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Chocolate Festival, Literary Festival return in 2022

By Sarah Richardson

After a hiatus due to COVID-19 restrictions, both the Lewisburg Chocolate Festival and the Lewisburg Literary Festival are returning in 2022. The Chocolate Festival is set for Saturday, Apr. 9, and the Literary Festival will run Aug. 5 and 6.

"It's really exciting to see our festivals and fairs happening again. We're ready to welcome people at the Greenbrier Valley Visitors Center. It's been a long two years. I think people are ready to get out and enjoy these events with their friends and family. We've all missed

the Lewisburg Chocolate Festival and I know for me the first tasting will be extra sweet," said Valerie Pritt with the Greenbrier County Convention and Visitor's Bureau.

As next month swiftly approaches, it's not too soon to secure your tickets to Lewisburg's premier chocolate event. Simply visit www.lewisburgchocolatefestival.com/tickets to make sure you can sample all the sweet treats downtown. Tickets usually sell out quickly! In 2018 over 36,500 tasting tickets were sold.

The annual Chocolate Festival is a benefit event for the United Way of Greenbrier Valley.

Chocolate Festival ticket information:

Tasting tickets are \$1 each, sold in packets of five for \$5. Each ticket gets you one chocolate-theme tasting (bite-sized treat). Please note that all 2020 ticket holders must reply to erica@unitedwaygbv.org by Sunday, Mar. 13 to redeem their 2020 tickets (no exceptions). All ticket sales and Will Call will be located in the lobby of City National Bank in downtown Lewisburg (809 Jefferson Street South, Lewisburg) on Apr. 9 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Tickets are not sent through email or the post). No refunds or cancellations for any reason.

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WVSOM and partners launch program to reduce rural health disparities in Greenbrier County

Thanks to a partnership between the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine's (WVSOM) Center for Rural and Community Health (CRCH), Mountain Transit Authority (MTA) and the Greenbrier County Health Department, Greenbrier County residents now can receive free transportation to medical appointments and be more easily tested for COVID-19 and other infectious diseases.

Through a \$495,000 Rural Health Disparities grant from the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources' Bureau for Public Health, the partnering organizations will provide services aimed at reducing disparities in health care access that result in higher rates of COVID-19 among rural populations.

The grant allows the partners to provide non-emergency medical transportation for county residents, operate a mobile testing unit and digitize health department patient records. The services are available now and will continue through Apr. 15, 2023.

WVSOM's CRCH drives engagement in rural health by building infrastructure that empowers communities to improve their health and well-being through evidence-based education, research and outreach. Barbara Holt, CRCH executive director, said she is grateful that the grant allows the center to partner with other area organizations to reach these goals.

"We're excited for the opportunities the grant will bring. Greenbrier County residents will have access to free transportation to any non-emergency medical appointment.

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Matt Martin, Mountain Transit Authority (MTA) mobility officer (left); Barbara Holt, executive director of WVSOM's Center for Rural and Community Health (CRCH); Tim Thomas, MTA general manager; Kelly Lonergan, CRCH health disparities grant project coordinator; Nikki Dolan, Greenbrier County Health Department director of nursing/administrator; and Wes Hylton, Greenbrier County Emergency Ambulance Service administrator.

Turn clocks forward 1 hour Saturday night

Nature's Way

By Karen Cohen on page 4



The West Virginia Young Writers Competition winners were honored at this month's BOE meeting: Front Row: Grade 3-4 category winner Kennedy Carter of Lewisburg Elementary School (left), Kindergarten winner Lincoln Keaton of Lewisburg Elementary School, and Grade 1-2 category winner Sawyer Blankenship of Crichton Elementary School; Back Row, Grade 9-10 category winner Peyton Barker of Greenbrier East High School (left) and Grade 5-6 category winner Ellie Burns of White Sulphur Springs Elementary School

Board of Education honors West Point appointee, local student awardees

By Adam Pack

The Greenbrier County Board of Education met Tuesday, Mar. 8, to celebrate area students for their achievements in academics, writing, and music at both the county and the state level, and to honor a student who has been appointed to West Point. Sergeant Major Long announced the appointment of Tristan Deeds to West Point. Deeds' parents were in attendance, as both Long and the Board spoke glowingly of Tristan's commitment to the community and his country.

At the County Spelling Bee first place was awarded to Ean Hudnall of Eastern Greenbrier Middle School, and second place went to Merlin Durham of Crichton Elementary. Both boys will now go on to represent Greenbrier County at the State Spelling Bee.

Next up were the winners of the WV Young Writers Competition, which was awarded for one student per grade. Five students were honored from kindergarten all the way up to tenth grade. In order of grade, they are Lincoln Keaton, Sawyer Blankenship, Kennedy Carter, Peyton Barker, and Ellie Burns. See "BOE Honors" Page 2

Shortest St. Patrick's Day Parade returns

The Shortest St. Patrick's Day Parade on the east coast is back after a hiatus last year, and it's shorter than ever! The parade will be taking a new route for 2022, this time it will start at Amy's Cakes and Cones and end at Hill and Holler. The parade will kickoff at 5 p.m. on Thursday, Mar. 17. Patrick O'Flaherty will be leading the parade, as is tradition, and Ted Gosnell will be the Grand Marshal.

Amy's will be offering special milkshakes for the holiday, and Hill and Holler will have some special menu items along with Guinness and Irish whiskey.

O'Flaherty will be performing traditional Irish music at Hill and Holler from 3 to 9 p.m., with a brief reprieve to lead the parade.



In years past, the Shortest St. Patrick's Day Parade has gone down Washington Street and ended at the Irish Pub, but this year it will start at Amy's Cakes and Cones in Montwell Commons and end at Hill and Holler.

Greenbrier County Airport Authority to add more bathrooms, gift shop

By Adam Pack

During their regular meeting on Wednesday, Mar. 2, the Greenbrier County Airport Authority met to discuss adding more bathrooms and a gift shop, and securing bids for temporary modifications of the passenger holding area.

Airport Manager Brian Belcher explained that a motion for temporary modifications would allow his office to secure bids and contracts for the erecting of "passenger holding areas which remain within the original footprint of the airport." The motion would allow for more swift action by the airport to prepare for large groups planning to come into the area as well as relieving the chronic overcrowding problem. "As of

now we can only hold 60-some people in there, so if there are even 50 people it's almost impossible for them to spread out, and that's a COVID concern as well," Belcher explained.

Further on, Belcher explained another motion modification to passenger holding which would add another set of bathrooms in the airport. "As of now, there's just the one set of bathrooms and everyone, men, women and children are all having to use them. Everyone that wants to use them usually has to stand in a line, so we definitely want to fix that."

The Authority also motioned to approve the purchase of new radios for the grounds crew. The current radio setup See "Airport Update" Page 2

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is aging and in need of repair, and crew members are having difficulty hearing each other as well keeping radios in working order. The bid for a new fleet of radio, charging bays, and two years of maintenance came out to \$16,523.

