Jordan Michael, George Edward, and Arthur Joel Wacaster.

Lila was a member of the Zions Light Baptist Church where she was a member of the Ladies Circle. She volunteered at GVMC in the gift shop and at the front desk for many years, as she loved helping people. Lila had a passion for the Samaritans Purse Christmas Shoebox ministry. She always wanted to make one more! This past Christmas she personally provided 108 shoeboxes.

Survivors include her loving and devoted husband, Bill Shafer; daughter, Dianne Miele (Robert); grandsons, Justin and Tristen Miele; many nephews, nieces and sister-in-law, Jean Jones Wacaster. She is also survived by Bill's children, Brian Shafer (Yvonne) and Russ Shafer (Beth) and his grandchildren, Brian Jr., Abbie, Rylee, and Reagan

Funeral service was held on Saturday, Feb. 19, at the Zions Light Baptist Church where Pastor Gary Baker officiated and special music was provided by Rev. Greg Scott. Burial followed in the McLean Cemetery.

Visitation was at the church before the service.

The family would like to thank Dr. Stephanie Holliday for her kind compassionate care as well as the staff at GVMC for their kindness to the family.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations of sympathy be made to the Samaritans Purse Shoebox Ministry c/o Zions Light Baptist Church, P.O. Box 502, Ronceverte, WV 24970.

Online guestbook may be signed at www.morganfh.net

Arrangements by Morgan Funeral Home, Lewisburg, WV.

Mark D. Morgan



Ronceverte-Mark D. Morgan, 82, went to his heavenly home Thursday, Feb. 17, 2022, following a short illness.

He was born Jan. 26, 1940, to the late Millard Ote and Macie Glenna Morgan of Ronceverte.

Mark loved nature and photography and was an avid hunter and collector of Indian artifacts. He also enjoyed gardening, hunting, fishing and the outdoors. Mark was also an avid Greenbrier East Spartan fan.

Proceeding him in death was the love of his life, his wife, Betty Mohler Morgan; sisters, Jeanne Nickell (Jimmy), Glenna Matthews (Frank); and brothers, Eddie (Boot), Clarence, and William.

Those left to cherish his memory are his children, Mark Morgan (Gina) of Sinks Grove, David Morgan of Lewisburg and Vicky Anderson (Charles) of Sinks Grove; brother, Bobby Morgan (Susie) of Ronceverte; sister, Relda Surgeon of Seville, OH; sisters-in-law, Dreama

Morgan, Bonnie Morgan, Angie Morgan, Sharon Mohler and Rita Mohler; grandchildren, Josh Morgan, Jesse Weber, Katrina Crouch, Dustin Crouch, Joey Morgan, Luke Morgan, Maggie Palmer, Jessica Holliday, and Charlie Anderson; great-grandchildren, Taylee Morgan, Zane Crouch, Ellie Palmer, Abby Morgan, Walker Morgan, Haydn Holliday, Ashton Goulart, Keaton Holliday, Breianna Cook, Brandon Cook, Braxton Anderson and Brody Anderson; and many nieces and nephews.

Mark donated his body to the Human Gift Registry of WVSOM, hoping someone could find a cure for Rheumatoid Arthritis.

The family will have a memorial service at Fort Spring Missionary Baptist Church in the spring, which was Mark's favorite time of year.

Online guestbook may be signed at www.morganfh.net. Arrangements by Morgan Funeral Home, Lewisburg, WV.

Betty J. Williams

White Sulphur Springs-Betty J. Williams, 81, passed away Friday, Feb. 18, 2022, at Greenbrier Valley Medical Center.

Betty was born July 27, 1940, at Springdale to the late James Garfield and Mary Emily Hanshaw Henson.

Betty was a retired bookkeeper and had worked for Williams Equipment. She was a member of the Whatcoat United Methodist Church.

Other than her parents, Betty was preceded in death by brothers, Charles Garfield Henson and James Dale Henson.

Survivors include daughters, Cheri DeHaven and husband Mark of Lewisburg and Kimbra LaBrie and husband Mike of Daleville, VA; grandchildren, Brian J. Thymius and wife Mandy of Crawley, Jeffrey Scott Thymius, Jr. and wife Miranda of Roanoke, VA, Ellen Weikle and husband Josh of Organ Cave, Jessica McMillion of White Sulphur Springs and Cody Clendenin and wife Courtney of White Sulphur Springs; and brother, William Eugene Henson and wife Jean of Springdale.

