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Alderson Mayor pleads not guilty

By Sarah Richardson

Alderson Mayor Travis Copenhaver pled not guilty this week to five charges, which included two felonies and three misdemeanors, filed against him by the latest convening of the Greenbrier County Grand Jury. Copenhaver was charged with felony burglary and conspiracy to commit burglary; and misdemeanors including removal, injury to, or destruction of property; harassment; and unlawful restraint.

The indictment documents state that Copenhaver and his brother-in-law Lloyd "Billy" Lightner "broke into and entered" a private residence in Alderson, and then "did unlawfully take and carry away a Remington .270 rifle and Black Bear compound bow." The document alleges that Copenhaver and Lightner also engaged with the residents "to cause the other person to fear for his or her personal safety," and blocked in a vehicle when a resident tried to leave the property "under apprehension of an implied threat of violence."

A pretrial status hearing has been set for June 13. More updates will be available as the case continues.

BOE Meet the Candidates event cancelled

Meet the Candidate events for other seats still scheduled April 19 and 26 at 5:30 p.m.

The Greater Greenbrier Chamber of Commerce will host a series of "Meet the Candidates" for those running for upcoming elections. Candidates will be answering questions submitted by the public via email.

The School Board Meet the Candidates event that was scheduled for Apr. 13 has been canceled. It may be rescheduled at a later date.

On Apr. 19 at 5:30 p.m. those running for House of Delegates (District 42) and Senate (District 10) will take questions from the public at Greenbrier Valley Theatre.

Finally, you can Meet the Candidates running for County Commission and County and Circuit Clerk on Apr. 26 at 5:30 p.m. at the Underwood Building at the Fairgrounds.

These events will be moderated by GGCC Executive Director, Ashley Vickers. Please submit a question to the candidates by emailing director@greenbrierwvchamber.org. For more information visit www.greenbrierwvchamber.org.

Greenbrier County Commission announces funds for WV Helping Hands, Humane Society

By Adam Pack

The Greenbrier County Commission met Tuesday, Apr. 12, at 10 a.m. for their regularly scheduled meeting. A full docket began with the final approval of the Greenbrier Humane Society's \$200,000 annual budget.

"This funding," Commissioner Tammy Shiftett-Tincher explained, "is a continuation of funding we've been doing in previous years." This comes after the Humane Society's presentation of activity and expenses for fiscal year 2021 on Mar. 8. The Commissioners voted 2-1 in favor of granting the Humane Society's request, with Commissioner McClung voting no.

The Commission was also excited to present West Virginia Helping Hands and the Quinwood Community Library with funds. The funds were checks awarded as a result of successful grants approved by the West Virginia House of Delegates and signed by the Governor's Office. The grants were proposed, respectively, by Delegates Todd Longancre and Heather Tully. Cathy Morris and Amy Hubbard were present to accept a \$7,000 check on behalf of Helping Hands.

"This money is going to do a lot of good," said Hubbard. "It'll go to renovations, new program planning... and hopefully help a whole lot of people."

Representatives of the Quinwood Community Library were present at the meeting, but Commissioner Rose explained that their funding would go toward purchasing new books for the library, as well as general upgrades. "Congratulations to both of these organizations on the receipt of these grants, and a big thank you to both Delegates Longancre and Tully for proposing them," said Rose.

Next, the Commission discussed granting the Mountain Transit Authority \$10,000. The request comes amid services already added this year, as well planned service additions. David Cook, MTA Supervisor of Greenbrier and Pocahontas Counties, was on hand to answer questions.

"This year already we've resumed a Meadow River See "County Commission" Page 4



Volunteers for the Make It Shine event spent the whole morning giving back to the community.

Volunteers work hard to Make It Shine in Lewisburg

By Sarah Richardson

On Wednesday, Apr. 13, a group of environmentally-conscious volunteers took several hours to gather trash and to weed areas around downtown Lewisburg, and complete other projects as part of the annual Make It Shine event. The volunteers, which included members

of the Lewisburg in Bloom organization, worked along many main streets in town including Church Street, Court Street, around the North House Museum, and near City Hall.