Also, the AWOS System, which used to communicate weather information to pilots, needed urgent repairs recently. Those repairs were made on an emergency basis as they cost over the \$5,000 limit which the airport manager is allowed to expend on maintenance and repair. The expenditure needed the retrospective approval of the authority, which the authority granted.

Lastly, the authority discussed the opening of a Ground Stop Gift Shop in the airport. Ground Stop Gifts would be the first gift shop at LWB. The Authority moved to approve the lease agreement with Ground Stop unanimously, with Greg Furlong saying that, "Most all airports have such amenities, and this serves a need that's currently not served."

City Council approves funding for Ronceverte Island Park Comprehensive Plan

The Ronceverte City Council met Mar. 7 and discussed an upcoming comprehensive plan to revitalize the Ronceverte Island Park. As part of the meeting, Mayor Deena Pack led the Ronceverte City Council to discuss the benefits of bringing a new look to the park.

"Funding the comprehensive plan for the Island Park will help the City to determine the best way to move forward with improvements and/or expansion of the Park," says Mayor Pack. "There are so many opportunities to make the Park better for our citizens, and we want to be sure we are making decisions that will best serve the community in the long term."

The plan comes from long-time Ronceverte resident Dan Withrow. The Ronceverte Island Park has been an invaluable resource for the larger community including Lewisburg and White Sulphur Springs. The positioning of the park by the river makes it one of the most accessible and wonderful parts of Ronceverte and giving the park a new look will only add to the enjoyment of Greenbrier County residents who visit.

There is no set timeline yet for when the park's comprehensive plan will happen. The comprehensive plan will add to the overall work happening on the Ronceverte Island Park, which includes a splash pad and a dog park. It is clear that the park is gearing up to be a destination for people all over the Greenbrier Valley area.

Chocolate Festival

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Later in the year is the Lewisburg Literary Festival, a vibrant two-day event featuring visiting authors, outdoor art, musical entertainment, and more. While the festival itself isn't until Aug. 5 and 6, the committee is presenting An Evening with David Sedaris on Wednesday, Apr. 6, at 7:30 p.m. at Carnegie Hall. Limited tickets are available.

David Sedaris is the bestselling author of the books Calypso, Theft By Finding, Let's Explore Diabetes with Owls, Squirrel Seeks Chipmunk, When You Are Engulfed in Flames, Dress Your Family in Corduroy and Denim, Me Talk Pretty One Day, Holidays on Ice, Naked, and Barrel Fever. He is a regular contributor to The New Yorker and BBC Radio 4.

Visit www.carnegiehallwv.org to purchase tickets, and www.lewisburgliteraryfestival.com/home for more information.

And of course, the ever-popular Taste of Our Towns (TOOT) event is planned to wrap up the festival season on Saturday, Oct. 8. Tokens for the event may be purchased in person at the Carnegie Hall Box Office on Church Street or the Greenbrier Valley Visitors Center on Washington Street beginning September 2022. Tokens will also be on sale the day of the event beginning at 10:30 a.m. Visit www.carnegiehallwv.org/taste-of-our-towns for more information.

The Pat and Cliff Baker Scholarship continues to support the community

After being married for ten years and with two young children at home, Pat and Cliff Baker arrived in Lewisburg in 1978, enriching the Greenbrier Valley with their professional skills and their community involvement. Cliff was employed as a Software Engineer by Bendix, which eventually evolved into ABB. As a librarian Pat was enlisted to establish and co-manage the all volunteer library at Lewisburg Elementary School. Cliff found his true calling as he served as the Scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 70 for over 35 years.

During Cliff's tenure at the helm of Troop 70, a number of Assistant Scoutmasters joined him in the troop's leadership. Pat remained a committed helper for all those years in addition to being a Girl Scout leader for six years. Her organizational abilities became evident as she shuffled and expedited the completion of forms for Scout Camp and numerous trips, served as the unofficial chair of the social committee for the troop, provided support for the many fundraising activities, and ran numerous errands - some planned in advance and the oc-



Pat and Cliff Baker

casional spur of the moment delivery of forgotten items.

Pat has also been very active in the community. Beyond co-establishing the library at Lewisburg Elementary, Pat worked at the Open Book, was involved in the creation and implementation of TOOT, and has united with Cliff in their very active support of Carnegie Hall and GVT. She has served on the Greenbrier County Library Board and the Lewisburg Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals.

During Cliff's tenure as Scoutmaster, Troop 70 made See "Baker Scholarship" Page

Greenbrier County Commission moves broadband expansion forward

By Adam Pack

The Greenbrier County Commission met for its regular meeting on Tuesday, Mar. 8, at the courthouse.

Representatives of Thompson and Litton were present to discuss the ongoing process of bringing high-speed internet to Greenbrier County, especially in the west end and the Quinwood area.

After approving Greenbrier County's entrance into West Virginia's "Gigaready" program, the commission selected Gigabeam Inc. as the service provider for the project at their last meeting. Since then, the county met with Thompson and Litton to contract them as legal representation for the project. Representatives of Thompson and Litton discussed the initiative, and the commission voted unanimously to sign a retainer and

memorandum of understanding.

In other business, the commission heard from Sheriff Bruce Sloan as he asked for approval to move forward with the hiring of a new Sheriff's deputy. Sheriff Sloan reported that the Greenbrier County Sheriff's Department was in the process of interviewing Herman Rodriguez, who is already a certified police officer. He will have to complete "prorated police procedures for our particular police service and practices," according to Sloan. The commission approved the hire.

The Greenbrier County Commission will meet again on Mar. 22, and the public is encouraged to attend. Anyone wishing to speak during the meeting must sign in prior to the start of the meeting.

BOE Honors

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Carter, Ellie Burns, and Peyton Barker.

The Board also recognized ten students in relation to skill and excellence in music. Those students selected for All-State Choir include Kayli Depriest, Kaliyah Newsome, Jameson Vance, Heather Jones, and Lily Dense. Students selected for All-State Band include Ceili Allder (French Horn), Cedric Allder (Euphonium), and Lawson Hamilton (Trumpet). Two students were selected to be a part of the All-State Orchestra, Clara Long and Maggie Armstrong. Four students were also selected to perform State Honors See "BOE Honors" Page 3



County Spelling Bee winner Ean Hudnall (left) of Eastern Greenbrier Middle School and second place honoree Merlin Durham (right) of Crichton Elementary were honored at the Board of Education meeting

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HOPE

Hope is an 8+ year old female mix breed and weighs 50 pounds.



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Maddie is a four-year-old female domestic shorthair.



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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.

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OBITUARIES

Memorial for Mrs. Edith Seams

A memorial Service to celebrate the life of Mrs. Edith Seams will be held at Rhema Christian Center, 3584 Davis Stuart Road, Lewisburg, Saturday, Mar. 26, at 1 p.m. Masks are required.