Per Betty's wishes, there will be no services.

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

Please send online condolences by visiting www.WallaceandWallaceFH.com

Mary Catherine Briggs



Ronceverte-Mary Catherine Briggs, 61, passed away Tuesday, Feb. 22, 2022, at Peyton Hospice House in Fairlea.

She was born Nov. 5, 1960, in Rantoul, IL, the daughter of Colette Leger King and the late Aiken L. King.

She was a sales associate with Wal Mart.

Surviving are her husband, David Wayne

Briggs; mother, Colette King of White Sulphur Springs; daughters, Catherine Boone and Sarah Boone both of Ronceverte; sisters, Barbara Cade (Brian) of White Sulphur Springs, Patricia Boothe (George) of Fairlea and Colette Workman (Nathan) of Auto; brother, Aiken L. King, Jr. (Debbie) of Lewisburg; grandchildren, O'Shea Boone, Dorian Bailey, Delaney Starrett Tatum Starrett and Donovan VanBuren; and special friends, Kimberly Harrington and Katrina Smith.

Celebration of life for Mrs. Briggs will be on Saturday, Mar. 5, at 2 p.m. at the Wallace & Wallace funeral Home in Lewisburg with Pastor Louie Moyer officiating.

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

Please send online condolences by visiting www.WallaceandWallaceFH.com

Peggy Lou Holliday



Ronceverte-Peggy Lou Holliday, 85, passed away Thursday, Feb. 17, 2022, at the Peyton Hospice House, Lewisburg, WV.

Born May 16, 1936, in Ronceverte, she was the daughter of the late William Franklin Turner and Dorothy Irene Michaels Ridgeway.

Peggy was a homemaker.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, David Holliday, Sr.; children, Richard and Peggy Ann Holiday; grandchildren, James Holliday and Joseph Henne; great-grandson, Elijah Henne; three brothers and six sisters.

Survivors include her companion, Erskin Hood of Ronceverte; three sons, David Holliday, Jr. (Althea) of Fairlea, Clarence Holliday, Sr. and Roger Holliday of Ronceverte; three daughters, Judy Holliday of Fairlea, Kay Cirrito (Augie) of Palm Dale, CA, and Rose Bucklen of Frankford; sister, Sandy Bucklen (Vernon) of Lewisburg; 15 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren, six great-great grandchildren, and several nieces, and nephews.

Funeral service will be at 3 p.m., Monday, Feb. 21, at the Morgan Funeral Home, 252 Montvue Drive, Lewisburg, WV. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service. Burial will follow in the Morgan Cemetery, Ronceverte.


Online guestbook may be signed at www.morganfh.net

Dorothy Mae Fisher



White Sulphur Springs-Dorothy Mae "Dottie" Fisher, 75, passed away Monday, Feb. 21, 2022, at the Peyton Hospice House in Fairlea.

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Venison winners with guest judges, adult division: Katherine Thompson Collins (left), third place winner George Altizer, second place winner Lee Kidd, first place winner Joe Feury, Judge Mike Honaker, and Judge Ryan Franklin

Another year is in the books for our annual 4-H Venison Contest, Bingo and Live Auction. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year for local 4-H groups. All proceeds from this event go toward our 2022 4-H camps. Approximately 300 people were in attendance to help support our kids, and approximately \$10,000 was raised.

There were four youth and nine adult entries for our Venison Cook-Off, with some intriguing recipes such as Venison Sauce Picante, Venison Enchiladas, Fiesta Venison Dip, and Venison Pizza.

The winners were, in the youth division Jagger McNeely with Deer Camp Burger and in the adult division Joe Feury with Venison Sauce Piquant. Each winner received a \$50 check for their efforts. Guest judges for this event included Ryan Franklin from the hit show Barnwood Living, as seen on Magnolia Network's hit reality television show Barnwood Builders; Katherine Thompson Collins, Chief Meteorologist from



Judge Katherine Thompson Collins (left), Youth Division First Place Winner Jagger McNeely, Judge Mike Honaker, and Judge Ryan Franklin

WVVA News Channel 6; and Delegate Mike Honaker representing the 42nd District and Homeland Security and Emergency Management in Greenbrier County.