The WV Make It Shine Program is a comprehensive See "Make It Shine" Page 2



Belinda Evans, WVSOM's director of student life (left); James W. Nemitz, Ph.D., WVSOM's president; Beverly White, mayor of Lewisburg; Linda Boyd, D.O., WVSOM's vice president of academic affairs and dean; and Robert Foster, D.O., WVSOM's assistant dean of osteopathic medical education stand with WVSOM students at the proclamation signing.

Lewisburg Mayor declares Celebrate Osteopathic Medicine Week

On Apr. 13, Mayor Beverly White signed a proclamation declaring April 18-24 to be Celebrate Osteopathic Medicine (COM) Week in the city that is home to the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine (WVSOM), the state's largest medical school.

Osteopathic Medicine (NOM) Week, which is intended to bring members of the osteopathic community together to raise awareness of osteopathic medicine.

WVSOM flags have been placed at locations in downtown Lewisburg in advance of COM Week. Bob Foster, D.O., the school's assistant dean for osteopathic medical education, said the week serves as a reminder of the qualities that set osteopathic medicine apart.

"Osteopathic medicine is unique," Foster said. "COM See "COM Week" Page 3

Nature's Way

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Greenbrier County Board of Education honors InvenTEAM

By Adam Pack

The Greenbrier County Board of Education met for their regularly scheduled April meeting on Tuesday, Apr. 12, at 6 p.m.

The first order of business was honoring the Greenbrier East High School's InvenTEAM on their receiving the Lemelson Grant from MIT. The Team was on hand to present their new invention to the Board. The device, which these 20 students have been working on for upwards of a year, is a homing beacon system designed to be carried by spelunkers and cave visitors which will help emergency services find and render medical aid to those lost or hurt in cave systems.

Each of the "leads" of the various teams (of which there were Administrative, Communications, Sustainability, Research, Financial, Tech/Coding, and Fabrication) came up to present the work and progress that each team has made to date.

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Presenting to the Board of Education last week were GEHS InvenTeam members: Neveah Wooding (left), Gabe Dowdy, Cam Little, Sam Totten, Ian Morrison, Nate Smith, Cole Snyder, Gabe Coleman, Delaney Hambrick, Olivia Warfield, Amber Conley, Abby Warfield, Kendra Culyer, Evan Vogelsong, and Ian Hamilton. (Adam Pack photo)

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Chief Circuit Judge Jennifer P. Dent administers oath of office to William Tyler Cutlip

Cutlip joins Sheriff's Department

William Tyler Cutlip took his oath of office as the newest member of the Greenbrier County Sheriff's Department on Tuesday, Apr. 13. The oath was administered by Chief Circuit Judge Jennifer P. Dent.

Sheriff Sloan commented, "Tyler is certainly a welcome addition to our ranks and he is eager to begin his new career. Although he will not be working independently until his graduation from the State Police Academy and completion of his field training probationary period, we expect that he will be a tremendous asset to our department and the county. We look forward to his service with the Greenbrier County Sheriff's Office and his commitment to public service for the citizens of Greenbrier County."

The department anticipates hiring additional deputy sheriffs and will be initiating a new testing cycle in June or July of this year. Information detailing the testing process will be posted on the Greenbrier County Sheriff's Department Facebook page, as well as the Greenbrier County Facebook page.

Make It Shine

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program aimed at making West Virginia the cleanest state in the nation. Throughout the state, groups of volunteers, businesses, community organizations, and local governments are working to accomplish this goal. The Lewisburg In Bloom Committee is a coalition of people dedicated to the improvement, betterment, and beautification of Lewisburg.

"We did have a cleanup last summer," said Lewisburg In Bloom Coordinator Shannon Beatty, who helped spearhead the event. "We had to submit an application, and we were given cleanup supplies such as trash bags, gloves, and trash grabbers through the Make It Shine program."

The statewide cleanup is held during the first two weeks of April each year. During this time, volunteers can receive assistance in conducting cleanups on public lands.

"When I was a little kid I used to go out and pick up trash," said Beatty. "I've always been like that, and everyone that helps us each year is like that. If we see litter, we pick it up. I was always taught to 'take it with you.'"

Last year, Greenbrier County won the second place WV Make It Shine Clean County Award, which comes with \$1,000. This award is given to counties in the state who have developed and implemented a comprehensive environmental program. Cash prizes are awarded to top achievers to help fund their continued efforts.

