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Aquatic Center announces April 1 opening date

By Sarah Richardson

The long-awaited Greenbrier Valley Aquatic Center has announced their official opening date, as well as dates for several open houses and a soft opening this month.

“April 1st is the big day, and we promise this isn’t the world’s worst April Fool’s Day joke. We are really FINALLY opening our doors,” the center announced via social media. “We hope you will join us for one of our Open House Sessions. This will be a chance to tour the facility, meet the staff, sign up for membership, finalize existing membership details, and just take it all in! Sorry, no swimming on these days, but we are almost ready to dive in!”

Dates for the open houses are as follows:

- Friday, Mar. 25: 5 to 9 p.m.
- Saturday, Mar. 26: 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Sunday, Mar. 27: 1 to 5 p.m.

Soft opening dates, where members will have a chance to swim, will be held:

- Monday, Mar. 28: 8 a.m. to 12 noon and 3 to 6 p.m.
- Tuesday, Mar. 29: 8 a.m. to 12 noon and 3 to 6 p.m.
- Wednesday, Mar. 30: 8 a.m. to 12 noon and 3 to 6 p.m.

The center will operate on the following hours after the opening date on Apr. 1: Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. A Grand Opening celebration will be announced at a later date.

Membership information shows options for the whole family, including seniors and students. The types of memberships available are as follows:

- Full Family: For two adults and dependents under 18 - Cost per month is \$70 plus tax
- Single Family: For one adult and dependents under 18 - Cost per month is \$60 plus tax
- Two adult family: For two adults and no dependents - Cost per month is \$60 plus tax
- Individual: For one adult - Cost per month is \$50 plus tax

Discounts available include a senior discount and student discount. Senior discounts are for individuals 65 and older, and the discount per month is \$5 off. For full-time high school, college, and technical school students the discount is \$10 off per month.

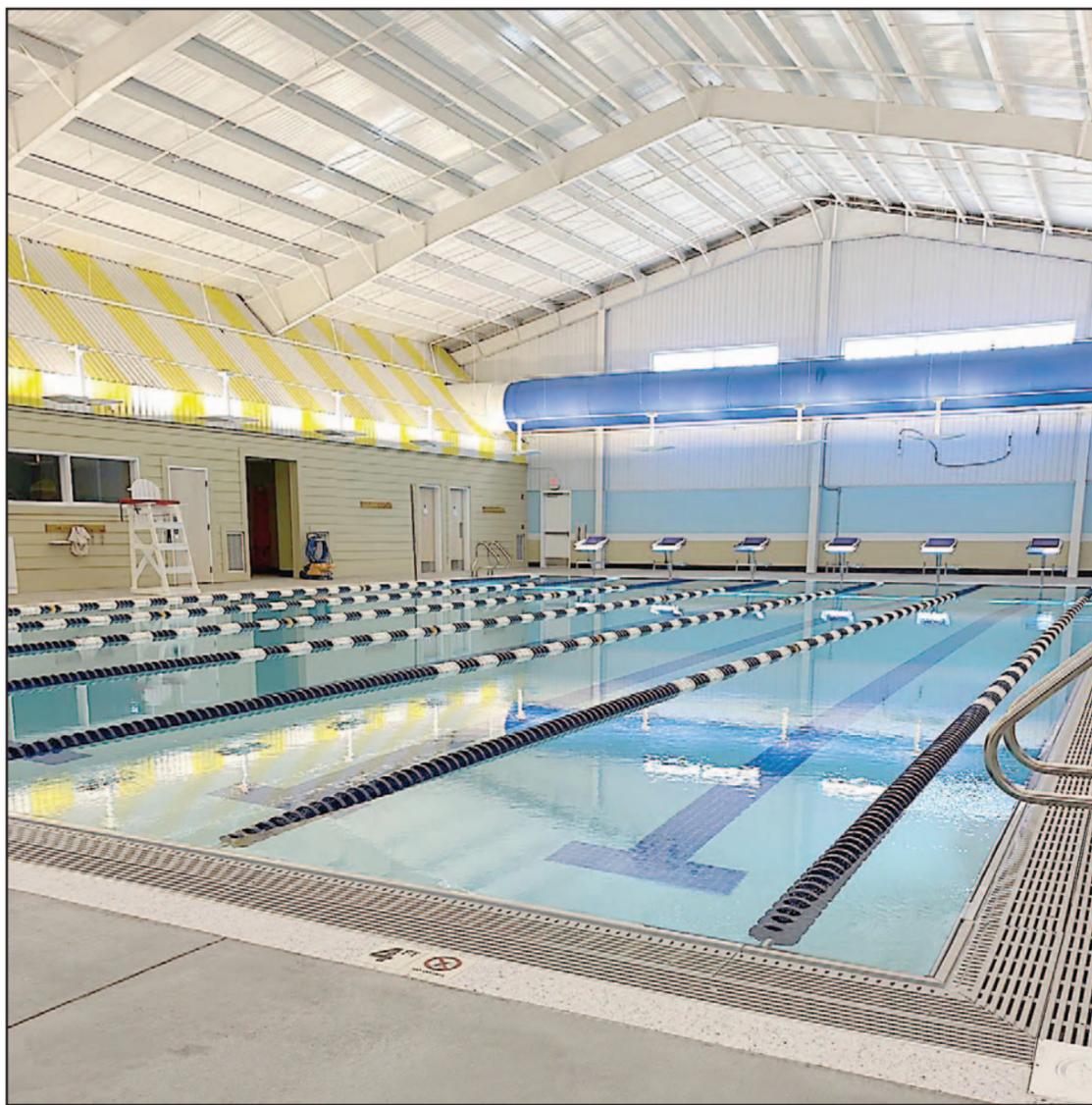
There are also day pass options for those just wanting to visit on occasion. Adult day passes (age 13+) are \$15 per day plus tax and child passes (age 12 and under) are \$7.50 per day plus tax.

For birthday parties and other events, the center is taking reservations for a limited number of Saturday and Sunday parties beginning on Apr. 23. Reservations opened on Monday, Mar. 21, on a “first come, first served” basis. They will take reservations over the phone from two weeks to three months in advance of the desired party date. They do not host parties on holi-

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The Greenbrier Valley Aquatic Center has received its finishing touches, and will be opening to the public this week. (Photo credit Paul Grist and Associates)



With three state-of-the-art pools, including a competition pool, recreation pool, and therapy pool, the whole community can benefit from the center.

Nature’s Way

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Barnwood Builders to premiere on new Magnolia Network

The hit West Virginia based TV show Barnwood Builders will debut a brand new season on the Magnolia Network (previously the DIY channel), on Thursday, Apr. 7, at 9 p.m. EST. New episodes will air in this new time slot every Thursday.

The show features native West Virginian Mark Bove and his crew of talented craftsmen as they rescue antique log cabins and barns and breathe new life into the structures. Bove has hosted the show for 12 seasons and the show has been an international success airing around the world in millions of homes.

“I think this is going to be our best season yet,” said Bove. “We’re having more fun with Magnolia than is allowed by law. Fans have been patiently waiting for our return and HEY! It’s finally happening. We’re back, baby!”

Magnolia Network, the new network curated by Chip and Joanna Gaines, will expand the viewership of the former DIY network by tenfold. Barnwood Builders is one of the handful of shows that the Magnolia Network

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The Barnwood Builders Crew - Sherman Thompson, Graham Ferguson, Johnny Jett, host Mark Bove, Ryan Franklin, and Evan Canterbury

Alderson hires new police chief

By Adam Pack

The Alderson Town Council met for a regular meeting on Thursday, Mar. 10, to appoint a new police chief, discuss a potential water rate increase, and more.

“It was no secret that Chief Byer has tendered his resignation... That is effective Mar. 18,” said Mayor Travis Copenhaver. “A new chief of police has been appointed today. Todd Williams Sr. has accepted the chief of police position. Williams will be working alongside Lieutenant Jack Meadows... Meadows was promoted today and they be taking care of our policing needs, along with Alvin Hunt, who is a part-time officer. They’re on a quest to find their help. When Patrolman [Devon] Johnson left, it left us with a hole that not able to be quickly filled. I’m very appreciative that Todd stepped up to take the role.”

In other business:

• A water rate increase was tabled on the first reading. The increase is related to recent work on water system projects. “We’re able to do this with an offset cost

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Greenbrier County Commission approves 2022-2023 budget

By Adam Pack

The Greenbrier County Commission met Tuesday, Mar. 22, to discuss the budget for fiscal year 2022-2023.

Commissioner Tammy Tincer said the commission spent two weeks compiling and finalizing the budget presented at the meeting Tuesday morning, which comes out to upwards of \$16 million. Commissioner Tincer commented during the presentation that, “the county is in a good place, we’ve been very conservative fiscally. And for that matter, we’re going to be very cautious going forward.”

Tincer went on to say that “we’re very aware of HJR3, which will be on the ballot coming up.” HJR 3, an amendment to the West Virginia Constitution, will be voted on by the electorate in November and would stipulate that “the Legislature shall have exclusive authority to establish the valuation, assessment value and classification of property in this state for purposes of ad valorem taxation, to fix maximum rates for the taxation thereof by the levying bodies, and to provide for the exemption thereof from taxation, fully or in part, all to be determined as provided by general law.”

She raised concerns with the resolution and its implications for county government. “There may be changes in how county government works in the future if this resolution passes.”

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GVAC Opening

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day weekends, and payment will be due in full to reserve a party. Cancellations will be accepted up to two weeks before the party for a full refund.

Please call 681-484-7037 to make a reservation. Visit www.gvaquaticcenter.com for more information.

Some FAQs:

Is there an enrollment fee?

Yes, there is an enrollment fee of \$100 per membership (not per member). This is a one-time fee unless you let your membership cancel and then join again later. Clubs and aquatic centers often implement a one-time member charge, these fees allow the organization to establish a reserve for facility maintenance. The one-time charge helps us keep monthly dues as low as possible. The fee can be prorated across the first 3-4 months of your membership term if you do not wish to pay it all up front.

What is the membership term?

The membership term is one year, with a 60-day grace period to cancel if you change your mind. Memberships canceled within the grace period will forfeit enrollment fee and any dues already paid.

How do I pay for my membership?

Monthly payments are drafted from a bank account (preferred) or credit/debit card. If you prefer to pay for the entire year up front, you can pay by check or credit/debit card. There is no advantage to paying up front, it is simply an option if that is your preference.

What if the membership costs are more than I can afford?

Thanks to the incredible generosity of some members of our community, we have established a scholarship fund to ensure that anyone who wants to be a part of GVAC will be able to do so! There is an application

process and a set of assistance tiers to determine the discount you are eligible to receive on your membership based on your household annual income. We can use the funds to assist with annual memberships or even enrollment fees and programming!

I typically travel in the summer, or I live in two different places throughout the year, or I prefer to swim outside in the warm months, can I pause my membership?

We do not offer the ability to pause memberships, but we do offer the opportunity to donate unused months to the scholarship program! You can inform us of your departure and return dates and we will apply your unused time to someone who would be happy to use it! (Your donation is tax deductible)

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The Center boasts a clean and streamlined interior.

Over 100 trained on administering Naloxone at New River CTC

When Peer Recovery Support Specialist Melinda Price began offering Naloxone training at New River Community and Technical College, she couldn't have imagined the response. In the first month, Price trained more than 100 New River CTC students, employees and community members on administering the opioid reversal medication Naloxone.