The Bingo event awarded 17 winners with elaborate prizes donated by locals including D&D Ace Hardware in Rainelle, Pam Dransfield, Brush Road Automotive, Nancy Duffy, Megan Brown, Pipestem, Misty Walkup, Gone Fishin Expedition, The State

Fair of West Virginia, Mountain Rail Adventures, Tina & Ed Carter, Carter Farm and Teresa Kneathly, Linda Vaughan, The Greenbrier, Jo Long, Monica Crookshanks, Top Hat Stove and Chimney, Double E Glass, Boered Kids Creation, Fox Hunt Acres Boered Kids, Jenny Childers, Showman's Edge, The Asylum, Body and Sol, Greenbrier Dairy, Ashley's Delicious Cheesecakes, See "4H" Page 9

Virtual exhibit 'Know Your School: Education and Opportunity at the Bolling School' opening Feb. 26

The Greenbrier Historical Society will virtually open a new permanent exhibit titled "Know Your School: Education and Opportunity at the Bolling School." Due to COVID restrictions, the grand opening of the exhibit will be online and livestreamed from the Greenbrier Historical Society Facebook page on Saturday, Feb. 26, at 12 noon. The video of the livestream will be available on our social media after it has ended for those who cannot watch the opening live.

The public opening of the exhibit at Greenbrier Community Schools will be at a date to be determined. We are also planning a celebration of this exhibit at a later date when public gatherings can be held more safely. This exhibit and event are made possible with funds from the Bolling Alumni Association.

"Know Your School" examines Greenbrier County's historic Black high school through the lens of its faculty members and demonstrates the school's valuable role in the community prior to integration in 1964. The virtual exhibit will be accessible through the Greenbrier Historical Society website and include more in-depth information about the history of the Bolling School for those interested.

The exhibit features several immersive activities to interact further with these valuable topics. One of these activities includes the oral histories of former students!

As part of the virtual exhibit opening event, GHS staff will be answering questions about the exhibit, its creation, and its significance in the community. The event is free to the public, but donations to the museum are welcomed. For more information about the exhibit or its opening, call the North House Museum at 304-645-3398.

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2022, at Ruby Memorial Hospital in Morgantown, WV.

She was born May 27, 1946, in Mount Vernon, WV, a daughter of the late Fred Alfred Burns and Agnes Virginia Burns.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a sister, Mary Johnson and six brothers, Edward, Howard, Junior, Jimmy, Alvin, and Freddy.

Survivors include daughters, Melissa A. Fisher Hughes and husband Daniel, and Angel Rose Highlander and fiancé, Joey Asbury; sisters, Nora B. Judy and Virginia Francisco; brothers, Lewis A. Burns and Larry E. Burns.

She was loved by all whom met her. She had 30 nieces and nephews that were dear to her heart. She loved to spoil them. Her nickname was "Mother Goose" as she loved to spoil all children. One of her favorite nicknames was "Little Red Hen" that was given to her by one of her nephews.

A celebration of Life service will be held at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, at Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Lewisburg, with Pastor J. R. Barnes officiating. Friends and family will be received from 6 p.m. until time of the service at the funeral home on Saturday.

In lieu of flowers donations of sympathy may be made to Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home, 884 Jefferson Street North, Lewisburg, WV 24901