The 2021 WV Make It Shine Teacher of the Year Award was given to Sarah Hann of White Sulphur Springs Elementary School. This award is given to educators that have gone above and beyond to promote environmental awareness and stewardship in their classrooms and communities. Each Teacher of the year receives a \$500 personal award and a \$1,000 award to promote Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) education in their school.

The next Make It Shine event in Lewisburg is set for June 11 of this year. Follow the Lewisburg in Bloom Committee on Facebook for more details.

PICK OF THE LITTER



SMOOTHIE

Smoothie is a two-year-old male and weighs 46 pounds

AJ

AJ is a one-year-old longhaired male



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

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

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

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

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DOT begins road work improving access to Lewisburg Elementary

By Adam Pack

The Department of Transportation (DOT) has been hard at work outside of Lewisburg Elementary School as Rt. 60 upgrades are underway in an effort to improve access to the school. According to DOT District 9 Supervisor James Moore, this is work on State Project Number U313-60-30.85 00, which is "a General Fund Surplus project costing an estimated \$1,250,000."

The intent of the project is to renovate the existing Rt. 60 roadway west of town to provide safer and more efficient access to Lewisburg Elementary School, as well as the adjacent businesses and properties. The project will change the traffic pattern by eliminating the eastbound truck climbing lane and restriping the new pavement for two thru-lanes and a combined center-left-turn lane and construct a new right turn lane into the school.

"The first phase began Monday, Apr. 4, with state-forces excavating the embankment and existing shoulder to construct the aggregate base course for the new right turn lane and roadway taper," said Moore. This work will be complete by mid-spring.

He added that, "The second phase will be completed by purchase order contract awarded to Southern West Virginia Paving at Alta. The contractor will mill and pave the existing roadway and newly constructed turn lane, and construct paved shoulders for the entire 3.69 mile long project, beginning 0.71 mile west of CO 40, Bungers Mill Road, and ending 0.51 mile east of CO 60/29, McElhenney Road."

The final phase will include the application of new pavement markings to delineate the combined center left turn lane. All work is projected to be complete by summer, depending on the weather.

As far as what motorists and nearby residents should expect to see and hear, Moore said, "[There will be] Track excavators, loaders, dump trucks, large milling machine, paver, grader and other heavy construction equipment."

However, despite the heavy hardware, the most important consideration for local drivers is safety. "The most important thing that motorists are advised to notice is the temporary traffic control devices and flaggers," said Moore. "Please be patient and obey their instructions for your safety and the safety of the highway workers."

Fire hydrants to get artistic facelift

Local artists will work with a different sort of canvas in May when the Lewisburg in Bloom Committee's fire hydrant painting contest kicks off in Lewisburg.

Participating artists will need to submit two designs for the Lewisburg in Bloom Committee to choose from by Friday, May 13. Artists need to use an oil-based paint and sealer on their designs.

Each artist or organization may submit up to two designs. Plans must be pre-approved by the Lewisburg in Bloom Committee. The 11 hydrants painted during the contest are located in Lewisburg's downtown historic district.

The artists will create their artwork on the hydrants May 23 through May 25, and people in the community can vote for their favorite hydrants on the Lewisburg in Bloom Committee's Facebook page. Voting will take place from May 26 through Friday, June 3. The winner will be announced on Friday, June 3, just in time for First Friday in downtown Lewisburg.

Maps will be distributed showing the locations of the painted hydrants.

Please contact Shannon Beatty at sbeatty@lewisburg-wv.com or call her at 304-645-2080 to enter the contest.



Fire hydrants designs can be submitted by organizations or artists, and a winner will be chosen for favorite hydrant on June 3.

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OPINION

Nature's Way

By Karen Cohen

Master Gardener/Photojournalist/Artist
Swap Meet

Seed libraries. I had heard about the world's largest seed bank many decades ago. It is located in the permafrost beyond the Arctic Circle in a secure site buried underground. The Ministry of Food and Agriculture of Norway created it in 2008 as a way to preserve diverse seeds from all over the world. Isn't that cool!? Over 4,000 species of vegetable seeds are stored at ideal conditions which keep them viable but not germinating FOREVER. At least, that's the expectation. You can read more about it by looking up: Svalbard Global Seed Vault.

Some popular vegetables such as corn and tomato seeds are hybridized by huge seed companies who experiment with gene splicing. This allows some seeds to become stronger to resist insects, droughts, and pesticides. But in the process of creating hybrid seeds, the old time seeds that your grandmother collected and swapped are lost for eternity. Hence, the need for seed storage banks!