Price also leads Recovery Support Meetings at New River CTC and partners with community organizations, including Jobs in Hope and Problem Gambling and Gaming, to provide support and outreach to New River CTC students and employees.

Price came to New River CTC in the Peer Recovery Support Specialist role in October. She is a 2021 honor graduate of New River CTC with an associate degree in social services and a member of Phi Theta Kappa Academic Honor Society. She has over three years of experience working as a recovery specialist.

The recovery support specialist positions on college and university campuses were developed to assist students that identify as being in recovery along with family members impacted by addiction, build a support system, connect students to recovery services and provide peer to peer services.

New River CTC is part of the West Virginia Collegiate Recovery Network, an innovative partnership, offering peer recovery support services on eight higher education campuses. Funding for the peer recovery support specialist position is provided by the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources Bureau for Behavioral Health through State Opioid Response Funding from Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

New River CTC has also partnered with the West Virginia Collegiate Recovery Network (WVCRN), Marshall University, and the West Virginia Drug Intervention Institute (WV DII) with the "Be The One" overdose prevention initiative on West Virginia's college and university campuses. The initiative is the first of its kind and will focus on opioid overdose prevention from a bystander's perspective, encouraging students, staff, and faculty to Be The One to save a life. Fifteen opioid overdose rescue kits, Naloxoboxes, were installed at New River CTC locations earlier this year.

The WVCRN is a project of the Alliance for the Economic Development of Southern WV, a higher education collaborative of 11 institutions in southern WV. For more information on the network, please visit www.marshall.edu/crn.

For information about recovery support at New River CTC, visit <https://www.newriver.edu/recovery/>.

PAAC Covid-19 Surge Testing Team to host free testing, vaccine and booster clinic

The PAAC Covid-19 Surge Testing team will host a free Covid-19 testing, booster and vaccine clinic on Saturday, Mar. 26, in Lewisburg.

The clinic will take place at the Clingman Community Center, located at 980 Jefferson Street North in Lewisburg. All testing and vaccinations will be conducted on a first come first served basis from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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

For more information email surge.testing@paac2.org or call 304-741-7157. Visit the PAAC Covid-19 Surge Team on Facebook and Instagram @PAAC.Surge for updates.

Monongahela National Forest plans Spring 2022 prescribed burns

Monongahela National Forest plans to conduct prescribed burns on 2,964 acres in Greenbrier and Pendleton counties from March through June, weather permitting. The purposes of these burns are to re-establish fire's natural role in the forest ecosystem, improve forest health and wildlife habitat, and reduce the threat of catastrophic wildfires.

Areas planned for prescribed burns this fall include:

- Big Mountain Unit 1 - 557 acres west of Cherry Grove in Pendleton County
- Meadow Creek - 221 acres northeast of Neola in Greenbrier County
- One Mile/Lick Mountain - 1,067 acres west and northwest of Neola in Greenbrier County
- Peach Orchard - 1,119 acres west of Blue Bend Campground in Greenbrier County

Each burn area will be closed to the public on the day of the burn, and may be closed for several days after, to ensure public safety. Signs will be posted on roads near all prescribed burn areas before and during burning. Residents and Forest visitors may see and smell smoke for several days. If you encounter smoke on the highway, slow down, turn on your vehicle's lights and drive appropriately for the conditions.

Prescribed burns are conducted under specific weather conditions and are designed to accomplish pre-determined forest management goals. Monongahela National Forest follows strict guidelines for conducting prescribed burns, and takes into consideration environmental factors such as temperature, humidity, smoke dispersion and wind. If any environmental conditions are not within limits, the burn will be postponed.

Local radio stations will be alerted to burn activities ahead of time. When burning begins, information, photos, and maps will be available at <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/>

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Wednesday, March 30 from 1-3pm
Rupert School Complex • Rupert, WV



PICK OF THE LITTER

SHADOW

Shadow is a one year old female mixed breed and weighs 29 pounds.



ROMEO

Romeo is a 1-2 year old male pit bull terrier mix and weighs 55 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, deworming, toe nail trim and flea treatment.

Their dog adoption fee is \$85 and covers spay/neuter surgery, first dog vaccinations, rabies vaccine, deworming, 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.

DON'T SHOP • ADOPT!

Briefly

American Heritage Music Hall, Inc.

located at 496 Island Park, Ronceverte, is open to the public, all welcome, handicap accessible. Listeners and tourists welcome. Admission \$7 Tuesday nights, \$10 Saturday - Audience provides food. Doors open at 7 p.m. Jam & Dance every Tuesday 7 to 10 p.m. Dance on Mar. 26 will feature the Midland Trail Band, 7 to 10:30. The Music Hall is available for weddings and parties. For more information call the Music Hall at 304-645-4667; Bill Evans at 304-392-6079; Grace Poe at 304-992-5852.

Arts and Recreation applications available from County Commission

Applications will be available starting Mar. 1, for the Greenbrier Arts & Recreation Allocations. Applications may be picked up at the Greenbrier County Courthouse, downloaded at www.greenbriercounty.net or by calling the Greenbrier County Commission Office at 304-647-6689. Use of Arts & Recreation Funds must be in compliance with WV State Code 7-18-14. Funds may not be used for salaries/wages. Only public nonprofit organizations may apply. The applications are due back at closing (4 p.m.) on Wednesday, Apr. 27.

Good News MRV set for March 24

Building on the success of Meadow River Valley Association's (MRVA) Good News Meadow River Valley last fall, we are hosting a second virtual gathering on Thursday, Mar. 24, at 6:30 p.m. There are a wealth of successes, recognitions and achievements within the Meadow River Valley, and we want to hear about yours. Did you win a scholarship, or were you accepted to college? Did you hire a new staff member? Are you expanding your business? Maybe your walking group met its six-month milestone. During Good News Meadow River Valley, you have two minutes via Zoom to share your news and celebrate with others. There were 16 good news updates last fall - help us round up to an even 20! To share your good news, email Dara Vance at dara@meadowrivervalley.org. The deadline is Mar. 20, but slots fill up quickly, so don't wait!

Williamsburg Community

Shooting Match

Our next match will be Saturday, Apr. 2, at the Williamsburg Community Building starting at 7 p.m. Food concession will open at 6 p.m. This is the last shooting match for the spring. 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. 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

Local Veterans Ready to Help

If you or someone you know have loved ones serving on active duty and are concerned for their well being or that of their families, particularly those stationed overseas, please feel free to reach out to American Legion Post 100 in Union. We can assist with transportation from international airports for returning family members, lending household items, help with paperwork, or simply an empathetic ear from someone who has "been there, done that." Contact Scott Womack at womackse@gmail.com, Facebook Messenger, or cell phone 304-992-4405 or Harry Moloney at saddleback2@earthlink.net, cell phone 304-646-2102.

DAV volunteer drivers needed after program more than doubles

Beckley VA Medical Center's highly relied upon Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Volunteer Driver Program continues to expand.

Beckley VAMC was recently rated number two nationally for the number of patients transported, despite being one of the smallest markets in all of VA nationwide. The program has more than doubled in the past year with more than 1,900 Veterans enrolled. The number will only continue to grow as our Veteran population ages.

This critical program helps our most vulnerable and often most isolated and rural Veterans get safely to their appointments. Recently Beckley VAMC received five new 4x4 vehicles with their partnership with the DAV and West Virginia Department of Veterans Assistance. This brings the total to a fleet of 25.

It is a meaningful opportunity for those who want to make an impact in a Veteran's life by donating their safe driving skills and time.

To start the process, please email VHABECVAVS@va.gov, call 304-255-2121, ext. 4556 or 4558 or go to www.cdceportal.va.gov/volunteer_at_facility.

Yard Sale Reminder

The City of Lewisburg would like to remind city residents that the following rules govern yard sales or garage sales within the city. Each sale is restricted to be no more than 48 hours on the same lot and may be held no more than four times per year. A temporary ground sign advertising the sale is permitted on the lot where the sale is being held and can be displayed up to three days before sale event. If you have any questions please call Marsha Cunningham at 304-645-2080.

Public Meetings

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.

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.

Lewisburg Planning Commission

will meet Thursday, Apr. 7 by 7 p.m. in the Paul R. Cooley Council Chambers. Also available via teleconference. For information contact City Hall at 304-645-2080 by 4 p.m. Apr. 7. On the agenda:

- Approval of Minutes - Mar. 3, 2022
- Comments from the public
- **Public Hearing:** Pat McHale - site plan review Seneca Trail Animal Hospital, 3451 North Jefferson Street
- **Public Hearing:** The Briergarten, Suite 9 - Conditional Use Permit for outdoor dining patio area
- **Public Hearing:** Don Huber - The Gardens final plat approval Blackbird Village
- Comments from the Commission
- Comments from the Zoning Officer

The next scheduled meeting of the Lewisburg Planning Commission will be Thursday, May 5 at 7 p.m. with a deadline of Apr. 15.

Greenbrier County Magistrate Court Convictions

Steven Lee Johnson, Quinwood, reckless driving, NCP, fine \$100, jail 10 days - time served

Colin Wayne Sturgell, Lewisburg, driving revoked for DUI, NCP, fine \$100, jail 30 days to be served on Home Confinement

Todd Clay Young, Caldwell, operating vehicle without or failure to produce certificate if inspection, NCP, fine \$10

Paul Dexter Boone, White Sulphur Springs, driving left of center, GP, fine \$10

Kenna W. Hintersteiner, Williamsburg, WV, 1) driving while license revoked - DUI, NCP, jail 30 days - placed on 22 days Home Confinement; 2) cruelty to animals, jail 15 days - 15 days on Home Confinement

Arthur Bennie Sturgell, Lewisburg, destruction of property, NCP, jail 30 days - placed on 12 months unsupervised probation

Phillip J. Hodges, Beaver, possession of controlled substance without valid prescription, NCP, jail 90 days - suspended and placed on 12 months unsupervised probation

Jeffrey L. Thomas, Ronceverte, speeding, GP, fine \$10

Suits

In Re: The Marriage of: Breanna Michelle Theriot and Mark Edward Phillips, Jr.

In Re: The Marriage of: Whitney Marie Theriot and Hunter Allen Lewis Palmer

In Re: The Marriage of: Natasha Rae Bostic and Kenneth Ray Bostic, Jr.

In Re: The Marriage of: Leslie Hannah Fisher and Brandon Lee Spicer

In Re: The Marriage of: Christina Renee Adkins and Michael Dean Griffith

In Re: The Marriage of: Thor Richmond and Bethany Denise Richmond

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brought over from DIY. BWB are currently filming their 13th season, of which the entirety will be shown on Magnolia Network. Previous seasons can be streamed on platforms such as Discovery +, Amazon, Philo, Sling, and more.

Local viewers can find Mark, Sherman, Johnny, Graham, Ryan, and Evan on the following channels:

- DIRECTV Channel 230
- Suddenlink Channel 323
- Dish Channel 111

Support your local craftsmen and tune in on Apr. 7 to watch their Magnolia Network debut!

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of about \$8.04 a month [in increases] at the end of the project," explained Copenhaver. The question before the council was to raise the rate the first time to \$32.76, an increase of \$4.76.

The council also approved the first reading of the 2023 levy. Copenhaver said that, "For all intents and purposes by law, the budget that we pass tonight is the general final budget ... I'm actually pleased to tell you that the general fund budget for [2023] is \$552,237, the largest ever." The second reading is expected to take place in April.