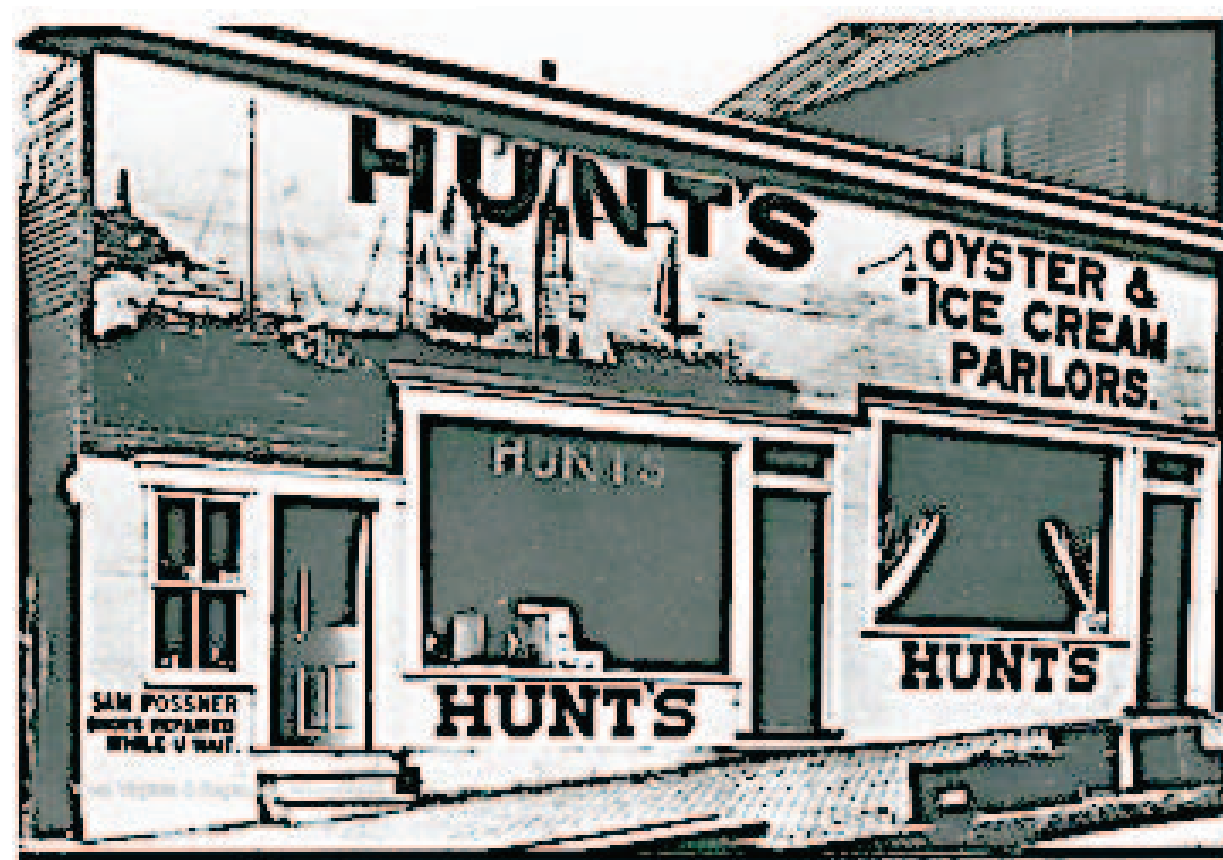
Acts 2:38 – 39

Peter said to them, "Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

For the promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God will call to Himself.

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A Look Back



Courtesy of West Virginia University Regional History Center.

This week's undated photo shows one of John Henry Hunt's (1871-1932) Morgantown oyster parlors. Hunt, an African-American, was a pioneer West Virginia entrepreneur. He began his career as a cook in Morgantown when he was 19. After honing his skills, he opened a restaurant in the basement of the Peabody Hotel. He soon sold that restaurant and opened another. Hunt continued to open restaurants and is thought to have owned 23 over his career.

He started the first ice cream manufacturing plant in Monongalia County and sold ice cream under the name of "Hokey Pokey." Since there

was no ice plant in Morgantown, Hunt cut ice in the Monongalia River during the winter, stored it in ice houses, and sold ice to restaurants during the summer.

During World War I, drafted men from all over West Virginia were sent to Morgantown to be trained at West Virginia University. Challenged by how to feed all the draftees, WVU's president engaged Hunt for the task. Hunt took over the "Ark," where the basketball team played their games, and turned it into a cafeteria. So impressed with Hunt's capability, Governor Cornwell appointed him to the State Council of Defense for

the Negro Race.

Towards the end of his life, Hunt developed summer resorts. When he died at age 61, his death was headline news in The Pittsburgh Courier. He left his wife, Anna, and six daughters and two sons.

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Sources: The Pittsburgh Courier, West Virginia University Regional History Center.