In 2021, Latvia and Serbia were new contributors to the bank of seeds. Will any of the stored seeds ever be put into production or just stored for centuries to come? Your guess is as good as mine. Perhaps in a "doomsday" situation, the seed bank will be accessed for food production if needed.

In the meantime, we in the US have seed banks, too, as well as seed swaps. There's a website called the Seed Library (go online and search it); it lists all the places worldwide where folks can "check out" seeds as they do with library books. People take their favorite seeds home to sprout and grow and at the end of their life cycle, the "borrower" returns the seeds they produced back to the library for another person to "borrow."

Morgantown, WV opened a seed library in 2019 at their local public library and Harpers Ferry's seed library was started in 2018. Most recently, South Charleston, WV opened their non-profit seed library to share seeds in their community. Closer to home, several libraries in Pocahontas County received donations of locally grown, non-GMO seeds to offer a seed share program in February of 2022.

I propose we start a local seed exchange here in Greenbrier County, WV. Are you interested? Last year I put out a request for rhubarb since mine had died over the winter. A friend in Lewisburg contacted me and I swapped her for fresh ramps. Fair trade and a feel good exchange. Do you have any seeds that you plant year after year that are special to these hills?

It's easy to save seeds from non-hybrid plants, including flowers. Just wait till the plant goes to seed and allow it to dry out naturally. You can put a collection



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bag over the seed head and watch for the seeds to drop. Store seeds in an airtight, waterproof jar with a tablespoon of dry white rice in it to absorb any moisture. I stash mine in a cool space and plant them the following year. Always label the container with the date and the variety. So far, I have had success saving and replanting tomato seeds, butternut squash, corn, kale, arugula and most prolific- mustard seeds. Not just saving money, I am saving my best plants to grow more of the same in the future.

Seeds don't last forever so check a chart for viability of saved or store bought seeds. Many "expire" within a year or two, such as onions and peas. If you would like a chart of seed viability emailed, please email me nature-swaykaren@gmail.com. Happy Growing!

(Karen Cohen is a Master Gardener, organic grower, DJ and avid explorer. She resides in Greenbrier County with two cats, two dogs and one husband!)

Commentary

WV's Voter Registration Deadline is April 19

Secretary of State Mac Warner is notifying eligible West Virginia citizens that the deadline to register to vote or update a current voter registration for the upcoming May 10 Primary Election is by the close of business on Apr. 19, 2022.

Updating a current voter registration before Apr. 19 is especially important for voters that have moved to a different address, changed their name, or wish to change their political party.

Eligible citizens can register to vote in one of three ways:

- 1) online at GoVoteWV.com using a valid West Virginia driver's license or state-issued ID number;
- 2) mailing a paper application to their county clerk (application form available at GoVoteWV.com or calling their county clerk to have one provided); or
- 3) in-person registration including at the public offices of the county clerk, Secretary of State, Division of Motor Vehicles, public assistance offices, agencies serving people with disabilities, and military recruiting agencies.

Registrations sent by mail must be received or post-marked by no later than Apr. 19, 2022. Those who wish to register in person on the deadline should check the local office's business hours. Those registering online must register by the close of business of their county clerk's office.

Information on voting districts for the May 10 Primary Election can be easily determined using the address lookup tool on the new WV Interactive Map for Voting Precincts & Districts. A link to the map tool is available at GoVoteWV.com.

For more information on the upcoming May 10 Primary Election, visit the WV Secretary of State's secure website at GoVoteWV.com.

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Health Career Display: Sara Whitt - 3rd Place, Daisha Summers - 3rd Place

Creative Problem Solving: Abigail Adkins - 1st Place, Elyza Crane - 1st Place - Halianna Holliday - 1st Place
 Forensic Science: Olivia Plybon - 1st Place, Heather Jones, 1st Place

Cultural Diversity: Shania Davis - 1st Place, Sophia Ngyuen - 2nd Place

HOSA Happenings: Grace Hylton - 1st Place
 Health Issues Exam: Elyza Crane - 1st Place, Halianna Holliday - 2nd Place, Grace Hylton - 3rd Place

The Greenbrier County Board of Education is proud of all these students and their fantastic academic achievements. The Board will meet again next month on May 10 at 6 p.m. The public is encouraged to attend.