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Items of note in the budget include a 6 percent pay increase for county deputy sheriffs, a 3 percent pay increase for all other county employees, a 10 percent pay increase for all elected officials, and the assumption by the county of a 5 percent rate increase by PEIA.

The increase for elected officials, Commissioner Tincher explained, "is not a normal occurrence, or something that is done every year." The last pay increase for elected officials was 10 years ago, and accounts for an increase in the cost of living.

Speaking to the increase in payment to law enforcement officers, Commissioner Lowell Rose said, "This raise is something that addresses a problem in the law enforcement community from municipalities all the way up to the State Police; people are leaving for better pay in other departments or better careers. This raise will work towards making us more competitive." In explanation of the PEIA rate increase assumption, Rose said that "we're going to be paying that and taking that on so that our county employees can have more take-home on their checks."

For the Record

Deeds

Richard L. Corbett and Marcia Corbett to Larry K. Counts, Lots Nos. 5 and 6, Hennessey Addition, White Sulphur Municipality

Verl O. Purdy to Jeffrey E. Johnston and Sarah L. Johnston, Lot No. 128, The Ridges on Greenbrier Mountain Phase Six Neighborhood, Greenbrier Sporting Club, White Sulphur District

Angela Sue Ray to Eric David Cooke, 7.06 Acres, Frankford District

James M. Kyle and Barbara A. Kyle to Steven W. Richards, 0.28 Acres, White Sulphur Corporate District

John C. Williamson and Mary C. Williamson to James E. Bostic and Kelli S. Bostic, Lots No. 35, 36, and 37, Wallace Rockland Campsites Addition, Fort Spring Dist. Martha Elizabeth McClung to Jason E. Boothe and Belinda Dawn Boothe, 0.734 Acres, Rupert Corporate District

White Gate Development, LLC. to Nikki Nga Van and Nga Thuy Van, Unit #27, White Gate Village, White Sulphur Municipality

Kenneth G. Johnson and Juanita J. Johnson to Kee Daniel Johnson, Lot No. 3, City of Ronceverte

Brent Jackson and Andrea Ramezan-Jackson to Drew A. Popovich and Krystyna B. Popovich, Lot No. 72, The Ridges on Greenbrier Mountain Phase Three Neighborhood, The Greenbrier Sporting Club, White Sulphur District

Maxwell Bostic to Maxwell R. Bostic Jr., Lots Nos. 51, 52, 53, Griffith Addition, White Sulphur District

Lacy S. Thomas and Nancy H. Thomas to Jason L. Howell and Heather R. Howell, 11.430 Acres, Ronceverte Corporate District

James R. Smith and Augustine D. Smith to Heather Bresch, Lot No. 33, The Snead Golf Course Lots Phase Two Neighborhood, Greenbrier Sporting Club, White Sulphur District

Jeffrey E. James to Johnson and Johnson Investments, LLC, Lot No. 23, Sunset Ridge Subdivision, Lewisburg District

Janet Jarrell Sulgit to Jerry Powell, Lots No. 101 and 102, Western View Land Comp. Addition, Blue Sulphur District

Phyllis J. Loudermilk and Cristina O'Quinn, 12,900 Sq. Ft., Frankford District

Haley Morgan Roberts to Haley Morgan Roberts and Joshua Wayne Amos, Lots Nos. 18, 19, and 20, Bellview Tracts Subdivision, Frankford Tax District

Johnny H. Riggs and Leigh A. Garrison to Jerry D. Dickerson, Lot No. 45, The Stonehouse Woods Subdivision, Lewisburg District

Geneva L. Venters to Arnold B. Bostic and Dianna M. Bostic, 12,500 Sq. Ft., Town of Rupert

Diane Bryant to Crystal L. Cervantes Gutierrez and Lorenzo Cervantes Gutierrez, Lot No. 5, Section 1, Gwinn Land Comp. Morning View Addition, Town of Alderson, Alderson Corporate District

Patricia A. Treadway to Sean B. Leeds and Michelle Myers, 0.50 Acres, Irish Corner District



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OPINION

Nature's Way

By Karen Cohen

Master Gardener/Photojournalist/Artist
In the Weeds

“A colloquial expression used when persons are near or beyond their capacity to handle a situation or cannot catch up.”

Why are weeds given such a bad rap? We certainly can't keep up with extricating them. They infiltrate our precious garden areas in places where we would prefer to have vegetables or flowers. We prefer things that either 1. Have beauty. 2. Have flavor! Selfish creatures, we are!

But weeds have a place in this world, SURPRISE! Just like spiders, mice, lions and tigers and bears. If we can set aside our personal desires, we will find that weeds are important to every landscape. If you are scratching your head in disbelief, consider what the deer, squirrel, and wild turkeys eat. Acorns provide protein and often make up 25% of wildlife's diet but what else do they munch on? Almost anything that pops up from the ground is food! Like weeds!

Plantain was once called white man's footprint by the Native Americans when Europeans appeared in the Americas. They observed that when land was cleared by the settlers, plantain would sprout up out of the disturbed soil. Constant foot traffic upon it did not kill it. Plantain sends long tap roots down into the hard soil which helps to loosen it. The young leaves when tender are edible raw in salads, bitter in taste and tough as they age, and are a source of calcium and other minerals. If left on its own, a stalk shoots up with over 20,000 tiny seeds which are also edible when dried and ground into flour, for instance. I personally have never done this, have you?

I do use the leaves as a poultice on bug bites and stings. Just chew up (and not swallow), or chop a leaf or two and apply directly on a bite. It almost always takes away the discomfort. A little boy who visited here got stung by stinging nettles that he walked into and his mother quickly grabbed plantain leaves from the driveway, chewed on them to release the liquid inside, and put it on his leg. It worked! Caution: do not apply to an open or bleeding wound.

Stinging Nettles can be the bane of forest trekkers because they cause a stinging sensation that can last for hours if you touch it or walk bare legged in it. I use rubber gloves when I pick a bunch to cook up just like spinach and eat them. Cooking will soften the stinging tiny hairs that line the stems. Also, leaves added to heated water and left to sit for a few hours then strained, creates a great after shampoo hair rinse for humans (or dogs) and leaves your hair very soft. Ingesting any weed, of course, can have dangerous side effects if combined with prescription medicine or certain body ailments, so read up on weed consumption first and suit it to your condition and situation and follow your doctor's advice.

Dandelion leaves are great in salads eaten raw, too,



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when they first appear and are tender. High in vitamin C and K, dandelions pack more nutrition than kale or spinach! If you have pets or livestock running free, be sure not to pick leaves from their habitat since they have most likely urinated or worse on those spots. Also roadside picking is not recommended in heavily trafficked areas due to exhaust pollution.

Dandelion derives its name from the fact that the leaves resemble a lion's tooth. The yellow flowers make excellent dandelion wine, I have never made this brew but would appreciate a recipe from someone who has! The stalks are not edible and should be avoided and discarded when brewing.

So the next time you are tempted to get out that weed spray herbicide, stop and think it over. It is our ignorance that can work at destroying even good things, Nature provides us with all we need... It's Nature's WAY!

(Karen Cohen is a master gardener, organic grower, DJ, photojournalist and explorer. Please email your tips and comments to natureswaykaren@gmail.com)

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of beautiful leather furniture, card tables, amazing windows with perfect reading light, a fireplace, and access to the separate Senior Terrace. Our Cardio Room will feature a selection of cardio machines, hand weights, and other handheld exercise equipment. We have a classroom available for meetings, classes, workshops, and more. The Classroom features three whiteboards as well as a television and DVD player. Retail items will be available in the lobby including shirts, hoodies, hats, goggles, ear and nose plugs, and towels! In the warm months we will have our terraces and lawn open for play or relaxation, we will offer concessions including meals from local restaurants, and a selection of cocktails and other adult libations. We will open our outdoor Play Fountain in the warm months.

Will you honor Silver Sneakers?

We have applied to be a Silver Sneakers provider, now we wait and hope that they choose us to be a part of the program!

Will you offer Water Aerobics classes?

YES! We plan to offer as many types of classes and as many sessions as we can find instructors for. Do you know someone certified to teach water classes? Send them our way!

Will you offer Swim Lessons?

YES! We are so happy to be partnering with the Swim Gals to offer lessons as well as Lifeguard and Junior Lifeguard training!

Deadline for Letters to the Editor is noon Wednesday

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

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

Letter to the Editor

Open letter to Sen. Manchin

Dear Senator Manchin,

The Greenbrier River Watershed Association, founded in 1990, is one of the oldest watershed associations established in our state. Our board, representing almost 500 members, is reaching out to urge you to take action on the climate crisis.

Recently, you joined Secretary of the Interior, Debra Haaland on her visit to West Virginia. She visited the New River Gorge National Park and Preserve, where she spoke on the importance of outdoor recreation economy its impact on local communities and "connecting the public to nature." Our watershed group speaks this same language. But you should have brought her just a little further over to the east, to see our beautiful Greenbrier River, the longest free flowing river left in the Eastern US, and then explained to her why you support the Mountain Valley Pipeline's plans to bore under this special river. Show her the land that was taken unwillingly from its owners so private companies can export the gas. You would also see the current mudslides and erosion dumping mud into the streams.

Building new gas infrastructure, such as the Mountain Valley Pipeline will take years to come online and won't help the current crisis. It will only deepen global dependence on fossil fuels, further empowering Russia and damaging the climate. You recently stated "What we do know is that Russia has weaponized energy" and you "want to match it or be better than theirs" encouraging President Biden to invoke the Defense Production Act to ram completion of this pipeline through, which is only 55% complete. But Russia's invasion of Ukraine proves that America must move swiftly to a clean energy economy that will lower costs, protect our national security, and secure our energy independence. In terms of long-term global political stability, the most important thing we can be doing is minimizing our contributions to climate disruption. This has been recognized repeatedly by the Pentagon, and requires investments in clean, renewable energy, not fossil fuels. It is unacceptable for you to lead us down this collision course with fossil fuels rather than put our transition to clean renewable energy onto a faster track.

Passing the climate provisions in the Build Back Better legislation as adopted by the House of Representatives would provide \$555 billion for transitioning the United States economy to clean energy. According to Princeton University this investment in the U. S. economy would come close to achieving the 50 percent reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 as well as reducing premature deaths annually by 7,000 and reducing American household energy expenditures by \$300 a year by 2030.

We know that clean, renewable energy produced right here at home is the path to true energy independence. Renewable energy jobs are booming while fossil fuel jobs are declining. West Virginia has to potential to become the state that provides a model for the future, for other states to look up to. Please lead us into a clean future.

Thank you for your consideration,

Greenbrier River Watershed Association

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GVAC Opening

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I live close, but not THAT close. Do I have to be a member to use the facility?

Absolutely not! We will always have day passes available. The costs of the passes are \$7.50 for kids 12 and under and \$15 for anyone 13 and older! If you keep up with us on Facebook, you may even see some special pricing on pass bundles throughout the year!

Why would I want to be a member if I can just pay by the day?

Depending on how often you use the facility and how many people are in your household, the math will prove that it may be less expensive to have a membership. Members also receive discounts on programming, retail, birthday parties, and space rentals!

Tell me about your Birthday Party Packages.

We offer two types of Birthday Party Packages; one is all-inclusive and one is more of a DIY option. We will begin accepting reservations once we know our opening date and we will accept reservations from 3 months to 2 weeks in advance of the party date. Reservations will be taken on a "first come, first served" basis and the full amount for the party will be due at the time the reservation is made. Party cancellations will be accepted up to 2 weeks before the party date for a full refund, late cancellations will receive a 50% refund. Party details are available on our Facebook page.