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All For Using Foil
Dear All For Using Foil,
Yes, small pieces of aluminum foil can be recycled. Give it the "aluminum test" by crinkling it up, then release it. If it is aluminum, it will remain crinkled. Shiny materials that look like aluminum will spring back to nearly the original shape.

themselves are recyclable. If they are used on envelopes and white paper, they can be put in with office paper. If they are used on colored envelopes, they are recycled with magazines. It is the shiny paper that the address labels are stuck to that is not recyclable, as the sheet itself contains plastic that enables the labels to be removed. The glue on the labels is not a problem.

in a light cardboard box that is recyclable with cardboard and 100% compostable. Additionally, the delicious cookies were in a waxed paper baggie, not a plastic baggie. Also, kudos to the WVSOM O'Café for using the eco-friendly boxes and bags when they prepared the boxed lunches for the Shepherd's Center as part of their community involvement program. Hopefully, more groups will follow their example and not use hard plastic containers or Styrofoam take-out containers and plastic baggies.



Justice for All is American. Censorship is not. We CAN handle the Truth.

In West Virginia and elsewhere, numerous attempts are under way to ban discussion of some of our nation's less comfortable history, especially as it relates to race and gender, from classrooms and workplaces.



Gagging teachers and forbidding honest conversations are not only unwise but impossible in an age where any student can—and does—find information on the Internet faster than parents. This creates an unwelcoming environment that won't entice new businesses or keep our young people here. Children are already forming groups to read and learn about the subjects that target these bans.

Join the more than 330 voters, businesses, organizations, and faith groups spread across 28 counties and growing, which have come together to tell legislators that Mountaineers won't hide from the truth. Contact information can be found at www.legislature.gov. For more information go to <https://bit.ly/WVCoalitionForTruthInHistory> or email wvtruthinhistory@gmail.com.

Dear Recycle Lady,

I must mail out several letters at a time and often use up all address labels on a page. Is the sheet of paper address labels come on recyclable? Why aren't address labels recyclable?

Uses Address Labels

Dear Uses Address Labels,

The address labels

Dear Recycle Lady,
Why must colored envelopes be put in with magazines and not office paper?
Likes Color

Dear Likes Color,
Envelopes that are colored are difficult to dye, as the fibers they are made with are not white. Make a tear in the envelope. If the tear shows only color, the envelope is recycled with magazines. If the tear shows white inside, the envelope is recycled with office paper. The same thing is true with bright colored paper. Tearing them will show color that is impossible to dye for later recycling.

Kudos to the Shepherd's Center in Lewisburg for serving a tasty boxed/take-home lunch to participants

Good News: Manchester City Football Center, England, has banned single-use plastics from their Etihad Stadium which will save 1 million plastic cups and 500,000 plastic bottles from being thrown away every football (soccer) season. (Fto.com)