Charlotte Ann Cooper

Craigsville—Charlotte Ann Cooper, 74, passed away Tuesday, Mar. 8, 2022, at Peyton Hospice House in Lewisburg.

Born July 30, 1947, in Webster County, WV, she is a daughter of the late Claude F. and Hester H. Brooks Sullivan.

She was a retired legal secretary and was a member of St. Lukes United Methodist Church in Craigsville.

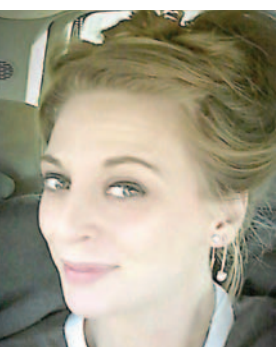
She is survived by her husband of 41 years, Donald N. Cooper; daughter, Erin Cooper; sisters, Karen Sullivan, Erma Sullivan Ryan, Sherry Sullivan Chapman and Kathryn Sullivan Singleton; brothers, Ronald Sullivan and Michael Sullivan; a special nephew, Todd Sullivan; special niece, Kris Fleming; and special friends, Brad Mullins and Trini Clendenin.

As per Charlotte's wishes, she will be cremated and no services will be held.

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

Please send online condolences by visiting www.WallaceandWallaceFH.com

Brittney Nicole Tyler



Alderson—Brittney Nicole Tyler, 29, passed away Monday, Feb. 28, 2022, at Raleigh General Hospital.

Born Aug. 3, 1992, in Tiffin, OH, she was the daughter of Ricky Blankenship, Terry Blankenship and John Tyler.

Including her parents,

survivors include her children, Brinon Emitt Storm Tyler and Krisslyn Raine Tyler; maternal grandparents, Victoria Reed (Dave) and paternal grandparents, Linda Tyler, Don Tyler (Mary); brothers, Kyle Logan Williams and Jordan Ray Blankenship; and sister, Shyla Nicole Blankenship.

Visitation was Tuesday evening, Mar. 8, at the Morgan Funeral Home Chapel, Lewisburg.

A Celebration of Life followed where Pastor Stewart Farley officiated.

Online guestbook may be signed at www.morganfh.net

Erma Bell Burns Simmons



Lewisburg—Erma Bell Burns Simmons, 80, passed away Tuesday, Mar. 8, 2022, at her home.

Born Sept. 3, 1941, in Fort Spring, she was the daughter of the late Ray Edgar and Margaret Lula Roach Burns.

Mrs. Simmons worked as a CNA and was a homemaker.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, George Simmons on Feb. 18, 2022; brother, Sidney Burns; and infant sister, Helen Ann Burns.

Survivors include her children, Ray Simmons (Annette) of Frankford, Paul Simmons, and Margaret Ann Carver (Mark) all of Lewisburg; sister, Phyllis Burns of Lewisburg; grandchildren, Lakene Bostic, Cameron Simmons (Lindsey), Dustin Simmons, Madeline Carver, Mason Carver, Damion Simmons and Noel Ryder; great-grandson, Jordan Simmons; sisters-in-law, Mary Ann Burns of Mt. Hope, Martha Collieran of Michigan and Nora Lee Finney of Virginia; and several nieces and nephews.

Graveside service will be at 2 p.m., Monday, Mar. 14, at the Mt. Vernon Cemetery, Fort Spring, with Pastor Vince Deeds officiating. There will be

no visitation.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made to the Peyton Hospice House, 1265 Maplewood Avenue, Lewisburg, WV 24901.

Online guestbook may be signed at www.morganfh.net

Arrangements by Morgan Funeral Home, Lewisburg, WV.

Laura Beth Nester



In loving memory of Laura Beth Nester. She lived her life full of love for Jesus, her family and others. Laura was the definition of selfless, beautiful, smart, strong and stubborn. Her smile and personality brightened every room she was in. The light she left in this world will not dim any time soon.

Laura was born Sept. 18, 1981, in Ronceverte and was the daughter of James and Bessie Wykle Workman of Lewisburg.

Laura was able to find the love of her life (Josh) in God's perfect timing. She was extremely proud of her three children, Abby, Jase and Lydia. She was also survived by her sister, Jessica Ray and her husband Jerry.

She had a passion for teaching others and while in the classroom Laura put her all into each student. She will be remembered by teachers and students alike for her love of Dr. Seuss. Her favorite moments were dressing up like book characters to help teach kids how to read and have fun while learning. Laura always enjoyed a challenge and was continuously investing in her education. She holds a Masters in Teaching and a Masters in Business degree. Her favorite part of each week was spending time worshipping Jesus with her church family and being in multiple small groups at Bethesda Church. She made a great impact on everyone she met. She will be greatly missed by her family, friends, students,

co-workers and everyone who knew her.

A celebration service for the Life Well Lived for Laura will be held on Friday Mar. 11, at 7 p.m. at the Bethesda Church in White Sulphur Springs with Pastor Chad Dingess officiating.

The family will receive their family and friends from 5 until 7 p.m. on Friday Mar. 11, at the Bethesda Church.

"Sometimes you never know the value of a moment until it becomes a memory."

—Dr. Seuss.

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

Please send online condolences by visiting www.WallaceandWallaceFH.com

Patricia Ann Sampson



Lewisburg—Patricia Ann "Patty" Sampson, 83, passed away Thursday, Mar. 3, 2022, at The Brian Center, Low Moor, VA.

Born Oct. 23, 1938, on Muddy Creek Mountain, she was the daughter of the late Robert Tilden and Jane Hildegard Gray Falls.

Patty was a homemaker and a member of the Janes Chapel UMC.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Delbert Wiley Sampson and a brother, Jack Falls.

Survivors include son, Terry Sampson (Yvette) of Punta Gorda, FL; daughter, Robin Sampson Perrine (Gerald) of Frankford; brother, Bobby Falls of Fairlea; and sister, Gloria Jean Hamrick (Donald) of Punta Gorda, FL; and grandchildren, Zachary Perrine (Kenley) and Seth Perrine.

Visitation was held Wednesday evening, Mar. 9, at the Morgan Funeral Home, Lewisburg.

Funeral was held on Thursday, Mar. 10, at the Janes Chapel UMC, Muddy Creek Mountain where Pastor Emory Hanna officiated.

Burial followed in the Falls Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations of sympathy be made to the Falls Cemetery, c/o

Robin Perrine, 3815 Williamsburg Road, Frankford, WV 24938.

Online guestbook may be signed at www.morganfh.net

Oather Raymond Spade



Asbury—Oather Raymond Spade, 80, passed away Sunday, Mar. 6, 2022, at Beckley ARH Hospital.

Born Jan. 25, 1942, in Clintonville, he was the son of the late William and Edith Spade.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by all his siblings.

Survivors include his loving companion of 22 years, Betty Suttle; and several nieces and nephews.

Graveside service will be on Friday, Mar. 11, at 3:30 p.m. with Jeff Boothe officiating.

Online guestbook may be signed at www.morganfh.net

Arrangements by Morgan Funeral Home, Lewisburg, WV.