What if I want to hold a different type of event at GVAC?

We encourage groups who focus on health, wellness, or community to reach out about our rentable spaces for their next meeting or event. Host your next scout meeting, 4-H gathering, exercise class, or learning experience at GVAC!

What does GVAC have to offer besides a pool?

Well, we actually offer THREE pools! We have a Competition Pool for lap-swimming, exercise classes, swim lessons, water safety certifications, and yes, eventually competitions! We also have a Recreation Pool and a Therapy Pool. While all of our pools are under-roof, the part of the building that houses the Recreation Pool and Therapy Pool has banks of windows at floor and ceiling level that open fully on warm days to make you feel like you are outside! Enjoy the summer breeze without the direct sunlight beating down on you. Next to the Therapy Pool is a Cold Deluge Shower, there is a wealth of research showing the benefits of alternating between hot and cold water and we are happy to provide a source for that experience at GVAC! Our changing rooms feature lockers, showers, vanities and mirrors, and suit dryers. We also have a Family Changing Room with its own set of lockers and plenty of room to get the little ones dried and dressed! Our Party Room features a flexible space with access to the terrace and a residential style kitchen. The gorgeous senior room is full

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Flag Etiquette: Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

The following is the first in a series of articles sponsored by American Legion Post 100 in Union on the proper etiquette towards the U.S. Flag. The information comes from U.S. Code Title 4, also known as "The Flag Code." This week's installment describes the appropriate manner of reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: "I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all." It

should be rendered by standing at attention facing the flag with the right hand over the heart. When not in uniform men should remove any non-religious headdress with their right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart. Persons in uniform should remain silent, face the flag, and render the military salute. Members of the Armed Forces not in uniform and veterans may render the military salute in the manner provided for persons in uniform.

Post 100 and the local JROTC Maverick Battalion are collecting un-serviceable U.S. Flags for a respect-

ful retirement ceremony scheduled for May 17. Citizens wishing to turn in their un-serviceable U.S. Flags may mail or bring them to James Monroe High School, c/o JROTC, at 142 James Monroe Drive, Lindside, WV 24951. Post 100 is working towards placing a drop box in Union in the near future.

Contact Scott Womack via email at swomack@k12.wv.us or via Facebook Messenger, or call Todd Longacre or Mike Wiley at the JROTC office at 304-753-6906 to arrange a drop-off of your un-serviceable U.S. Flag.

Knights 'humbled' by first Tilapia Dinner crowd

The group has increased orders for Mar. 25 dinner.

The first of several "walk-in to-go" tilapia dinners was even more popular than expected for the Greenbrier Valley Council 8689 Knights of Columbus.

"We were just humbled by the bigger than expected turnout for the first tilapia 'walk-in to-go' dinner on Friday, Mar. 18, when we sold out in the first 55 minutes," said Perk Berry, Grand Knight of the Council.

The dinners will be served on the next seven Fridays in Butler Hall at St. Thomas Episcopal Church on West Main St. in White Sulphur Springs. With the new location for the dinners and the new format of "walk-in to-go, Berry added, "We

just were not prepared for more than 150 meals, but the second week we are doubling the numbers to be prepared to serve."

He expressed the Council's pleasure of having the tables available for indoor eating of the to-go dinners being full all evening, and the addition of a drive-up service using four of the parking spaces on Main Street in front of Butler Hall.

The dinners will be available on Fridays - Mar. 25, Apr. 1, 8, 22, and 29 - from 4:30 to 7 p.m. for \$13 each or two for \$25, and adjustments are being made to improve the service time for patrons.

Chef Sue Moats of The Greenbrier, who heads the volunteer culinary staff along with Chef Paul Ciciora of

the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine, retired Chef Debry Fabrey, and Deacon Bill Strange have worked out alternatives in case some supplies are not available.

"For example, we may offer pasta salad instead of coleslaw, or macaroni and cheese instead of scalloped potatoes if we are shorted on our order some week," Moats explained, but only if necessary. The dinners also include a hard roll, sauces, dessert, drink, and utensils.

Proceeds from the dinners fund various youth, community, educational and church projects of the Council in Greenbrier, Monroe, Pocahontas, and eastern Fayette counties.

Church Bulletin

Tilapia To-Go Dinners in WSS

At a recent meeting of the Greenbrier Valley Council 8689 Knights of Columbus, final plans for the traditional "tilapia walk in to-go" dinners for this year were set. The dinners began on Friday, Mar. 18, in the St. Thomas Episcopal Church Butler Hall on West Main Street in White Sulphur Springs, and will be served Mar. 25, Apr. 1, 8, 22, and 29 and will consist of tilapia, scalloped potatoes, cole slaw, a hard roll, sauces, dessert, and a drink and utensils. Dinners are available from 4:30 to 7 p.m.

"We crunched the figures of the new costs to us for the dinners and concluded we had to raise the cost to match the increased costs," announced Grand Knight Perk Berry. Dinners this year will be \$13 each or two for \$25.

While the dinners are all "to go," patrons are welcome to sit at the few available tables in Butler Hall and eat their dinners with friends, but there will be no table service. "We will sanitize the tables after each use," Berry said.

For more information call the office of the Catholic Churches of the Greenbrier Valley at 304-536-1813 or the Knights of Columbus at 304-645-1373.

WSS Free spring cleanup begins

In an effort to assist in the amazing revitalization already taking place in our town, the White Sulphur Springs is initiating a FREE spring cleanup campaign. The Campaign started Mar. 21 and will continue from Monday, Mar. 28, through Friday, Apr. 1, on your regular garbage route.

The City will offer clean up and removal of yard debris, appliances, recyclables, unlicensed and abandoned vehicles, trash, etc. for property owners and tenants at NO CHARGE! All that is required is that you come to City Hall and fill out a request form and bring all items to the edge of your property where you would place your regular garbage to be picked up.

Spring Cleanup items will be picked up during your regular garbage day of the week for each week.

ITEMS WE WILL NOT PICK UP: tires, concrete, hazardous materials such as oil, gas, acids, etc.

RECYCLE: will be picked up on the 1st and 3rd Monday each month. (Normal Recycle schedule)

APPLIANCES: will be picked up on 2nd and 4th Wednesday each month. (Normal Appliance schedule)

Anyone who would like to request Spring Cleanup pickup can stop in City Hall or call City Hall at 304-536-1454 to be put on the list to assure pickup.

2022 opening dates announced for Monongahela National Forest Recreation sites

Monongahela National Forest has announced the 2022 opening dates for developed recreation sites across the Forest. The dates may change based on local conditions. Visit the Forest's Recreation Conditions Report at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/recmain/mnf/recreation> for the most current information. Go to www.recreation.gov to make campground and picnic shelter reservations for some sites. Not all sites are available for reservations.

Learn about ways to recreate responsibly and be considerate of others at: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/visit/know-before-you-go/responsible-recreation>.

Opening dates for recreation sites on the Marlinton-White Sulphur Ranger District (304-799-4334) in the Marlinton area:

- Day Run Campground - Apr. 4
- Highland Scenic Highway - Road opens when snow-free; toilets open Apr. 4, weather permitting
- Pocahontas Campground - Apr. 11
- Rimel Picnic Area - Apr. 4
- Tea Creek Campground - Apr. 4
- Williams River Developed Dispersed Campsites (Sites #19 to #30 located near or upstream of Tea Creek Campground) - Area opens when snow-free; toilets open Apr. 4
- Williams River Fishing Pier - Area opens when snow-free; toilets open Apr. 4

Opening dates for recreation sites on the Marlinton-White Sulphur Ranger District (304-536-2144) in the White Sulphur Springs area:

- Anthony Creek Dispersed Camping - Area opens when snow-free
- Blue Bend Recreation Area - Campground and small pavilion opens Mar. 22. Large Pavilion opens May 23.
- Blue Meadow Group Campground - May 23
- Hopkins Mountain Fireman's Cabin - June 1
- Lake Sherwood - Lake, boat ramp, trailhead, and vault toilets at beach and gatehouse - open year-round
- Lake Sherwood Entrance Road Dispersed Camping - Areas opens when snow-free
- Lake Sherwood Recreation Area - West Shore Camping Loop - Apr. 11
- Lake Sherwood Recreation Area - remaining campground loops, group camping, picnic area, picnic pavilion and swimming beach - May 23. Day Use entrance fee will be charged beginning May 20.

Roadside camping, also called dispersed camping or boondocking, is available in many areas of the Forest year-round. For more information about recreation facilities, contact the District Office near the location you would like to visit. Contact information is listed at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/mnf/about-forest/offices>

A Look Back



Courtesy of Greenbrier Historical Society.

By William "Skip" Deegans

This circa 1920 photo shows a row of Rainelle's Meadow River Lumber Company houses along U.S. Route 60. The houses were unusual by the standards of most company-owned houses found in mill towns and mining camps in West Virginia. Built in 1910-1911, the houses were well built, and most of them were two-storied. They had plaster walls, indoor plumbing and electricity,

and the exterior clapboards were painted white - features found in few West Virginia company houses in the early 1900s. Each house had a front and rear yard with enough space for a garden and fruit trees. At the end of each lot was a shed to store coal and wood that was used to heat the houses. Behind each row of houses was an alley for deliveries.

Rainelle was a planned community. Following a visit in

1911 by the editor of *The Greenbrier Independent*, he wrote: "The bustle and activity at Rainelle are surprising, new houses going up with magical celerity, and engines drilling cars of freight, logs and lumber awake unaccustomed echoes in these mountains."

Photo: Sources: *The Greenbrier Independent*, *The Raleigh Herald*, *Hinton Daily News*.

▼ Barnum Whitewater Area

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Dianna Sue Craft



Alderson—Dianna Sue Craft, 69, went to be with her Lord and Savior on Thursday, Mar. 17, 2022 at the Peyton Hospice House in Fairlea following a long illness.

She was born Mar. 19, 1952 in Hinton, the daughter of the late Herman Lee and Crystal Genevieve Massey Thomas.

Dianna was a dedicated and active member of the Jehovah Witness. She was a devoted wife to her husband and mother to three children and five grandchildren. People will remember her smiling face and helpful knowledge as a sales clerk for Johnson and Gwinn Hardware Store in Alderson and at Martin and Jones Hardware in Ronceverte.

Other than her parents she was preceded in death by son-in-law, Mark Hitchcock; and brothers, Herman Thomas, Jr. and Joey Persinger.

Those left to cherish her memory are her husband of 53 years, Danny Joe Craft; daughters, Nicole Craft McClung (Neil) and Heather Craft Hitchcock; son, Nathan Daniel Craft (Angie); grandchildren, Katherine McClung, Jude Hitchcock, Jackson, Conner and Georgia Craft; sisters, Phyllis Richmond (Noah), Vickie Orndorff (Wayne), Sandy Wurm (Jim), Edwina Mullins and Tabatha Moore; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Services are not scheduled at this time.

In lieu of flowers the family suggest making memorial donations to Peyton Hospice House, 1265 Maplewood Avenue, Lewisburg, WV 24901.

The Craft family would like to thank family and friends for the many cards, gifts, food and telephone calls.

“We offer safe travels for Dianna and Yodi on their journey to their new Heavenly Home.”

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

Please send online condolences by visiting www.WallaceandWallaceFH.com

Gary Ray Dotson



Sinks Grove—Gary Ray Dotson, 54, passed away Sunday, Mar. 20, 2022, at Cabell Huntington Hospital.