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

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ACROSS

- Sci-fi zapper
- "Flashdance" star Jennifer
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- Stateside
- U-shaped bend in a river
- Protest shout
- Gave spirit to
- Chicago airport
- See
- 42-Across
- Bad grade
- Causes wonder in
- Subcompact car of the 1980s
- Naughty kid
- Saroyan's "My Name Is —"
- Mex. miss
- Abate
- HarperCollins or Simon & Schuster
- Antonio
- Suffix with Brooklyn
- With 25-Across, Czech tennis great
- Crude dude
- Gallery stuff
- Film director Premierer
- Holiday song
- Optimistic attitude
- Give and take
- False appearances
- Flaky dessert
- Restricted entry
- USMC rank
- Frat dude
- Soon-to-be adolescents
- Inquire into
- One of 100 in D.C.
- Monk's title
- Stuff applied to the wall of a room
- School org.
- Certain Ukrainian
- Fine riverbed sand
- Athlete's advantage
- 1836 Texas
- siege site or Simon & Schuster
- Abbr. on a phone dial
- Sgt., e.g.
- Must-have
- In a bit, to bards
- "— a snap!"
- Took a chair
- Features of many limos
- Sue Grafton's "— for Noose"
- Movie-rating org.
- Defendant's opponent
- Part of LAPD
- "Necktie," (outlaw)
- "bathrobe" or "jumpsuit"
- College burwig
- Furry foot
- Taken together
- Great values
- Subsequent stage
- Coup —
- Omit, as a syllable
- Balsam or turpentine
- Blissful spots
- Doles (out)
- Maker of the eight programs that are the theme of this puzzle
- Ticked off
- "Awright!"
- Dig out from the ground
- Impose — on (outlaw)
- Some nobles
- Affirms solemnly
- Suburb of D.C. in Virginia
- Wheat — (cereal)
- Judge of the O.J. Simpson trial
- Owing
- "Don't worry, things are going to work out"
- 60-min. periods
- "Give — whirl"
- "You're preaching to the choir"
- Lung cell
- Pen maker
- Egg cells
- Boat-rowing guys
- Style of jazz
- Bathtub sponges
- Great reviews
- Scale notes after dos
- Bullring cheer
- Library penalty
- Old railroad watchdog agcy.
- Bo (exercise system)
- Age-verifying cards
- Top dentures
- Food fish from Africa
- Eye squintingly
- A DJ might spin them
- Furiousness
- Gene stuff
- Co. big shot
- Gold-winning figure skater Brian
- Hotfoot it
- Sluggo Mel
- Burned a bit
- Sentimental pop songs
- Dostoyevsky novel, with "The"
- China's Lao- —
- Suffix with Brooklyn
- Comedian Gilda
- "Ask Me Another" aier
- Available without an Rx
- Occur at the same time
- Acquired the film rights to
- Army meal companion
- As a team
- "So yucky!"
- Do some lawn work
- Add- — (peripherals)
- Pupil-widening drug, e.g.
- Young salmon and sea trout
- Clerk on "The Simpsons"
- Tristan's love
- Surgery assistants
- TV magnate Turner
- Olympic athlete, e.g.
- She sang "Hello"
- Strategize
- Stand by
- Sub shop
- Part of 62-Down: Abbr.
- EI —, Texas
- Almost like
- Departed
- de plume
- "— So Shy"

DOWN

- Told a fib
- Hathaway of "Ocean's 8"
- Store lure
- Bygone U.K. record label
- Make over
- Bar with beermaking facilities
- Berlin article
- Masters

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Tree is different. 2. Pocket is missing. 3. Scarf end is missing. 4. Tail is different. 5. Tag is missing. 6. Curtains are missing.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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		3		5			8	
1					6		2	4

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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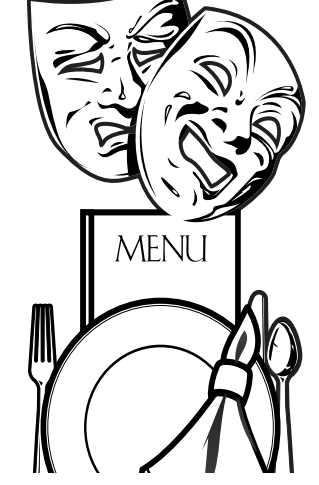
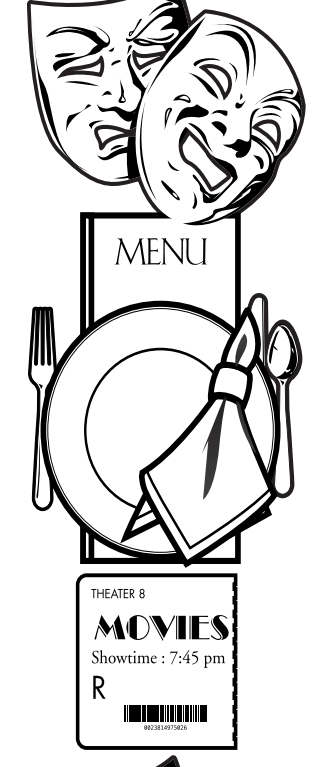
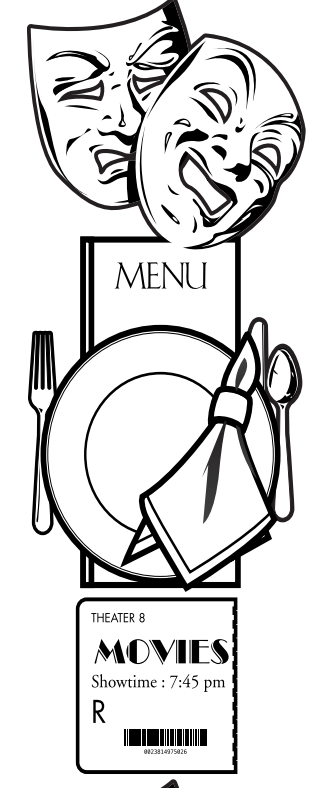
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Hold

INDATE

"Something _____ him."