Wanda Mae Ervin



Renick—Wanda Mae Ervin, 88, passed away Sunday, Mar. 6, 2022, at Roanoke Memorial Hospital.

Born Apr. 19, 1933, in Renick, she was the daughter of the late Lillie Mae Owens.

Wanda was retired from Appalachian Electronics and was a member of the Band of Hope Baptist Church.

In addition to her mother, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Wilford Arlin Owens and Delbert Owens and a sister, Mildred Smith.

Survivors include two sons, Joe Ervin, and Julius Ervin (Carla) all of Renick; daughters, Wanda Jean Hanna (Emory) of Renick, Sharon Ervin of Mt. Solon, VA, Debbie Beard (Carl) of Lewis-

burg, Valerie Legg (Tony) of Lewisburg, and Patricia Ervin of Renick. Known as "Granny" to many she is also survived by 13 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral service will be at 1 p.m., Saturday, Mar. 12, at the Morgan Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Jimmy Groves officiating. Entombment will follow in the Rosewood Cemetery Mausoleum.

Visitation will be 6 to 8 p.m., Friday, Mar. 11, at the funeral home.

Online guestbook may be signed at www.morganfh.net

Jordan Ray White



Fairlea—Jordan Ray White, 87, lost his battle with COVID-19 Saturday, Mar. 5, 2022.

He was born Aug. 11, 1935.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Roy White and Annie Blake White; four brothers, Roy White, Jr., Eugene White, Ralph White, and Leon White; and a sister, Jerlean Johnson.

He is survived by brother, Edsel White (wife Fay); sisters, Janet Cochran (husband Ralph) and Nan Squibb; longtime friend, Gail Mauzy; as well as many nieces and nephews.

Ray retired from Bethlehem Steel in 1992 after 35 years and moved back to West Virginia. He was an avid sports fan, with his favorite teams being the Ravens and Orioles. Ray had a huge heart and would help anybody. He will be greatly missed.

Funeral service will be at 12 noon, Friday, Mar. 11, at the Morgan Funeral Home, Lewisburg, with Pastor Marshall Cochran officiating. Burial will follow in the Rosewood Cemetery, Lewisburg.

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

Pallbearers will be Ronnie and Donnie White, Terry and Timmy White, Jack Sizemore, and Ben Dixon.

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CLUB & CHURCH

Jehovah's Witnesses reach WV residents with a modified ministry

Nycia Lewis would rarely go more than a few days without knocking on a door or visiting a Bible student as part of her volunteer ministry. That abruptly changed in the spring of 2020 when Jehovah's Witnesses suspended their in-person public ministry, meetings and large conventions. Two years later, the Lewisburg resident is busier than ever.

"When the pandemic hit, I realized that people could use as much comfort as possible, so I adjusted my schedule to spend up to seven days a week in my ministry," said Lewis, who now shares her message of comfort by telephone, text message and letter.

"The response has been overwhelmingly positive! Many view my phone calls as a 'boost' for their day, and they feel refreshed," she observed. With this historic change, the number of Jehovah's Witnesses grew 3% in the United States in 2021 alone, matching the most significant increase for the organization over the past decade and the second-largest percentage increase since 1990.

"Staying active in our ministry while remaining safe has had a powerful preserving effect on our congregants and communities," said Robert Hendriks, U.S. spokesman for Jehovah's Witnesses. "The wise decision not to prematurely resume in-person activities has united us

and protected lives while comforting many people in great need. The results speak for themselves."

For congregants like Nycia Lewis, the virtual pivot has allowed her to participate in her volunteer ministry from home using her electronic devices. Her tools have changed, but her message is the same. She regularly shares scriptures with dozens of community members and conducts free Bible courses via telephone and Zoom with up to eight people a month.

Last year, the international organization reported all-time peaks in the number of people participating in their volunteer preaching work, increased attendance in Zoom meetings and more than 171,000 new believers baptized. In the past two years, more than 400,000 have been baptized worldwide. Some whose ministry or attendance at religious services had slowed because of age and poor health said they feel reenergized with the convenience of virtual meetings and a home-based ministry.

Like many octogenarians, Sarah Fuoco, 88, deals with memory loss and diminished energy. Yet she and her 81-year-old husband, Joseph, have been given the nickname "the dynamic duo." The Fuocos use Zoom to worship twice a week with their Hollis, New Hampshire, congregation and regularly join online

ministry groups to comfort neighbors and family through phone calls, letters, texts and email.

"What could have been quite a disadvantage, we've made into an advantage," Joseph Fuoco said. "The fact that we can work right from home is a great advantage. I'm happy with it." By sharing the Bible's hope remotely, the fewer than 3,000 Jehovah's Witnesses in Alaska can rapidly preach across the 586,000 square miles of their sparsely populated state.

"We're talking to more people in a day than we did in a month," said Marlene Sadowski of Ketchikan. The official website of Jehovah's Witnesses, translated into more than 1,000 languages, has also leveraged the organization's outreach. After starting a free self-paced Bible course on jw.org in December 2019, Lisa Owen requested a free, interactive Bible study over Zoom. She was one of nearly 20,000 baptized as one of Jehovah's Witnesses last year in the United States in private settings, including backyard swimming pools, tubs and even rivers.

"JW.ORG gave me somewhere to learn, somewhere to land, and to start living the way God wants me to. It taught me so much," said Owen of Moriarty, New Mexico.

To start an online Bible study course, receive a visit or attend a virtual meeting locally, visit jw.org.

Richlands Ruritans learn self-protection from County Sheriff

The speaker at the Feb. 9 meeting of the Richlands Ruritans was Greenbrier County Sheriff Bruce Sloan. Sheriff Sloan and his subordinate Lieutenant Bart Baker gave an overview of the state laws regarding self-protection. They explained the law for resisting a home intruder and what actions you are allowed to take in a public situation. Using scenarios of various situations, the two officers described how best to protect yourself within the bounds of the law. The discussion was followed by a lively question and answer session.

Sheriff Sloan and Lieutenant Baker also explained the duties of the Sheriff's Department and its manning levels in the county.

Brent Thompson will speak at the April meeting on the election process.

The Richlands Ruritans club meets at 7 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month for a dinner meeting at the Calvary Methodist Church on Midland Trail East in Richlands. The Ruritan Civic organization is a national network of clubs working together for a stronger America. The Ruritans' focus is to support community services in small towns and rural communities across America. The Ruritans were founded in 1928 in Holland, VA, and celebrated their 93rd year last May. The Richlands Ruritans Club provides scholarships to local college students and 4-H campers and maintains Tuckwiller Park.

Guidelines for collecting ramps in Monongahela National Forest

Digging and eating ramps in the spring is a traditional activity throughout Appalachia and especially in the gateway communities of Monongahela National Forest. While collecting ramps for personal use is permitted on the Forest within established limits, commercial harvesting of ramps in the Forest, including re-selling ramps collected for personal use, is not permitted.