Born Jan. 10, 1968, in Union, he was the son of Frances D. Boggs, and the late Don Ray Dotson.

Gary worked for POHL trucking.

In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by a sister, Kathy Ellen Dotson.

Including his mother, he is survived by his wife,

Sue Dotson; daughters, Trista Dotson (Justin Martin) of Ronceverte, and Haylie Christian (Nathaniel) of Roanoke, VA; stepson, Travis Dunbar (Ashley Tope) of Gap Mills; and grandchildren, Laken and Kalli Harless, Madilyn Dunbar, Bryer Callison and Warryn Dunbar.

Funeral service will be at 11 a.m., Saturday, Mar. 26, at the Morgan Funeral Home Chapel, Lewisburg, with Pastor Butch LeGrand officiating. Burial will follow in Rosewood Cemetery, Lewisburg, WV.

Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m., Friday, Mar. 25, at the funeral home.

Online guestbook may be signed at www.morganfh.net

Krista Elizabeth Butler



Ghent—Krista Elizabeth Butler, 37, formerly of Rainelle, passed away Friday, Feb. 25, 2022 at Raleigh General Hospital.

Born on Sept. 12, 1984, she was the daughter of Karen Huffman Taylor of Mt. Nebo.

She is preceded in death by her “Dad” Dennis (Spider) Taylor; brother, Jeremy Shane Huffman; grandparents, Harry and Elizabeth Huffman, Lawrence Aldridge and an aunt, Betty Jean Huffman.

Krista was a hard worker who loved her family and Jesus. She enjoyed spending time at the Greenbrier River with her husband and children, where you would find them floating, fishing, camping and most importantly making memories. She enjoyed crafting and painting with her children which is evidenced by the many rocks they painted and hid together for people throughout our communities to find and be encouraged by.

According to her children she was the BEST listener and always gave the BEST hugs. She loved her “fur babies” Ace and Rebel who brought her joy and companionship throughout the day. She had a smile that could light up a room and that smile was the first thing her husband Casey fell in love with. Krista’s final act was to give the gift of life through organ and tissue donation.

Those left to cherish her memory are her loving husband, Casey Butler; a daughter, Kaselynn and son, Memphis both at home; her adoring mother, Karen Huffman Taylor of Mt. Nebo; two brothers, Chad Aldridge of Mt. Nebo and Kyle Aldridge of Rupert; grandmother, Violet Aldridge of Lewisburg; as well as her uncles who adored her and had a huge part in raising her, Walter “Buzzy” Huffman of McRoss, Scott (Cassidy) Huffman of Berkley Springs, Kevin (Jenny) Huffman of Mt. Nebo and Randy Huffman of Roanoke, VA, as well as several nieces, nephews and friends.

Service will be at 2 p.m., Saturday, Mar. 5, at Wallace & Wallace Chapel, Rainelle with Pastor Stewart Farley officiating.

Friends may visit from 1 p.m. until time of service.

Burial will follow in McGraw Family Cemetery, Crag.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Wallace & Wallace of Rainelle to help with funeral expenses.

James Miles Bennett



Ronceverte—James Miles “Buck” Bennett, 87, passed away Thursday, Mar. 17, 2022, at Stonerise - Lewisburg, formerly The Brier.

Born May 28, 1934, in Ronceverte, he was the son of the late Walter Beard and Darie Susan Dahmer Bennett.

Buck was retired from the railroad as a Yardmaster. He enjoyed farming and spending time with his family. Buck was a member of the McLean Church.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his siblings, Elizabeth, Donald and Ronald Bennett, Rachel Mines, Delorse Dowdy, and Ernestine Morgan.

Survivors include his loving wife of 62 years, Evelyn Bennett; son, Jimmy Bennett (Crissy) of Ronceverte; sisters, Susanne Honaker (A.J.) and Aretha Dowdy all of Caldwell, Theda Hoke (Edward Jr.) of Lewisburg, and Genevieve Wiley (Joe) of Ronceverte; grandchildren, Dustin Bennett, Brittany Duncan (Cody) and Tori Bennett; great-grandchildren, Bentley, Alexis and Asher Bennett; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral service was held Monday, Mar. 21, at the Morgan Funeral Home Chapel, Lewisburg. Burial followed in Greenbrier Memorial Gardens, Lewisburg.

Visitation was one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

Online guestbook may be signed at www.morganfh.net

Marjorie Evelyn Sears



Lewisburg—Marjorie Evelyn Sears, 87, passed away Sunday, Mar. 20, 2022 at Stonerise Lewisburg Health Care Center, where she had been a resident for the past two years.

She was born Aug. 30, 1934 at Bellwood, WV, a daughter of the late Gal-

lie Houston Tincher and the late Verdie Opal Gum Brackenridge.

She was a member of Laurel Creek Baptist Church at Sandstone, WV, and was a homemaker.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Dewey R. Sears in 2015 and a nephew, Wayne Tincher.

Survivors include three children, Dreama Higgs (Mike) of Deatsville, AL, Franklin Sears and companion, Nancy Brown of Lewisburg and Allen Sears of Lewisburg; grandchildren, Valerie Long, Michael Higgs, Denver Sears, Jordan Sears, Kip Sears, Brooklyn Sears and others; great-grandchildren, Blake Griffith, Brantley Higgs, Riley Rose, Bryce Sears, Katie Sears and others; sisters, Ilene Martin, Jeanette Brackenridge and Doris Shaw; brothers, Clarence James Brackenridge, Darrell Brackenridge, David Tincher, Roger Tincher, Jay Tincher and Curtis Tincher; and several nieces and nephews.

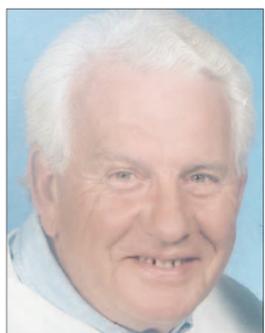
Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Mar. 25, at Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Lewisburg, with Pastor Melvin Wills officiating. Burial will follow in Wallace Memorial Cemetery, Crawley, WV.

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

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

Please send online condolences by visiting www.WallaceandWallaceFH.com

Samuel E. Linkous



White Sulphur Springs—Samuel E. Linkous, 84, passed away on Monday morning, Mar. 21, 2022 at Roanoke Memorial Hospital following a short illness.

He was born Dec. 2, 1937 in Rocky Gap, VA, the son of the late Edison D. and Hoda Mary Holliday Linkous.

Sam wore many hats in his long career as a business and salesman of trailers, cars and even dabbling in paving. He was a member of the White Sulphur Springs Baptist Church.

Sam was preceded in death by Shirley D. Linkous; son, Samuel E. Linkous, Jr.; and brothers, James R. and Sherman Ray Linkous.

Sam leaves behind his daughters, Linda Marie Linkous (Lucky Vance) of Caldwell and Melissa Linkous McCutcheon and husband Jim of Lewisburg; son, Mark Joseph Linkous and wife Crystal of White Sulphur Springs; grandchildren, Nick Vance, Nicole Vance, Ryan Vance, Brittany Helvey (Mike), Andi Linkous, Malachi McCutcheon (Abby), Jacob McCutcheon, Noah McCutcheon, Christian Nahouse (Tori) and Addie Linkous; 17 great-grandchildren and one on the way; brother, Bobby Linkous; and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins.

Funeral services for Sam will be Sunday, Mar. 27, at 3 p.m. at the White Sulphur Springs Baptist Church with Pastor Lewis Brooks officiating. Interment will follow in Hillcrest Cemetery. Grandsons will serve as pallbearers.

The family will receive their family and friends from 2 until 3 p.m. at the church.

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

Please send online condolences by visiting www.WallaceandWallaceFH.com

Norma Lee Brockway



White Sulphur Springs—Norma Lee (Simmons) Brockway, born Feb. 19, 1944, to parents Maurice E. and Gladys (Curry) Simmons of Bartow, WV, departed this life on Mar. 15, 2022, at UVA Medical Center, Charlottesville, VA, following heart valve repair complications. She was 78 years and 1 month.

She was preceded in death by her parents; infant daughter, Dawn Elisabeth Brockway; sister, Mary J. Galford; and brother, James E. Simmons.

Norma is survived by her husband, Richard (Dick) Brockway of 58+ years; son, Richard W. Brockway (Ruth); daughter Amy L. Griffin (David); grandchildren, Cassia M. Brockway, Ella B. Brockway, Alex B. Griffin (Savannah), and Allyson E. Griffin; her brother, William H. Simmons; and many loving nieces and nephews.

She was a 1962 graduate of Green Bank High School and was a cheerleader and A student. Her work experience began at NRAO Green Bank Obser-

vatory. When Dick went to University of Michigan in 1966 and 1967 she went right along and worked in the Dean’s office. The next move was to Elkins, WV, where the children were born, followed by White Sulphur Springs for these past 49+ years. She was a member of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority for 51 years and helped organize the chapter in White Sulphur Springs.

Once the children were in school she worked at the Bank of WSS in the Note Department followed by Executive Secretary. Then on to The Greenbrier in the Accounting Department for the next 28 years, retiring in 2007. Very active in WSS Emmanuel United Methodist Church for years, she sang in the choir, served as a Trustee and on the Altar Guild as well as many other committees. She enjoyed doing ceramics, crocheting, latch hook, and arts and crafts. In recent times she loved reading - reading - reading.

Something real special to her was following the children and grandchildren with sports, high school band, college band, music, and dance. Travel was a joy too, seeing sites to behold with Hawaii, Alaska, the Grand Canyon, the Caribbean, Yellowstone, Bryce Canyon, and New England to name a few favorites.

Norma embraced life fully and always saw the bright side to everything. When someone needed a shoulder to lean on she was there. If a phone call came in, she shared caring words. Many younger people referred to her as MomB or Mom#2. That was Norma Lee’s nature - Her Gift to ALL!

Funeral service for Norma will be at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Mar. 26, at White Sulphur Springs Emmanuel Methodist Church with Pastors Steve Grimes, Melissa Shortridge and Joe Geiger officiating. A graveside committal will be at 5:30 at the Arbovale Cemetery in Arbovale.

Friends may call from 11 a.m. until time of service at White Sulphur Springs Emmanuel Methodist Church on Saturday, Mar. 26.

A reception will be held at the First Presbyterian Church of White Sulphur Springs immediately following the 1 p.m. service at Emmanuel Methodist Church.

Norma loved spring flowers and the White Sulphur Springs Library!

Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in White Sulphur Springs is in charge of arrangements. Please send online condolences by visiting www.WallaceandWallaceFH.com

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Greenbrier County Schools hosted the annual County Social Studies Fair on Saturday, Mar. 5 at Eastern Greenbrier Middle School in Ronceverte.

Social Studies Fairs provide students the opportunity to ask essential questions, recognize patterns of behavior, think critically, create solutions, predict outcomes, and draw conclusions to help them learn to solve problems.

Before advancing to the county competition, event

participants had previously won first place in their category at the school level. A total of thirty county fair projects won first place in their category, division, and type and will be advancing on to the Regional Social Studies Fair which will take place at EGMS on Saturday, Mar. 19.