TODAY'S WORD



STEPPIN' OUT

Learn to Feel for the Wheel and Seize the Clay with Kelsie Tyson



Kelsie Tyson demonstrating during a Feel for the Wheel experience

Carnegie Hall introduces teaching artist Kelsie Tyson to its Spring Classes & Workshops Series students as she teaches two new pottery classes - Feel for the Wheel and Seize the Clay.

Feel for the Wheel is part of the Family Fun Classes and are single-

day wheel experiences. In these classes, students will spend two hours learning the basics of throwing on the potter's wheel. During class, participants will make 2-5 pieces, picking their best to be fired. Students will have their choice of single glaze options for their pot-

Remaining classes include Feb. 26, Mar. 12, 26, Apr. 9, and May 7 and 21. Registration is \$45 for members and \$60 for non-members. Students must be at least six years old. Class size is limited.

Seize the Clay is a six-week course that teaches basic hand-building and popular surface-design techniques. Students will complete four projects and no experience is necessary. Section 1 is on Thursdays, Feb. 24, Mar. 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Section 2 is on Thursdays, Apr. 7, 14, 21, 28, May 5, and 12, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Registration is only \$105 due to an automatic scholarship. Students must be 16 years of age or older. Class size is limited.

Kelsie Tyson is an artist currently residing in Lewisburg. She recently received her MFA in Ceramics and Glass from Tyler School of Art in Philadelphia, PA. She uses photography, fiber, ceramics, and large installations to pursue a visual exploration of body im-

age, sexuality, and the intersections between them. Her goal for her art is to help other West Virginians to appreciate their own bodies. Her artworks are personal, open, and fearless.

To enroll and for a complete list of classes and workshops visit carnegie-hallwv.org/classes-and-workshops. A Classes & Workshops brochure is also available at Carnegie Hall.

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Fun Fridays Writing Workshop at NRCTC

If you like to write or think you'd enjoy writing, join author Belinda Anderson in a new writing workshop called "Fun Fridays" offered by New River Community and Technical College. The three-week conference call workshop starts Mar. 18.

"Think about how as a kid you loved creative play," said teacher Belinda Anderson. "It was a great way to stimulate your imagination. We're going to do the same with words."

Anderson will present a variety of writing concepts, followed by playful prompts, to stimulate both new writers and practicing writers of both fiction and nonfiction. "It's an hour of fun intended to inject energy into new and ongoing projects," Anderson said.

"Fun Fridays: Creative Writing as Play" meets for three weeks at 10 a.m. on Fridays through an audio-only conference call. The class can be accessed either through an internet conference call connection or by landline telephone - high-speed internet is not required. The hour-long conference calls will provide time for questions and participant sharing, with group e-mail follow-up as needed. The workshop is open both to new and experienced writers.

Anderson, the author of four books, likes to have fun in her own writing. "Belinda Anderson writes with warmth and humor about people whose lives are both ordinary and extraordinary," author Denise Giardina said of Anderson's book "The Bingo Cheaters."

Tuition for the class is \$75. The registration deadline is Mar. 4. Participants will be emailed the conference call number and access codes after registering for the class.

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

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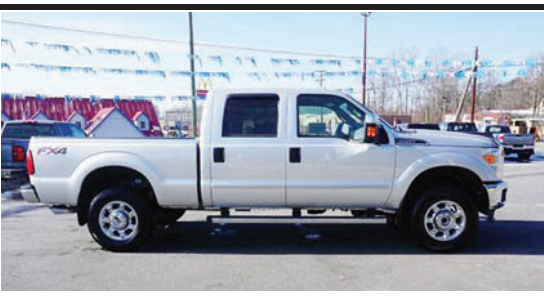
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