Personal use is defined as two gallons per person in possession at any one time, about the amount that fits in a typical plastic grocery bag. This equals about 180 whole plants, including roots and leaves. Individuals may not collect ramps on behalf of someone else.

We encourage people who collect ramps in the national forest to follow these guidelines to ensure abundant ramps in the future:

- Collect ramps only in patches with more than 100 plants.
- If you find a patch that has already been harvested, move on to another area.
- When collecting ramps from a large clump, take only one-fifth of the plants. Leaving behind most of the plants will allow them to mature and go to seed, and the patch will recover faster.
- If digging bulbs, use a soil fork or a small hand trowel and a knife, rather than a large shovel. Shovels disturb the root system of neighboring ramps and other plants much more than these smaller tools. To dig ramps, loosen the soil with the soil fork or hand trowel and use the knife to cut the ramp roots beneath the bulb.
- After you dig a ramp, cover the bare soil with leaves. This will reduce the likelihood of invasive species taking root.

By following these guidelines for harvesting ramps, we can ensure that our children and grandchildren will be able to enjoy ramps for generations to come. Learn how to grow ramps on your property here: <https://www.srs.fs.usda.gov/compass/2017/04/12/grow-your-own-ramps-2/>

A Look Back



Courtesy of the West Virginia University Regional History Center.

By William "Skip" Deegans

Shown in this circa 1904 photo is Hinton's C&O Railroad Baseball Team. In the early 1900s, baseball was a popular pastime in southern West Virginia. In addition to the railroad, many coal mining companies sponsored teams. The Hinton team played other railroad teams in Clifton Forge, Staunton, and Harrisonburg. They also played Alderson's Camp Greenbrier team. It is likely the players were sons of the first wave of coal miners and railroaders who came to New River in the late 1800s. Some of those first miners came from Europe and the

British Isles. The two Turner men in the photograph were probably sons of the Turner families that immigrated from Scotland and went to Sewell, a New River mining town. There were enough boys in the families to form their own baseball team called the "Turner Nine."

Southern West Virginia players were good enough to be scouted by the major league teams. In 1906, Hinton's John "Jack" Warhop (shown in the photo) signed with the Freeport Pretzels, a Wisconsin minor league team, and pitched its first no hitter. Eventually, he landed on the New York Highlanders (later

named the Yankees). In 1915, a pitch in Boston's Fenway Park from Warhop to Babe Ruth of the Red Sox yielded Ruth's first home run. Despite that pitch, the Highlanders won the game.

The players in the photograph beginning in the back, from left to right, are: Ervin Maxwell, Joe McCarthy, John Warhop, Oscar Whitlock, Will Turner, Bob Turner, Arthur Sydney, Elvin Wise, Harry Starbuck, George Secrest, and John Hobbs.

Sources: *Hinton Daily News*, *Hinton Independent-Herald*.

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Alder receives Governor's Arts Award

On Tuesday, Mar. 1, the West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History (WVDACH) and the West Virginia Commission on the Arts sponsored the Governor's Arts Awards at the Culture Center, State Capitol Complex in Charleston. During the awards ceremony, 11 Governor's Arts Awards and 10 Legislative Leadership Awards in the Arts were presented. Jim Alder was named to be the Individual winner in the Arts in Education award category. The Arts in Education Award recognizes individual or group efforts to strengthen arts education in public schools.

The 6 p.m. program included performances by Barbara Nissman on piano; The Mountain Stage Band; Delegate Caleb Hanna; Cathey Sawyer; the Cabell Midland Jazz Knights, directed by Tim James; and Key to Adam, with Adam Moyer and Kiara Williams. Matt Thomas, West Virginia artist, was commissioned by the WVDACH to make the awards, blending the timeless

grain of wood with the permanence of hand-forged steel.

The Governor's Arts Awards are presented biennially to celebrate the state's creative spirit and the amazing talents of the people and groups that produce art. They also recognize those whose willingness to support arts organizations and artists help to ensure the arts maintain an important place in our communities and schools. Through the restructuring of the Department of Arts, Culture and History in 2018, Governor Jim Justice, along with the WVDACH, continue to show their commitment to promoting and strengthening the arts in the Mountain State despite state budget cuts and the COVID-19 pandemic. Governor Justice has been a dedicated advocate for the arts, especially arts in education. He believes a focus on arts in schools builds a strong foundation for excellence in other areas, which is one of the main reasons he chose an educator to receive this year's lifetime achievement award.

The Governor's Arts Awards include Artist of the Year and Arts Organization of the Year Award, which recognizes an individual artist and an organization who has impacted the exposure to the arts in West Virginia through his or her work; Susan S. Landis Distinguished Service Award to the Arts, which recognizes individuals and organizations of exceptional talent and creativity that have fostered growth and influenced trends and aesthetic practices on a state and national level; Folk Arts Award, which recognizes individuals and organizations that have demonstrated exceptional leadership or skill in the field of folk and traditional arts within West Virginia; Resiliency in the Arts Award, which recognizes a West Virginia individual or organization that demonstrated creative solutions and leadership in the wake of COVID-19 restrictions; and the Governor's Arts Award for Lifetime Achievement, presented by Governor Justice, which recognizes an individual or organization for a lifetime of significant commitment to the arts through personal talent and skills, lifelong arts educational leadership, and support of arts development in West Virginia.

The Legislative Leadership in the Arts Awards include Arts in Education Awards, Community Arts Awards, Cultural Facilities Awards, Folk Arts and Lifetime Achievement, which are presented to those members of the Legislature who have made significant contributions in the arts.

A panel of members from the West Virginia Commission on the Arts and staff of the Department of Arts, Culture and History selected winners who were nominated based on the magnitude of their contributions and achievements, the range of individuals or groups served, the length of time and intensity of their dedication to the arts and their level of excellence.

Sign language class planned at NRCTC

New River Community and Technical College is offering a six-week basic sign language class on Thursday evenings from 6 to 7:30 p.m. starting Mar. 31. The class will be offered online through Zoom video conferencing.

Students in the class will learn sign language vocabulary, phrases and sentences, including grammatical features, and students will have interactive practice during the class. Students will also learn about Deaf Culture and history.

Tuition is \$100 for the six-week class, and registration is required

by Mar. 22. Participants will be emailed the Zoom link and log-in information 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).

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

Baker Scholarship

five treks to Philmont (the Scout ranch at Cimarron, New Mexico) and numerous international trips, giving hundreds of boys the opportunity to visit Iceland, England, Denmark, Germany, the Netherlands, and Japan. The very active outdoor program featured numerous backpacking trips on the Appalachian Trail, the mountains of New York and New England, weekends in the Cranberry Back Country, rappelling, skiing, and caving trips, and an annual canoe trip on the Greenbrier River. Perhaps as many as

a thousand boys benefitted from Cliff's leadership, and over 75 young men earned the rank of Eagle.