Greenbrier County Schools county-level winners are:
Div, Category, Type, Title,

Presenters	1. Cash Ridpath	Caroline Perilli StudiesHancock	1. Jacob Mooney
I Anthropology I Medusa: Maiden to Monster 1. Sal Marks	I Psychology I Why Does Grandma Garden? 1. Lily Tincher	I State & Local G Battle of Droop Mountain 1. Ethan Carter Studies 2. Asa Brown	II Sociology G The Most Popular Toy 1. Nathaniel Vincent 2. August Vincent
I Anthropology G Who and What is Lucy? 1. Emma Vincent 2. Annabelle Holt	I Psychology G Are Fidgets a Tool or a Toy? 1. Macie Hileman 2. Ardenne Woods	I U.S. History I Technological Advances that Affected the Civil War 1. Nathan Conaway	II State & Local Studies Studies I Hominy Falls Miracle 1. Lena Adkins
I Economics G How does the NBA generate revenue? 1. Colton Dehaven 2. Jaci Sams I Geography I Interstate Highway System	I Sociology G Navajo Food 1. Mallory Frye 2. Willow Ortiz	I U.S. History G I Scream, You Scream, We All Scream for the History of Ice Cream 1. Ivy Gretzinger 2. Taydom Truman I World History I The Brief History of Feeding an Army 1. Vitale DeRouen	II State & Local Studies G Battle of Lewisburg 1. Tate McMillion 2. Adam Terry
	I State & Local I The Greenbrier Bunker 1.	I U.S. History I The Brief History of Feeding an Army 1. Vitale DeRouen	II U.S. History I The Mystery of Alcatraz I. Mazie Shaver
		II Anthropology I Witchcraft: What is it? 1. Madison Burdette	II World History I Vlad the Impaler 1. Orion Graves
		II Anthropology G Stonehenge 1. Neena McClintic 2. Avery Thompson 3. Noelle McClintic	II World History G Lore of the 12 Olympians 1. Jenna Hunter 2. Kaylee Wingrove
		II Economics G Economics of McDonalds 1. Andrew Rodes 2. Aaron Rodes 3. Benjamin Butler	III Economics I Inflation 1. Alyson Vandall
		II Political Science I Vexillology of Flags 1. Micah DeRouan	III Political Science I Books, Bombs, and Bibles 1. Indigo Graves
		II Psychology I Half Is Not Enough 1. Isaac Tincher	III Psychology I Autism 1. Donna-Jean Barkley
		II Psychology G The Psychology Behind Psychopaths and Sociopaths 1. Kameron Parker 2. Brooklyn Adkins	III Sociology I Get to the Pointe 1. Arabella Crookshanks
		II Sociology I John Wayne Gacy	III State & Local Studies I The Coal Wars of WV 1. Emma Bennett

LES Student Council helps community with Blessing Box



The Lewisburg Elementary School Student Council encourages the public to continue to send Blessing Box items to school so that they can keep it stocked for those in need. Pictured: Kneeling: Rhys Davis (left), Ethan Ewing, Mia Furlong, Kaleigh Hayes, and Cora Whited; First Row: Calleigh Rudd (left), Mallory Frye, Corbin Long, Natalie Byers, James Godby, Caroline Hancock, Addyson Vance,

Adleigh Brothers, Ross Gray, and Rob Taylor; Second Row: Levi Feamster (left), Izzy Russell, Adeline Vickers, Spencer Baldwin, Sage Blymer, Hannah Crane, and Abby Taylor.

Dear Recycle Lady,

Dear Recycle Lady,
My inhaler comes in a box, inside an aluminum tray that has an aluminum cover with the instructions glued on it. When I removed the instructions, glue remained on the foil. I know the aluminum tray and foil are recyclable, but must this glue be removed before the foil goes into the aluminum pans / foil bin?
Seeking Information
Dear Seeking Information,
Congratulations on using a product with packaging that is entirely recyclable. Yours is an important question as contamination is a concern with recycling

aluminum foil. Any aluminum foil placed in the aluminum pan/foil bin MUST BE CLEAN and free from grease or food residue and yes, this includes removing any glue from aluminum foil before it is recycled. Recycling clean aluminum foil is important as new products made from recycled aluminum foil save more than 90% of the energy necessary for producing virgin aluminum. Aluminum foil made from recycled aluminum is now available.

Dear Recycle Lady,
What is a circular economy?
Going in Circles

Dear Going in Circles,
According to Wikipedia, a circular economy (CE) is a model of production and consumption that involves sharing, leasing, reusing, repairing, refurbishing and recycling existing materials and products as long as possible. Climate change, biodiversity loss, waste and pollution are challenges to a circular economy. A circular economy seeks to circulate products and materials, and regenerate nature.
Dear Recycle Lady,
What is the difference between compost and decomposing?



Confused Gardner
Dear Confused Gardner,

Compost is what remains when decayed organic matter, such as vegetable and fruit peelings, coffee grounds, eggshells, leaves and grass clippings are put in a compost pile and, over time, change (decompose) into a natural fertilizer. Composting is a way to put nutrients back into the soil using natural decomposition, the biological process that reduces the organic materials into compost. One word of caution: don't add meat, bones, fatty foods, or pet wastes to a compost pile. They can attract "critters" to the pile and cause unwanted odor.

Kudos to Del Monte - only 4% of their total packaging by weight remains plastic-based - the rest is made of paper, metal, and glass. By 2030, Del Monte aims to make 100% of its plastic packaging recyclable, reusable, or compostable. Del Monte is also entering regenerative farming, introducing the use of cover crops to prevent erosion and restore nitrogen and other nutrients in the soil between food crops. (Earth911.com)

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Adult Respondents: James Doss

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of this proceeding is to determine whether or not the above listed child is abused or neglected. It appears that the father's whereabouts are unknown in Greenbrier County. Notice is hereby given that a hearing in the above styled matter will take place in the Circuit Court of Boone County on the **11th day of April, 2022, at 3:15 p.m.**, before Judge Stacy Nowicki-Eldridge at the Boone County Courthouse, located at 200 State Street in Madison, West Virginia.

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

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

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

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

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Presented by:
Mark W. Browning
Mark W. Browning (0508)
Assistant Prosecuting Attorney

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The West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways reserves the right to defer, delay or postpone the date for receiving and publicly opening proposals for any project designated in this advertisement, without the necessity of renewing such advertisement. All bidders holding valid bidding proposals will be notified of such deferment, delay or postponement and the date that proposals will be received and publicly opened.

The West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex or national origin in consideration for an award.

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**SCHEDULE OF PROPOSED LEVY RATES
GREENBRIER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023**

The above named county board of education, having ascertained that the amount to be raised by a levy of taxes for the purposes and within the limits prescribed by statute or authorized by voters, does hereby propose to adopt the following levy rates to be laid on each one hundred dollars of assessed valuation of each class of property:

Class	Column E Certificate of Valuation Assessed Value for Tax Purposes	Current Expense Levy	
		Levy Rate/\$100	Taxes Levied
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Total Class I	-	-	-
Class II			
Real Estate	1,005,644,150	38.80	3,901,899
Personal Property	3,239,106	-	12,568
Total Class II	1,008,883,256	-	3,914,467
Class III			
Real Estate	420,546,050	77.60	3,263,437
Personal Property	250,138,964	-	1,941,078
Public Utilities	125,350,402	-	972,719
Total Class III	796,035,416	-	6,177,234
Class IV			
Real Estate	169,988,080	77.60	1,319,108
Personal Property	79,720,735	-	618,633
Public Utilities	32,132,651	-	249,349
Total Class IV	281,841,466	-	2,187,090

Total Assessed Valuation and Projected Gross Tax Collections		
Tax Collections	\$ 2,086,760,138	\$ 12,278,791
Less Allowance for Uncollectibles, Exonerations and Delinquencies	3.50% (429,758)	
Less Allowance for Tax Discounts	1.00% (118,490)	
Less Allowance for Tax Increment Financing- see worksheet (Subtracted from regular current expense tax levy only)		(1,663,687)
Net Projected Tax Collections, before allowance for Assessor's Valuation Fund		10,066,856
Less - Allowance for Assessor's Valuation Fund (Subtracted from regular current expense tax levy only)	2.00%	(201,337)
Projected Net Taxes to be Collected		\$ 9,865,519

SIGNED THIS 8th DAY OF MARCH, 2022, BY
Jeffrey Bryant
COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT

**SCHEDULE OF PROPOSED LEVY RATES
GREENBRIER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023**

Class	Excess Levy		Permanent Improvement		Bond Levy	
	Levy Rate/\$100	Taxes Levied	Levy Rate/\$100	Taxes Levied	Levy Rate/\$100	Taxes Levied
Class I						
Personal Property	11.475	\$ -	-	\$ -	6.09	\$ -
Public Utilities	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Class I	-	-	-	-	-	-
Class II						
Real Estate	22.95	2,370,953	-	-	12.18	1,224,875
Personal Property	-	7,434	-	-	-	3,945
Total Class II	-	2,315,387	-	-	-	1,228,820
Class III						
Real Estate	45.90	1,930,306	-	-	24.36	1,024,450
Personal Property	-	1,148,138	-	-	-	609,339
Public Utilities	-	575,358	-	-	-	305,354
Total Class III	-	3,653,802	-	-	-	1,939,143
Class IV						
Real Estate	45.90	780,245	-	-	24.36	414,091
Personal Property	-	365,918	-	-	-	194,200
Public Utilities	-	147,489	-	-	-	78,275
Total Class IV	-	1,293,652	-	-	-	686,566

Total Assessed Valuation and Projected Gross Tax Collections		
Tax Collections	\$ 7,262,841	\$ 3,854,529
Less Allowance for Uncollectibles, Exonerations and Delinquencies	3.50% (254,199)	9.03% 348,029
Less Allowance for Tax Discounts	1.00% (70,086)	-
Projected Net Taxes to be Collected	\$ 6,938,556	\$ 3,506,500
Total Projected Net Taxes from Regular and Excess Levies	\$ 16,804,075	

**SCHEDULE OF PROPOSED LEVY RATES
ALLOWANCE FOR TAX INCREMENT FINANCING
GREENBRIER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023**

Class	Column C Roll Back Value Form	Current Expense Levy	
		Levy Rate/\$100	Taxes Levied
Class I			
Personal Property	\$ -	19.40	\$ -
Public Utilities	-	-	-
Total Class I	-	-	-
Class II			
Real Estate	258,880,570	38.80	1,004,457
Personal Property	-	-	-
Total Class II	258,880,570	-	1,004,457
Class III			
Real Estate	80,087,450	77.60	621,479
Personal Property	-	-	-
Public Utilities	-	-	-
Total Class III	80,087,450	-	621,479
Class IV			
Real Estate	14,775,120	77.60	114,655
Personal Property	109,832	-	852
Public Utilities	-	-	-
Total Class IV	14,884,952	-	115,507

Total Value & Projected Revenue		
Revenue	\$ 353,852,972	\$ 1,741,443
Less Allowance for Uncollectibles, Exonerations and Delinquencies	3.50%	(60,951)
Less Allowance for Tax Discounts	1.00%	(16,805)
Allowance for Tax Increment Financing		1,663,687

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WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

**Division of Highways
NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS**

Bids will be received electronically by the West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways through the Bid Express Bidding Service (www.bidx.com) and by sealed proposals (only when prequalification is waived) being received at its office in Building 5, Room 843, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East, Charleston, West Virginia until May 10, 2022 at 10:00 AM (Eastern Standard Time). The bids will be downloaded and/or opened and read publicly thereafter for the constructions of the following project(s):

Call	Contract	State Project	Federal Project	Description
003	2015000665	U313-RUP/ER-3.00	TAP-2014(231)D	ContWrkTyp RUPERT SIDEWALKS 2014 Sidewalk

Proposals will be received from prequalified and West Virginia licensed contractors only except that on Federal-Aid Projects a contractors' licence is not required at time of bid, but will be required before work can begin. Registration is required with the Department of Administration, Division of Purchasing, in accordance with Chapter 5A, Article 3, Section 12 of the West Virginia Code. All contractors submitting bids on project(s) must include one of the following forms properly executed with each proposal: Proposal Guaranty Bond, Cashier's Check, or Certified Check for \$500.00 or 5% of the total bid, whichever is greater. *These are projects on which any contractor with a Category "W" Prequalification Rating may be eligible to bid.