County Commission

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Area route, as well as added an airport route," he explained. "We've also been working with Drug Court, getting people to and from that, especially out in the west end. We've been taking people to doctor's visits and other non-emergency medical transport. We also have a direct route from Snowshoe to the Walmart going." Mention was also made of the future plans for the MTA to provide shuttle services at the airport. Members of the Commission voted unanimously to approve the request.

Terri White of Children's Home Society of West Virginia presented to the Commission the Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation. The Proclamation has already been signed by CASA, Davis Stuart, FRC, and other local organizations. All undersigned have done so to signal and clear dedication to the protection of all the signatories to the prevention of child abuse. The petition states that "In fiscal year 2021, there were upwards of 4.3 million reports to CPS." The Greenbrier County Commission unanimously approved the signing of the proclamation.

White also discussed the upcoming Children's Memorial Flag Day. The Society will be hosting an awareness and educational event on Children's Memorial Flag Day, Apr. 29, at 12 noon at the Green Space. The Society

InvenTEAM

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Students explained that the device is a two part system. The system has an "inside unit" (a breadcrumb), which is carried by the cave travelers into the cave. The breadcrumb acts as a GPS tracker, and is able to send signals back to the outside unit. Users can vary these messages to communicate various needs in case of emergency.

As the list of teams shows that this was a holistic effort on the part of the students. The public learned that students have had to work diligently to do ethical research, contacting scientific research certification organizations across the country. Fabrication students also had to do hours and hours of testing and re-starting, as did their colleagues in the coding team. The sustainability team had the unenviable task of trying to find environmentally safe and sustainable ways of producing every part of the product, even the water and fire-proofing. The administrative team made sure everything was ordered in time and that everyone was well on task, while communications made sure to keep running visual documentation, and the financial lead kept track of all the money coming in, which will prove necessary for the group's trip to Boston as it's the team's responsibility to finance their travel expenses.

Speaking of which, the presentation ended with a huge helping of thanks for the \$20,000 already collected to all those who've donated, but with the news that the group still needs nearly \$5,000. Interested individuals can donate to the team at <https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-the-greenbrier-east-inventeam-get-to-boston>.

In other news, several other students were honored for

will present a display of pinwheels to represent children and types of abuse they face each year. White informed members of the Commission of the importance of this event and bringing higher awareness to child above prevention, quoting national data that find that children of all types and all backgrounds almost equally face child abuse across America. But, all is not bad news: of the 300 children who entered the Children's Home Society's Lewisburg office in 2021, which serves Greenbrier, Monroe, Summers, and Pocahontas, 62 have entered permanency (or transitioned from foster care to full legal adoption). White and the CHS hope that with the signing of this proclamation and promoting Children's Memorial Flag Day that these numbers can be improved even further, and more and more kids can enter permanency.

In other news, the Commission considered Draw Request #2 pertaining to the Greenbrier County Broadband project (totaling \$20,215.91), an invoice pertaining to the Gigready TIF Project, and the signing of Resolution #7 pertaining to the Big Draft Waterline Extension Project. All three items were approved by the Commission.

The Greenbrier County Commission meets again on Apr. 26, at 10 a.m. The public is encouraged to attend.

their academic achievements. Winners and participants of the 2021-22 State Math Field Day Winners include, by grade;

4th Grade: Sean Clendenen (Lewisburg), Tayton Martin (Smoot), and Arabella Webb (Lewisburg, 2nd Place)

5th Grade: Emma Vincent (Lewisburg), Ellie Burns (WSS), Ava Taylor (Frankford)

6th Grade: Ben Butler (WGMS, 6th Place), Noah Ramos (WGMS), Drew McClung (EGMS, 2nd Place)

7th Grade: Bhavya Patel (EGMS, 1st Place), Russell Reynolds (EGMS), Elijah Smailes (Homeschool, 6th Place).