In addition to Scouts, Cliff has been instrumental in the creation of Montwell Park and serves as the President of the Board. He is a charter member of the West Virginia Woodturners Association, and has restored the 1956 VW Beetle in which he and Pat courted. Cliff and Pat are the parents of Andy and Kathy and the proud grandparents of Mikaela.

Upon the retirement of Cliff as the Scoutmaster

of Troop 70, a group of friends and colleagues in Scouting was formed to celebrate the Bakers' gift of over 35 years of leadership in scouting. It was the hope of the committee to host a community dinner, offering former scouts of Troop 70, parents, and friends the opportunity to express appreciation for the Bakers many contributions to the community. Due to COVID, the committee has twice canceled this event. While it is the sincere hope of all that we will soon be able to gather and celebrate the Bakers, it is time to

move to the next step in honoring the Bakers. Recognizing the Bakers' commitment to the youth of the Greenbrier Valley, a scholarship has been established through the Greenbrier Valley Community Foundation to be presented annually to a young person who exemplifies the Bakers' commitment to community service in pursuit of higher education.

Contributions to the Baker Scholarship Fund may be made by checks to Greenbrier Valley Community Foundation, P.O. Box 1682, Lewisburg, WV 24901, or visiting the Foundation website, www.gvfoundation.org. Please mark all contributions for the Baker Scholarship Fund.

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We realize it's sometimes difficult for people to have someone available to take them to and from an appointment, and we hope this will help alleviate scheduling and transportation challenges," Holt said. "Additionally, the mobile testing unit will allow medical personnel to make home visits to remote areas. While positive COVID-19 cases in the county are trending downward, it's still important to be vaccinated if you have not had an opportunity to do so, or to test if you are sick."

MTA is a public transportation service that operates in Fayette, Greenbrier, Nicholas, Pocahontas, and Webster counties in West Virginia. Through the program, WVSOM will schedule no-cost trips to appointments for Greenbrier County residents using MTA vehicles and staff.

Greenbrier County residents who need transportation to an appointment may call 304-793-6588 and speak with a WVSOM employee or leave a message with their name, phone number and appointment date and time. A WVSOM employee will return the call to obtain further details and determine a pickup time and location. MTA asks that those using the service call at least one week in advance of the appointment date.

To receive transportation, a resident must be at least 18 or must be accompanied by a legal guardian. Accommodations will be made for individuals with special needs such as a wheelchair-friendly vehicle.

Tim Thomas, MTA general manager, said the organization is pleased to participate in the program.

"One of the most important things public transit can bring to a community is to make it healthier," Thomas said. "Mountain Transit Authority already serves areas like Lewisburg and White Sulphur Springs, but with this program we'll also be helping to meet the needs of people in western Greenbrier County. We're excited to have the opportunity to improve the quality of life in those areas."

The grant also provides funds for Greenbrier County Health Department to operate a vehicle to be used as a mobile testing unit for individuals who are non-ambulatory, as well as to purchase supplies to test for COVID-19 and eventually for the flu and other infectious diseases. Greenbrier County Emergency Ambulance Service (GCEAS) will work under the direction of the health department to fulfill this portion of the grant.

Wes Hylton, administrator for GCEAS, said non-ambulatory individuals who would like to request the mobile testing unit may call 304-645-2252. An emergency medical technician or paramedic will come to the caller's residence to perform a rapid COVID-19 test and record the patient's blood pressure, temperature and blood oxygen level.

"We're going to try to provide COVID-19 test results on site, and we expect it will take about 17 minutes to obtain the results," Hylton said. "But if we have, say, five calls and five visits to make, we might need to let the tests run from one call while we move on to the next, and in those cases we can provide the results by text, email or phone."

Holt said the expanded testing provided by the mobile unit will improve the accuracy of the COVID-19 statistics reported by Greenbrier County.

"By reaching members of the public who can't get to the health department, you not only increase the chance of getting people tested, you also increase our knowledge of what the county does or doesn't have as far as COVID-19," Holt said.

Additionally, the grant allows the health department to purchase laptop computers and employ staff to digitize patient records from the department's clinic, starting with patients who are most vulnerable to COVID-19 due to underlying health issues.

Nikki Dolan, RN, director of nursing/administrator for the health department, said she expects the partnerships with WVSOM and GCEAS to play a vital role in improving the health of Greenbrier County residents.

"We've had the capacity for electronic health records, we just haven't had the staff to scan our records," Dolan said. "We're excited to work with WVSOM through the Rural Health Disparities grant to make this happen. Electronic health records are the standard of care in today's medical world, and they provide a safe way to track important data such as labs, vital signs and medical history. They will also provide quality assurance and quality improvement to ensure we provide the best care to our patients and identify areas of needed improvement."

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State Senate Finance Committee introduces amendments to Parks and Trails bill

By Adam Pack

House Bill 4408, a bill to allow the Director of the Department of Natural Resources to enter into contracts with private entities for the construction of amenities and facilities on DNR and State Parks properties, caused quite a buzz two weeks ago as it worked its way through the House of Delegates. Now sitting in the Senate Finance Committee since Mar. 1 after having passed the House, the bill seems to have been amended by that committee to address some of the concerns surrounding it when it was debated in the House.

Notable changes include the reduction of the maximum term of the contract from 50 years to 40. Opponents of the bill in the House were concerned at the amount of time that park property would effectively be in private hands, while many in support of the bill said that this was a necessary amount of time in order for investors to see a return.

A significant change has also been made as to the oversight of the new con-

tracts which the DNR Director may enter. Previously, the director had to submit the contract for approval only to a joint meeting of the Joint Committee on Government and Finance. In the new language of the bill, any contract must be approved by the Directors of the Departments of Commerce, Tourism, and Economic Development, while the Joint Committee shall only be notified.

Two portions were added to provide further oversight of government officials as well as add specificity to the nature of construction on park property. Language was added which would prevent the approval of any contracts to any entities or companies in which the aforementioned directors were substantial parts of. In response to previously voiced fears by the opposition, the final line of the bill stipulates that, "Any facilities constructed under the authority granted under this section must be in accordance with the purpose, powers, and duties ... of Parks and Recreation."

Dear Recycle Lady,



Dear Recycle Lady,
Why are the plastic tags and ties on bread different colors?

Just Curious
Dear Just Curious,
According to Tasting Tables, the plastic tags and ties on bread tell you the day of the week the bread was baked on. Blue tags and ties indicate the bread was baked on Monday, green tags for Tuesday, red tags for Thursday, white tags for Friday, and yellow tags for Saturday. Bread is not baked on Wednesdays and Sundays in order to give bread bakers two days off a week. Some bread companies don't use colored tags but put a date on a tag instead. This date indicates the sell by date, not the baked date. While these bread tags and ties, which are not recyclable, were designed to help store personnel with restocking, they can be helpful to buyers as well. Here's a helpful hint for remembering which color represents which day - the colors are in alphabetical order!