The West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways reserves the right to defer, delay or postpone the date for receiving and publicly opening proposals for any project designated in this advertisement, without the necessity of renewing such advertisement. All bidders holding valid bidding proposals will be notified of such deferment, delay or postponement and the date that proposals will be received and publicly opened.

The West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex or national origin in consideration for an award.

WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Division of Highways
Kenneth T. Given
for Gehan M. Elsayed, P.E., Ph.D.
Chief Engineer of Programs and Performance Management
Deputy State Highway Engineer

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**FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2022 - JUNE 30, 2023
LEVY ESTIMATE - BUDGET DOCUMENT**

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
MUNICIPALITY OF LEWISBURG, WEST VIRGINIA
In accordance with Code § 11-8-14, as amended, the Council proceeded to make an estimate of the amounts necessary to be raised by levy of taxes for the current fiscal year, and does determine and estimate the several amounts to be as follows:

REVENUE SOURCE	General Fund	Coal Severance Fund
Unassigned Fund Balance		3,247,960
Property Taxes - Current Expense		1,021,008
Property Taxes - Excess Levy		520,923
Gas & Oil Severance Tax		7,000
Excise Tax on Utilities		200,000
Business and Occupation Tax		864,000
Wine & Liquor Tax		40,000
Animal Control Tax		900
Hotel Occupancy Tax		400,000
Fines, Fees & Court Costs		25,000
Licenses		30,000
Building Permit Fees		10,000
Miscellaneous Permits		1,500
Franchise Fees		35,000
IRP Fees (Interstate Registration Plan)		110,000
Municipal Service Fees		438,000
Off Street Parking		240
Rents, Royalties and Concessions		16,800
Fire Protection Fees		274,800
Contributions from Other Entities		600
Gaming Income		18,000
Interest Earned on Investments		4,000
Recycling Program		3,500
Video Lottery (LVL)		11,500
Miscellaneous Revenues		25,000
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE (GENERAL FUND)		\$ 7,305,731
COAL SEVERANCE TAX FUND		
REVENUE SOURCE		
Coal Severance Tax		5,100
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE (COAL SEVERANCE FUND)		\$ 5,100

ESTIMATED CURRENT EXPENDITURES	General Fund	Coal Severance Fund
Mayor's Office	26,183	-
City Council	12,000	-
City Manager's Office	58,781	-
Treasurer's Office	45,945	-
City Clerk's Office	43,004	-
Police Judge's Office	51,016	-
City Attorney	40,000	-
City Auditor	22,000	-
Community Development (Housing)	119,112	-
Rehabilitation of Property	22,000	-
Regional Development Authority	1,400	-
Building Inspection	52,134	-
Planning & Zoning	145,637	-
Elections	23,368	-
City Hall	949,013	-
Other buildings	1,000	-
Parking	2,800	-
Contingencies	150,000	-
Police Department	2,071,246	-
Fire Department	999,443	-
Fire Fee Distribution	223,111	-
Streets and Highways	426,481	-
Snow Removal	53,209	-
Public Transit	3,000	-
Recycling Center	64,464	-
Parks & Recreation	442,839	5,100
Visitors Bureau	200,000	-
Arts & Humanities	25,000	-
Library	54,800	-
Beautification Programs	66,745	-
TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES	\$ 7,305,731	\$ 5,100

**MUNICIPALITY OF LEWISBURG, WEST VIRGINIA
Regular Current Expense Levy
FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2022 - JUNE 30, 2023**

CLASS I	Certificate of Valuation		
	Assessed Value for Tax Purposes	Levy Rate/\$100	Taxes Levied
Personal Property	\$ 0	12.50	\$ 0
Public Utility	0	-	0
Total Class I	\$ 0	-	\$ 0
CLASS II			
Real Estate	\$ 131,264,050	25.00	\$ 328,160
Personal Property	0	-	0
Total Class II	\$ 131,264,050	-	\$ 328,160
CLASS IV			
Real Estate	\$ 104,305,290	50.00	\$ 521,526
Personal Property	37,356,687	-	186,783
Public Utility	9,689,425	-	48,447
Total Class IV	\$ 151,351,402	-	\$ 756,756
Total Value & Projected Revenue	\$ 282,615,452		\$ 1,084,916
Less Delinquencies, Exonerations & Uncollectable Taxes	3.00%		32,547
Less Tax Discounts (use Total Projected Revenue to calculate)	1.00%		10,524
Less Allowance for Tax Increment Financing (if Applicable)			0
Total Projected Property Tax Collection			\$ 1,041,845
Less Assessor Valuation Fund	2.00%		20,837
(Subtracted from regular current expense taxes levied only)			
Net Amount to be Raised by Levy of Property Taxes			\$ 1,021,008

**MUNICIPALITY OF LEWISBURG, WEST VIRGINIA
Excess Levy
FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2022 - JUNE 30, 2023**

CLASS I	Certificate of Valuation		
	Assessed Value for Tax Purposes	Levy Rate/\$100	Taxes Levied
Personal Property	\$ 0	6.25	\$ 0
Public Utility	0	-	0
Total Class I	\$ 0	-	\$ 0
CLASS II			
Real Estate	\$ 131,264,050	12.50	\$ 164,080
Personal Property	0	-	0
Total Class II	\$ 131,264,050	-	\$ 164,080
CLASS IV			
Real Estate	\$ 104,305,290	25.00	\$ 260,763
Personal Property	37,356,687	-	93,392
Public Utility	9,689,425	-	24,224
Total Class IV	\$ 151,351,402	-	\$ 378,379
Total Value & Projected Revenue	\$ 282,615,452		\$ 542,459
Less Delinquencies, Exonerations & Uncollectable Taxes	3.00%		16,274
Less Tax Discounts (use Total Projected Revenue to calculate)	1.00%		5,262
Net Amount to be Raised by Levy for Budget Purposes			\$ 520,923

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
COUNTY OF GREENBRIER
MUNICIPALITY OF LEWISBURG
I, Shannon Beatty, Recording Officer of said municipality, do hereby certify that the foregoing are true copies from the record of the orders made and entered by the council of the said municipality on the 18th day of March, 2022.

Shannon Beatty
City Clerk

First Fridays After Five continues April 1

Downtown Lewisburg celebrates First Fridays After Five on Friday, Apr. 1, from 5 to 8 p.m. Join the fun with live music, grand openings, specials, artist shows, and complimentary tastings throughout town - all free to the public. Everyone is welcome!

Let's welcome **Mountain Momma** to Downtown Lewisburg! Stop by for their Open House Celebration. See this newest shop, enjoy lots of sales and see the spring consignment clothing along with refreshments and homemade brownies and cookies and giveaways! (1102 Washington Street East, Phone is 304-992-2443)

Join **Edith's** for a fun and different kind of First Friday. They've been working hard all winter to perfect a new dance piece choreographed by their own Sam Cruz... "Crane Duet" with musical accompaniment from Jess Shields on the tambourine. They can't wait to share what they've learned. Performance every 30 minutes, beginning at 5 p.m. (1035 Washington Street East, 304-645-7998)

Spring into Lewisburg's newest spot to stop and shop. **CountySeat Arts and Music** is opening for business Apr. 1, no fooling! The woman-owned arts and crafts gallery specializes in quirky, kitschy, and one of a kind work. CountySeat is open Wednesday through Saturday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. countyseatarts.com (848B Court Street, 304-405-6045)

For First Fridays **The Shoe Box** isn't fooling anyone! Come check out their new spring styles, deeply reduced clearance items, and they're excited to host J Bloom Jewelry Designs with Rachelle Henderson! (847 Court Street North, 681-318-3377)

Briergarten celebrated their 1-Year Anniversary with live music, games, and the release of their own B3 (Briergarten Birthday Brew), a light drinking ale brewed in part-

nership with Freefolk Brewery of Fayetteville. Come enjoy expanded menu items, exciting international beers, Football Championship game, and great music in their convertible outdoor/indoor space. (121 Stratton Alley, Suite 9, 304-520-4039)

Better Homes and Gardens Real Estate Central is excited to host Bear Wood Company. Stop by and meet the wood artisans of Bear Wood Company. Bear Wood Company is a small West Virginia grown woodworking business, specializing in preserving the past, while telling local stories through reclaimed wood." (1018 Washington Street West, 304-646-4408)

Stop by **Patina** for Live Celtic music by Patrick O'Flaherty along with complimentary drinks and Girl Scout cookies. (1046 Washington St E, 520-4960)

The **Greenbrier Valley Visitors Center** welcomes spring with two First Friday features! Join the farmers and producers of The Courthouse Farmer's Market as they present "Meet Your Farmer, Meet Your Food." Chat with producers and find out how they grow their products. Music & light refreshments will be part of the festivities. Representatives from the CAMC Telemedicine Office at Robert C Byrd Clinic in Lewisburg will also be on hand to perform blood pressure testing and provide information on their services. April's "Art in the Valley" exhibit will feature The EMPOWER Project through Communities in Schools of Greenbrier County, designed to encourage youth to find positive coping mechanisms and self-expression through art. The artwork, created by students in grade 5-12, will be auctioned by Communities in Schools of Greenbrier County on Apr. 28 in the Visitors Center. Stop by to view this amazing exhibit and learn about the upcoming auction. (905 Washington Street

West, 304-645-1000)

Aggie's and Vest will be serving up foolish refreshments and offers a free seasonal house flag to every 7th purchaser throughout the entire day. (979 Washington Street West, 304-645-4063)

Bella is preparing early for Derby Day and bringing in the Chocolates for the Festival and Spring! Tasting Excelsior Wines and creating an array of gourmet goodies for you! Follow social media for details or call 304-520-4921. (1017 Washington Street East)

Harmony Ridge re-opens their Wine Bar for the season! Stop by to hang with good friends, enjoy a glass of wine and discover the latest additions to the shop. (886 Washington Street West, 304-645-4333)

Come jam out from 6 to 8 p.m. with local teen band, 2nd Block Rock at **The Hub!** Relax and enjoy some local talent. The full café menu will be available along with some complimentary drinks and snacks. See you there! (232 N. Lee Street, 304-647-4994)

Little Black Box kicks off their 15th Anniversary Celebration on Apr. 1, and they aren't fooling around! Take 15% off your entire purchase from 5 to 8 p.m. only. (818 Jefferson Street South, 304-645-6646)

Seldom Free will play on **Hill & Holler's** stage from 7 to 9 p.m. Come tap your feet while you eat delicious pizza and mouth-watering wings! (970 North Jefferson Street, 304-647-4429)

Finish off your evening at **The Asylum** with Thomas Taylor Band! (399 Randolph Street East, 681-318-3515)

First Fridays is sponsored by City National Bank and the Shops & Restaurants of Downtown Lewisburg. For more information go to visitlewburgwv.com or to Facebook or call 304-645-4333.