8th Grade: Nathaniel Vincent (EGMS), Noah Edwards (EGMS, 5th Grade), Andrew Holt (EGMS)

9th Grade: Sophia Nguyen (GEHS, 1st Place), Mollie Pack (GEHS, 3rd Place), Jakob Tomlinson (GEHS, 4th Place)

10th, 11th, and 12th Grades: Kendra Culyer (GEHS, 3rd Place), Jonathon Nguyen (GEHS, 5th Place), Evan McClure (GEHS), Rylee Norman (GEHS), Peyton Barker (GEHS), Ian Hamilton (GEHS), Abby Dilley (GEHS), Carmen Fogus (GEHS), Elizabeth Bishop (GWHS)

Also honored were those students who placed at the HOSA State Leadership Conference Competition. GEHS Students traveled to Marshall University on March 18 and 19 to compete, and high in many categories.

Spirit Award: GEHS HOSA - 1st Place

Vet. Science: Alexia Tipton - 1st Pace

CLUB & CHURCH

Flag Etiquette: Respect for the U.S. Flag

The following is the fourth 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 position and manner for display of the

U.S. Flag. Section 8: No disrespect should be shown to the flag of the United States of America; the flag should not be dipped to any person or thing. Regimental colors, State flags, and organization or institutional flags are to be dipped as a mark of honor. (a) The flag should never be displayed with the

union down, except as a signal of dire distress in instances of extreme danger to life or property. (b) The flag should never touch anything beneath it, such as the ground, the floor, water, or merchandise. (c) The flag should never be carried flat or horizontally, but always aloft and free.

(d) The flag should never be used as wearing apparel, bedding, or drapery. It should never be festooned, drawn back, nor up, in folds, but always allowed to fall free. Bunting of blue, white, and red always arranged with the blue above, the white in the middle, and the red below, should be used for covering a speak-

er's desk, draping the front of the platform, and for decoration in general. (e) The flag should never be fastened, displayed, used, or stored in such a manner as to permit it to be easily torn, soiled, or damaged in any way. (f) The flag should never be used as a covering for a ceiling. (g) The flag should never have placed upon it, nor on any part of it, nor attached to it any mark, insignia, letter, word, figure, design, picture, or drawing of any nature. (h) The flag should nev-

er be used as a receptacle for receiving, holding, carrying, or delivering anything. (i) The flag should never be used for advertising purposes in any manner whatsoever. It should not be embroidered on such articles as cushions or handkerchiefs and the like, printed or otherwise impressed on paper napkin or boxes or anything that is designed for temporary use and discard. Advertising signs should not be fastened to a staff or halyard from which the

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Williamsburg Ruritan announce change of leadership



Front: Ray Hopkins (left), Ellen Driggers, and President Danny Driggers; Second Row: Rudi Rucker (left), Debra Zahorenko, Rick Hedrick, treasurer, and Margaret Crookshanks; Third Row: John Rucker (left), Lacy Hartsook, Rodger Hedrick, Gregory Hurd, and Vice President Ray Philips.

With the passing of past Ruritan President Stan Zahorenko in December 2021, and President Jack Goodman in January 2022, the Williamsburg Ruritan Vice-President Danny Driggers has stepped up to be President. Ray Philips, former vice-president, has agreed to be vice-president once again. The membership voted to confirm the new posts.

The club had a wonderful meal prepared and served by President Danny Driggers and his wife Ellen Driggers, who is also a member. While we were dining, John Wyatt, the Appalachian, sang and played guitar. He spoke to us about a new opportunity to open the community to a new plan for music and entertainment to be brought to the public.

Scholarships were discussed and to be presented with the Williamsburg Community Action for further comments to be brought to the next town meeting on April 18 at 7 p.m. The Williamsburg Ruritan Club meets on the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. Please feel welcome to give one of us a call and come and join us.

A Look Back

By William "Skip" Deegans Born in Scotland in 1846, James R. Laing, came to the United States twenty years later. He rose from a mine superintendent to become one of the leading coal operators on West Virginia's New River. In 1904, Laing and his wife, Susan Kay Laing, moved to a lovely stone house they had built on Lewisburg's Church Street. The house was described in The Greenbrier Independent as "one of the most commodious and costly residences in the county." The Laings had four daughters, all of whom were educated at the Lewisburg Female Institute (predecessor to Greenbrier College).

James Laing served on the Institute's board of trustees. According to Laing's daughter, Anna J. Laing, her father met Andrew Carnegie in Hot Springs, Virginia, and secured Carnegie's financial contribution that help build Lewisburg's Carnegie Hall. Shown in this week's 1922 photo is the Laing's son, John Bowie Laing. John Laing worked with his father in the family's New River coal operations. With his wife, Margaret Nelson Laing and their children, he followed his parents to Lewisburg. John Laing was instrumental in developing the western Greenbrier County coal fields, and was a partner in building the



Photo from West Virginia by The American Historical Society (1922).