Compost and mulch are often used interchangeably, as if they were two different words for the same thing. However, there is a difference between compost and mulch. While compost can be used as mulch and mulch can have the some of the same effect as compost on your soil, they are not the same. Composting is the nature's way of recycling organic materials into a natural fertilizer that, when mixed into the soil, adds nutrients and enriches the soil. Mulch is generally put on top of the soil to limit weed growth and to help soil retain moisture. For more information on 20 things you can put in your backyard compost pile, see <https://www.installitdirect.com/learn/what-can-i-compost-in-my-backyard/>. For more information on mulch, see <https://www.homequestionsanswered.com/what-is-mulch.htm>.

tics or chemicals out of recycled plastics. House Bill 4084 was passed by the House and sent to the Energy and Manufacturing Committee. This bill would clarify that the state does not consider advanced recycling to be part of solid waste management or disposal. Hopefully, it will foster interest in the state as a manufacturing site.

Dear Readers,

Need a reason not to accept plastic utensils with takeout orders? Here's a good one. Laid end-to-end, the number of disposable plastic utensils used in the U.S. every year (36 billion) would wrap around the globe 139 times. A great reason to carry a reusable utensil set with you for eating takeout food when away from home!

Dear Recycle Lady,
The WV Legislature is considering a bill on advanced recycling. What is advanced recycling?

Need More Information
Dear Need More Information,

Advanced recycling is the process of creating or manufacturing new plas-

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.

Dear Recycle Lady,
What is the difference between compost and mulch?

To Compost or To Mulch
Dear To Compost or To Mulch,

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Given under my hand 2/15/2022.

G. Russell Rollyson, Jr.

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For information or to have the applications mailed, contact Executive Director Don Smith at donsmith@wvpress.org, at 304-342-1011 or write to: WV Press Association Foundation, 3422 Pennsylvania Ave., Charleston, WV, 25302.

Newspapers with a candidate for an internship or interested in having an intern should contact Don Smith.

Appalachian Heritage Class Series to feature leather working

The Classes & Workshops Appalachian Heritage Series is designed to introduce new students to old traditions by experiencing a hands-on opportunity to learn about Appalachian arts and crafts. Students learn to keep Appalachian roots alive by learning through the arts with Carnegie Hall. The spring semester offers several opportunities to learn how to work with leathercrafter Luke Davis.

Davis teaches an Introduction to Leather Craft this Saturday, Mar. 12, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Students learn the basics of leather working as they design, shape, and decorate their choice of three items: hair cuff with natural twig pin mystery bracelet, French wired earrings, or keychain. Students are encouraged to customize every project to fit their style. No prior experience necessary for this creative and functional class and all materials provided. Registration is \$65 (\$55 for members) and automatic \$25 scholarships are available for students over 50 years old. Students must be 14 years old and class size is limited.

On Saturday, Apr. 2, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Davis shows students how to Make a Leather Belt. Students learn the basics of leather working or expand on their technique by stamping or embossing their design into a beautiful hand cut leather belt. Students choose a buckle and rivet style. This project makes an amaz-



Leather belt

ing gift or functional addition to any wardrobe. No prior experience necessary. All materials provided. Registration is \$65 (\$55 for members) and automatic \$25 scholarships are available for students over 50 years old. Students must be 14 years old and class size is limited.

Davis' final workshop is Create a Leather Box on Saturday, Apr. 23, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. In this class, participants will learn to cut, stamp, punch and sew leather to create a lidded keepsake box. Students choose from three different shapes and customize the design to create a gorgeous one of a kind leather box. This project makes an amazing gift

or special conversation piece. No experience necessary, all materials provided. Registration is \$75 (\$65 for members) and automatic \$25 scholarships are available for students over 50 years old. Students must be 14 years old and class size is limited.

Luke Davis lives in Clintonville. He has decades of experience; having worked with leather since the early 1970s.

For a complete list of classes and workshops and to enroll visit carnegiehallwv.org/classes-and-workshops or pick up a Classes & Workshops brochure at 611 Church Street, Lewisburg.

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23 Steady job, say
25 Money, slangily
26 Egg on
27 See 110-Across
28 One — kind
30 Israeli politician Weizman
31 Waikiki locale
33 Catholic liturgy
35 Steak/lobster combo dish
39 Leave behind
41 Aquarium shop supply
42 Endowing organization
45 Didn't allow to pass, as a bill
50 Swimmer Gertrude
51 "— the night before ..."
54 Novelist — Stanley Gardner

55 Pass, as a bill
59 "Lady Love" singer Rawls
60 Really hate
62 Jeans brand
63 Recline lazily
64 Regulating system
67 Main nun
69 Nest egg abbr.
70 Estevez of "Tex"
71 Attractive
78 Tesla's Musk
79 Volley starter
80 Flora and fauna
81 GPS display
82 Vogue thing
83 Uruguay's Punta del —
84 Good buds
85 Campout fuel
87 Suffer from hunger
89 Like an attention-grabbing actor
96 Unrefined petroleum
99 Eppie who's known as Ann Landers
100 Home-state candidate
104 Skillful feat
106 Clodhopper

107 Pitcher Hershiser
108 Grassy tract
109 Deceive
110 With 27-Across, makeshift sheds
112 Theater area
114 What the starts of seven answers in this puzzle might do?
121 California beach city
122 Online merchants
123 Sharpens
124 Appraise
125 Sign on a dead-end street
126 Start

DOWN

1 Grafton's "— for Ricochet"
2 "If u ask me ..."
3 Singer Sarah
4 Bad way for a ship to run
5 "Livin' La Vida —" (1999 #1 hit)
6 Swing to and —
7 Some jabs in the ring

8 "Ciao!" in Chihuahua
9 Gets bronze
10 Special attention, for short
11 Conceit
12 Singer Cooke
13 Start a golf hole
14 Longtime Russian dynasty members
15 Large gametes
16 "Carmen" composer Georges
17 D-Max pickup truck maker
18 Appellation bestower
19 Neck warmer
24 Halley of Halley's comet
29 — Schwarz (toy store)
31 Clodhopper
32 — Dhabi
34 San — (Texas city near Abilene)
35 Ungodliness
36 The Trojans of the NCAA
37 Musical beat
38 1950s prez
40 Losing effort?
41 Add-on charge

43 Cal's twin in "East of Eden"
44 Fill to excess
46 More itty-bitty
47 Redenbacher of popcorn
48 Omission of a syllable
49 Archbishop Tutu
52 Affliction
53 Projectile path
55 Slips by
56 Most majestic
57 Calgary locale
58 Meat cutter
60 Large artery
61 Ho-hum
62 Hasty escape
64 2000-15 CBS drama
65 Prison melee
66 Laugh half
68 ND-to-LA dir.
72 Rockets' gp.
73 Actor Gerard
74 Chucks out
75 Art Deco artist
76 Summers, in Somme
77 Dr. Seuss' title turtle
82 Warty hopper
84 Very risky
85 Hit sketch show since '75

86 Tattooing tool
88 Outmoded TV adjunct
90 Avian sound
91 A, in Berlin
92 Classic Chrysler
93 Heat-attached patches
94 Prefix with natal
95 Mutt's threat
97 Adaptable truck, in brief
98 Stun with sound
100 Pro — (perfunctory)
101 Opera songs
102 Osso buco meats
103 "Kukla, Fran and —"
104 Carpentry peg
105 — nous
109 Stallion-to-be
111 Iterate
113 Samantha
115 Southern Sioux
116 Thai tongue
117 Lucy of TV's "Elementary"
118 1940s prez
119 Really little
120 July hrs.

HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Birdhouse is missing. 2. Handle is shorter. 3. Jacket is shorter. 4. Lamp is missing. 5. Scarf is shorter. 6. Buttons are missing.

Weekly SUDOKU by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

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

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STEPPIN' OUT

Creative Youth Art Exhibit winners announced

Carnegie Hall's 28th Annual Creative Youth Art Exhibit awards ceremony took place on Mar. 3 as friends and family filled the Hamilton Auditorium to celebrate the accomplishments of Greenbrier Valley's young artists. A reception with light refreshments provided by The Greenbrier followed the ceremony.

Creative Youth is a juried art show each spring that features the talent and imagination of Greenbrier County students in grade 4-12. Children from public, private, and home schools submit their work for this juried art exhibit.

This year's participating schools and teachers: Alderson Elementary - Beth Massie; Crichton Elementary - David Poticher; Eastern Greenbrier Middle - Rachelle Henderson and Mary Stankunas; Frankford Elementary - Stephanie Holley; Greenbrier Academy for Girls - Anne Hunter; Greenbrier East High - Mark Cline and Stephanie Tilley; Greenbrier West High - Marla Bell; Lewisburg Elementary - Jody Wilber; Rainelle Elementary - David Poticher; Roncerverte Elementary - Jett Davis; Rupert Elementary - Lynn Davis; Smoot Elementary - Lynn Davis; Western Greenbrier Middle - Emily Sullivan; and White Sulphur Springs Elementary - Stephanie Holley.

During the awards ceremony, Carnegie Hall's Artistic Director Allan Sizemore, President/CEO Cathy Rennard, Education Director Harmony Flora, Board of Director's Chair Liz Wickline, Greenbrier County



"Doggo" by Jillyen Queen

Board of Education Grants and Partnerships & Communications Coordinator Christy Clemons-Rodgers, Volunteer and past Board of Director's Chair Elizabeth Spangler, and Education Assistant Marguerite Kemp-Sherman announced the winners of the various art categories and divisions. Local artists Molly Messimer, Barbara Walker, and Jorn Mork served as judges.

The Best in Show Award went to Jillyen Queen, a Western Greenbrier Middle School 7th-grader, with her mixed media "Doggo." The Carnegie Hall's

Choice Award was given to Rupert Elementary 5th grader Ava Angle for her mixed-media "Reverse Selfie."

The Elementary School Division (Grade 4-5) ribbon winners: Drawing - Corbin Wingrove (winner), Maddie Gray (runner up), Rylan Boothe (third place), and Braylee Hartley (honorable mention); Mixed Media - Ava Angle (winner), Lucas Herdon (runner up), Tiana Daniels (third place), Sal Marks (honorable mention); Painting - Sophia Vestal (winner), Nathan Rhodes (runner up), and Audri Nobel (third place). Printmak-



"Reverse Selfie" by Ava Angle

ing - Layla Williams (winner), Madalynn Adkins (runner up), and Ellie Boettner (third place).

The Middle School Division (Grade 6-8) ribbon winners: Drawing - Gavin Eads (winner), Roslyn Dewitt (runner up), and Kennedy Steward (third place); Mixed Media - Jillyen Queen (winner), Melody Thornton (runner up), and Arwyn Waid (third place). Painting - Jeb Brown (winner), Gracie Campbell (runner up), and Gracie Campbell (third place). Photography - Carson Banton (winner), and Olivia Gioia (runner up).

The High School Division

(Grade 9-12) ribbon winners: Drawing - Ryley Cales (winner), Josilyn Stalka (runner up), and Tula Leonard (third place); Mixed Media - Olivia Kehoe (winner), Raven Dove (runner up), and Tessa Barnette (third place); Painting - Bridget Wolf (winner), Alexis Maiello (runner up), and Loreli Eagle (third place); Printmaking - Linsey Boone (winner), and Chloe Heck (runner up).

For more information call Carnegie Hall Box Office at 304-645-7917, visit www.carnegiehallwv.org, or stop by at 611 Church Street, Lewisburg.

Country Blue to perform at White Sulphur Springs Library

When Lewisburg residents Mel Waggy and George Piasecki get together they play traditional country music with a twist of the blues. They have been performing as Country Blue for six years in various venues including the Fresh Water Folk Festival, Tamarack, and the Greenbrier Visitors Center. They will be singing and playing their unique music at the White Sulphur Springs library on Thursday, Mar. 10, beginning at 6 p.m.

Join us for songs like "Cheating Heat," Dolly Parton's "Jolene," and Don Gibson's "Oh Lonesome Me." Plus they have some original Americana music to wow you, too. So come to the library for a musical treat. Light refreshments will follow the concert.

Please call 304-536-1171 if you have any questions. The library is located at 344 Main Street West in White Sulphur Springs.



Adopt-a-Room Campaign



Family Refuge Center

Community partners help our organization offer welcoming environments for survivors through our Adopt-A-Room initiative. Our Anne Blair House Emergency Shelter has been serving survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and elder abuse for more than 40 years. You can help adults and children escaping abuse have what they need by adopting a room at the shelter.

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Through our adopt-a-room initiative, community members and organizations get to choose a theme of their interest and begin creating an relaxing and serene environment for each person within our shelter.

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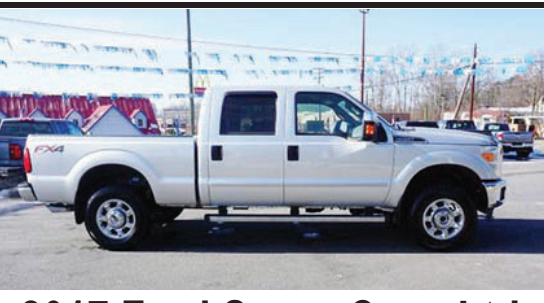
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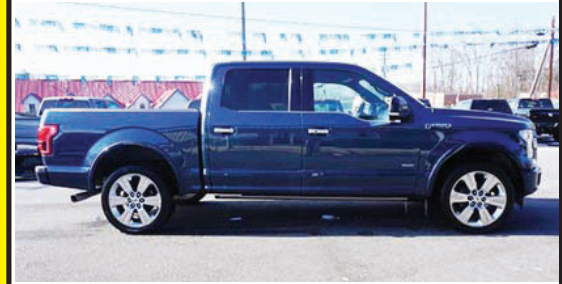
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