DINING & entertainment guide

Dutch Haus Restaurant

Lewisburg Elks Country Club at 368 Brush Rd., Lewisburg

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WEEKEND SPECIAL

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Super Crossword

BLOOMIN' HUMANS

ACROSS

1 "Rabbit food"
6 Back-and-forth talk
12 Cold case solvers, often
21 Source of weather upheaval
22 This instant
23 MTV's first Latina video jockey
25 "Don't go anywhere"
26 Dresses up
27 Cubs' and Eagles' gp.
29 Mazda two-seater
30 Common conjunction
31 Social-climbing snob on "Keeping Up Appearances"
37 Gp. in the Arab League
40 Funny Conan
42 Blends to mush
43 35th president's mother
46 Banjoist Fleck
47 Inkling
51 Carve — career
52 Post-Q string

53 "The Sea, the Sea" novelist of 1978
56 Highway jam
58 Adhesive rolls
60 German king called "the Great"
61 Verb suffix in London
62 When Hamlet's soliloquy is recited
66 — New Guinea (island nation)
69 Li'l Abner's mother
71 Friend of Lucy van Pelt and Patty
76 Beef up
77 Clout
79 Gold, in Peru
80 "You can't — train"

100 Shorthand whiz, in brief
102 Poe's "radiant maiden"
103 Cleveland-to-Raleigh dir.
104 Aunt of Harry Potter
109 DJ's platters
111 Level, grassy plain
112 Pub fixture
113 Ball-shaped blooms
117 Aim for
121 Hippies (and an alternate)
125 Tidied up
126 Novelist Gay
127 Trashed stuff
128 Declared
129 Declared
130 Busybody

DOWN

1 "Smooth Operator" singer
2 "Walk Like —"
3 Woodsy den
4 Actor Williams
5 Diary
6 God, in Latin
7 — de-France
8 Actress Sheridan
9 Ignited
10 Last year before the first century
11 Busybody
12 HMO VIPs
13 Petty peeve
14 — Khan
15 Lymphoid organ in the neck
16 Moral code
17 Sort not to be trusted
18 Egg cake
19 Elbow grease
24 "Giant" novelist Edna
28 Wolf-headed Egyptian god
31 Inkling
32 "— -haw!"
33 Common conjunction
34 Uno plus dos
35 Ship's wheel
36 Romeo
37 Bit of expert advice
38 Writer — May Alcott
39 "Your Best Life Now" author Joel
41 ICU figures
44 Water, to Watteau
45 "Gadzooks!"
47 Dog collar attachment
48 Part of many an emoticon
49 Friendly introduction?
50 Sushi tuna
54 Keanu of the screen
55 Driving paths
57 Check-giving time at work
58 Fri. follows it
59 Arrid target
63 Film dancer Charisse
64 Wee kid
65 Ring victory, for short
66 Cooking vessels
67 Muhammad —
68 Guitar piece
70 Overly sweet
72 Suffix with journal
73 Celebrity tributes
74 Fighting forces
75 1983 Lionel Richie hit
78 Film holder
80 Health club
81 Blue Jays, on sports tickers
82 Decide
83 Triumph in the end
85 Keeps
87 Tube-shaped pasta
88 La — Tar Pits
89 Senator Paul
90 Big Apple's city and state: Abbr.
91 "I'd say," in a text message
92 Coarse sack material
97 Unwell
98 Spike of films
99 They may cry "Uncle!"
100 One napping noisily
101 Inserted plant shoots
104 Main course of action
105 Nobody — (mine alone)
106 Spanish bar appetizers
107 Link up
108 Messy impact sound
110 MIT business school name
113 Historical slave Scott
114 — facto
115 Countertenor
116 Filter slowly
118 Strep doc
119 Golf prop
120 Singular
122 Ending for Motor
123 Soggy
124 Suffix with journal

PUZZLE ANSWERS PAGE 8

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Lamppost is missing. 2. Dog's ear is moved. 3. Collar is different. 4. Leash is missing. 5. Jacket is smaller. 6. Poster is different.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

		6		8		2		4
	3				5		7	
2			1					8
	8				2	9		
		3	9					5
5		1		6			4	
	7				8			1
		5		2				3
4			6		9	5		

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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SCRAMBLERS

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

Simple
EAVIN

Notify
MORFIN

Glue
STAPLER

Celebration
STARAY

TODAY'S WORD

"I think of him as the answer to my flight against _____."

THEATER 8
MOVIES
Showtime: 7:45 pm
R

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MOVIES
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MOVIES
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STEPPIN' OUT

Carnegie Hall presents a Preview and Talk Back with the Honey Dewdrops



Carnegie Hall presents The Honey Dewdrops on Friday, Apr. 1, at 7:30 p.m. in the Hamilton Auditorium. Prior to the show, The Honey Dewdrops will provide a free preview and talk-back session at The Wild Bean in downtown Lewisburg at 3 p.m. Learn what life on the road is like, how they weathered the pandemic, and what lies ahead for the award-winning Appalachian folk duo. For more information call Carnegie Hall Box Office at 304-645-7917, visit www.carnegiehallwv.org, or stop by at 611 Church Street, Lewisburg. Carnegie Hall Box Office is open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Artist entry forms available for the WV Dandelion Festival Art Show

The West Virginia Dandelion Festival will begin on Friday, May 27, at 6 p.m. with an Art Show featuring artists from all over West Virginia at the White Sulphur Springs Public Library.

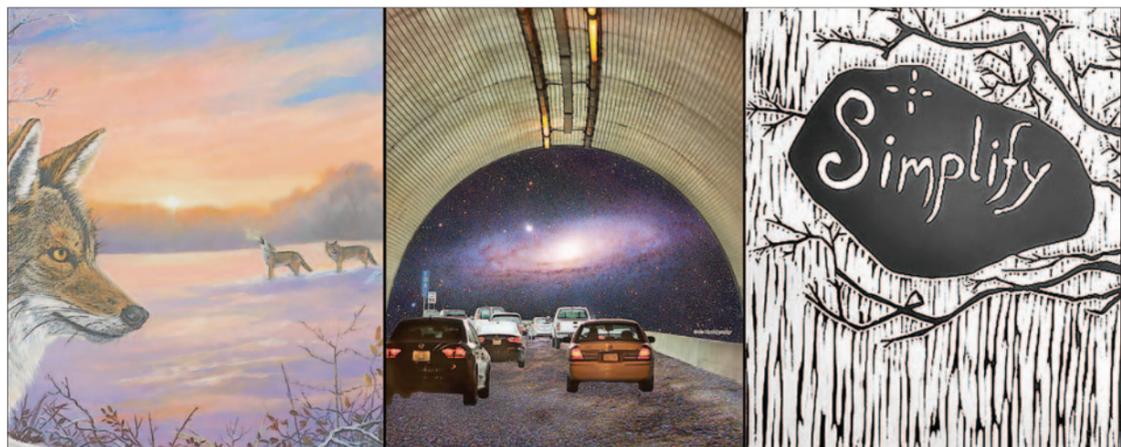
The Art Show features a diverse number of categories that can be

entered, including drawing, painting, photography, three-dimensional, textile, mixed media, and more. Grade school and high school students are encouraged to join the youth section of the program.

The art show entry packets are available online at www.wvdandelionfestival.com/art-show.html

or at the White Sulphur Springs Public Library, 344 Main Street West in the heart of White Sulphur. The library will not accept any more entries after 4 p.m. on Wednesday, May 25. Please call the library at 304-536-1171 if you have any questions.

Carnegie Hall's April/May/June exhibits open April 1



Art by Misty Walkup (left), Nima Shahab Shahmir, and Eddie Maier

Carnegie Hall's April/May/June Exhibits open Friday, Apr. 1. Carnegie Hall features three rotating galleries, which display the works of regional artists. The April/May/June Exhibits feature works by artists Misty Walkup (Old Stone Room), Eddie Maier (Lobby Gallery), and Nima Shahab Shahmir (Museum Gallery).

The Museum Gallery features art by Nima Shahab Shahmir, an Iranian-American photogra-

pher focusing on fields of art such as Digital Media Collaging, Graphic Design, and Videography. He picked up his first camera when he was 11 years old, and it helped him to constantly look around and find unique ways to capture scenes, patterns, and faces.

In 2012, he received first and third places in photojournalism during Marshall University's S.C.O.R.E.S competition. In 2014, he participated in photography exhibitions at Carnegie Hall and City Hall of Lewisburg during the Lewisburg Literary Festival. In July 2017, his photography/digital media works were on display at

Greenbrier Valley Visitor Center titled "Create and Explore." He is a member of Tamarack Foundation Creative Network.

Misty Walkup is featured in the Old Stone Room. Walkup is a working artist and illustrator and a lifelong resident of Greenbrier County. She has loved drawing and painting since childhood. Although she paints in a variety of media, she prefers oils and acrylics. She is a self-taught artist and has worked her entire artistic career honing and developing her own painting style. She recently became a member of the Greenbrier Artists.

She has had several solo exhibits and has illustrated several books. She recently published a collection of 22 of her wildlife prints in book form, "The Wildlife Art of Misty Murray-Walkup," which was recently selected for ad-

dition to the United States Library of Congress. Exhibiting her art across the United States, she has won numerous awards for her work.

The Lobby Gallery will showcase artist of Eddie "Spaghetti" Maier. Maier uses his creative talents to share Mother Nature's bountiful gifts of beauty. While he predominately works as a printmaker, he is also adept in other mediums including pottery, batik, mural painting, and just about anything art related. Maier also loves to share his talents by teaching and holding art workshops.

The exhibits are free and open to the public, Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and run through June 24. For more information, please visit carnegiehallwv.org, call 304-645-7917, or stop by the Hall at 611 Church Street, Lewisburg.

Events scheduled at Alderson Artisans Gallery

The Alderson Artisans Gallery is pleased to announce a showing of photographs by West Virginia artist Deb Sorensen. Opening night will be Saturday, April 2, from 6 to 8 p.m.

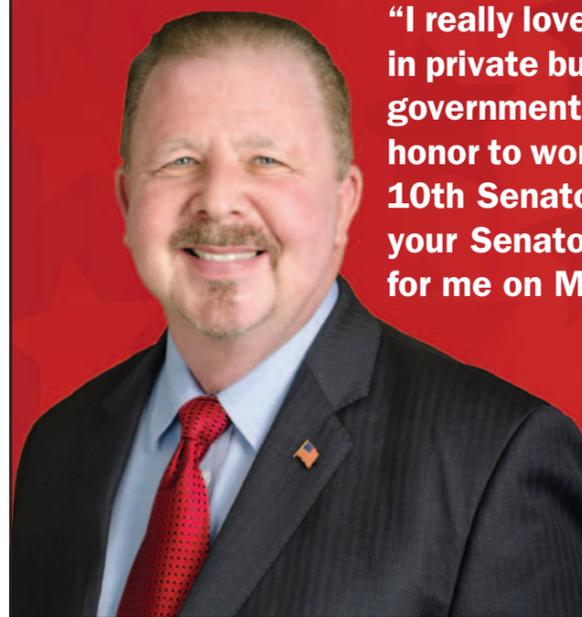
The public is welcome to come and meet the artist. Deb's photographs will be on display and available for sale until June 3,

2022. Gallery hours are Tuesday from 2:30 to 6 p.m., Friday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Alderson Artisans Gallery is a cooperative non-profit organization. Visit our website at www.aldersongallery.com for current information, online shopping, and directions.

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