Greenbrier and Eastern Railroad that made it possible to transport coal out of the county. Like his father, John Laing became a trustee of Greenbrier College. All of the Laing's were staunch Presbyterians.

Their graves may be found in the Lewisburg Cemetery behind the Old Stone Church. Sources: The Greenbrier Independent, The American Historical Society, Greenbrier Historical Society.

Church Bulletin

Tilapia Dinners return April 22 & 29

The Greenbrier Valley Council 8689 Knights of Columbus will serve "tilapia walk-in to-go" dinners on Apr. 22, and 29 in Butler Hall of St. Thomas Episcopal Church on West Main Street in White Sulphur Springs. The tilapia dinners are served 4:30 to 7 p.m. and can be "take-outs" by stopping in front of Butler Hall or walk-ins who have the option of sitting at the few tables available and dining with friends, but with no table service. Dinners are served for \$13 or 2/\$25 and include tilapia, scalloped potatoes or macaroni and cheese (depending on availability from wholesalers), coleslaw, sauces, hard roll, bottled water, and dessert, along with utensils. For further information call the office of the Catholic Churches of the Greenbrier Valley 304-536-1813 or the Knights of Columbus 304-645-1373.

The House of Prayer Church is hosting a Community Easter Egg Hunt and games on Saturday, Apr. 16, at Brad Paisley Park in White Sulphur Springs from 1 to 3 p.m. The Easter Bunny will be attending! All are welcome.

First Baptist Church in Rainelle Youth Group will perform an Easter presentation at the corner of 8th and Main Street in Rainelle Saturday, Apr. 16 at 12 noon.

Lewisburg Baptist Church to hold Community Easter Festival

Lewisburg Baptist Church's Community Easter Festival will take place Saturday, Apr. 16, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Lewisburg Baptist Church. The Festival is a benefit for the church's children's ministry. Lewisburg Baptist Church's Community Easter festival will host over 15 vendors from the community, offer concessions and snacks as well as carnival games, Easter egg hunts, giant inflatables and an outdoor gospel sing. There will also be a photographer offering discounted family photos. Unlimited use of the inflatables and carnival games will be \$5 per person. There is no cost to attend the event. It is a great opportunity for family and friends to spend the day together! Contact is Chad Harris, 304-646-4710.

Henning Church of God

to Host Egg Hunt and Sunrise Service. Henning Church of God is excited about celebrating Easter this year. We would love to have you celebrate Easter with us. We will have an Easter egg hunt from noon to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Apr. 16. On Easter Sunday, Apr. 17, at 6:45 a.m., we will have a sunrise service followed by breakfast. Sunday School will be at 10 a.m. followed by Easter service at 11 a.m. with special singing and an Easter sermon. The church is located in Frankford on Vago Road. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. For more information, please call 304-497-2602.

Pence Spring Revival Services

will be held May 1 through May 4 every evening at 7 p.m. at the Pence Springs Community Church. The speaker will be Pastor Robbie Merritt. Pastor Roger Persinger and the congregation invite everyone to attend.

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A crossword puzzle grid with some letters filled in. The grid is 10 rows by 10 columns.

SCRAMBLERS PUZZLE ANSWERS. Includes a list of scrambled words and their solutions: 1. Below 2. Maiden 3. Rebate; 4. Later. Today's Word WATER.

A 10x10 grid of numbers, likely a magic square or a similar numerical puzzle.

Greenbrier Valley Chorale Concert features Songs in the Key of Spring

The Greenbrier Valley Chorale returns to Carnegie Hall in Lewisburg for its annual spring concert on Sunday, May 1, at 3 p.m.

The program, entitled Songs in the Key of Spring, has given the singers a chance to revisit a number of pieces they had rehearsed for their spring concert two years ago before the Covid-19 pandemic forced them to cancel at the last minute. The repertoire is varied, featuring expressions of love, joy and hope explored in a variety of styles ranging from Broadway hits to tango rhythms.

Broadway is represented by When the Parade Passes By from Hello Dolly, a tribute to composer Jerry Herman, who died in 2019. Soloist Ginny Hinkle will lead the parade in a rousing arrangement that reveals Herman's gift for layering choral accompaniment to build excitement.

Another Broadway favorite, Who Will Buy from Oliver!, will feature solo turns by several members of the chorale. The singers will pay tribute to the legendary Stephen Sondheim, who died last fall, with The Ballad of Sweeney Todd from his musical tale of the demon barber of Fleet Street.

Rachelyn Primm will be the guest soloist in Craig Hella Johnson's a cappella setting of Dolly Parton's

Light of a Clear Blue Morning. The piece is infused with light and hopefulness as it opens with a solo soprano and gradually builds to a joyful overflowing of sound and vocal texture, then gently relaxes into a reflective conclusion. Primm is a music teacher in the Greenbrier County Schools and also is one of the Springhouse Entertainers at The Greenbrier.

Particularly relevant for our troubled times are John Rutter's prayer for freedom, Distant Land, and Elaine Hagenberg's version of the Shaker hymn I Will Be a Child of Peace.

The sultry flavors of the tango and a tantalizing Spanish text infuse Noche de Lluvia by Sid Robino-vitch. Rounding out the program are Down to the River to Pray, in an arrangement that recalls the haunting version featured in the film O Brother Where Art Thou.

Violinist Sarah Bingcang and cellist Alex Bingcang will accompany the choir in René Clausen's gorgeous setting of the Robert Burns poem O My Love's Like a Red, Red Rose. They also will accompany the singers in Shawn Kirchner's I'll Be On My Way. The Bingcangs were part of the chamber orchestra that performed Faure's Requiem with



Rachelyn Primm

the chorale in a memorable 2016 performance.

The Greenbrier Valley Chorale is comprised of singers from across the Greenbrier Valley and beyond. It is directed by Barbara Wygal Lutz and accompanied by Teresa Bryant on piano.

Tickets can be purchased in advance online on Carnegie Hall website or in person from Carnegie Hall, 611 Church Street, Lewisburg, 304-645-7917. Tickets also will be available at the door on the day of the concert. Carnegie Hall is handicapped accessible. For more information, visit www.greenvallychorale.org.

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ACROSS

1 Sore
 4 Under the ocean
 10 "Get what I'm sayin'?"
 19 Prior to, to poets
 20 Gopher's job
 21 Gut bacterium
 22 Dana Perumes fragrance
 23 Person born in early October in Benghazi?
 25 Family car in Khartoum?
 27 Eddie — (leisurewear chain)
 28 Carrere of the screen
 29 Rock concert booster
 30 Make furious
 31 Silky cat in Luanda?
 34 Beyond city limits
 37 Merit badge displays
 38 Kazan of filmmaking
 39 It precedes omega
 40 Clear-minded
 41 Lead-in to history

44 Chess ploy in Banjul?
 47 Ballroom dance in Apia?
 53 Ency., e.g.
 54 Ancient Central Americans
 55 See 112-Down
 56 Italian "my"
 57 Russia's Alexis I, e.g.
 59 Envy, e.g.
 60 Dark-haired man in Bandar Seri Begawan?
 63 Lumber tool
 65 Former Oriole Ripken
 68 Extremist
 69 "Delta Dawn" singer Tucker
 71 Pathologist's study
 74 Long time
 75 Mo. in which fall starts
 77 Doc in Tijuana?
 79 Cinch — (trash bag brand)
 81 "Keep this in" apartment in Brazzaville?
 83 Do a fist bump
 84 Scandal-ridden company of 2002

85 Japanese brew
 88 Old TV's "— Na Na"
 89 Tropical devil ray in Valletta?
 91 Sleeping garment in San Miguelito?
 95 Orig. copies
 96 Well out of range
 97 Precept
 98 Is the right size for
 100 "That made no sense to me"

106 People rattling things off
 108 Engaged guy in Marseilles?
 111 Actress Saoirse
 112 Long time
 113 Hip-hop producer
 114 The Beatles' "I — Walrus"
 115 Buyable apartment in
 118 Fish eggs in Barcelona?
 120 Wine city in California
 121 — a million

122 Secret recorder disguised as a writing instrument
 123 — gow poker
 124 Supermodel from Somalia
 125 "Check." to a card player
 126 Motown's Franklin
 127 Lingo suffix

DOWN

1 Peach — (desserts)
 2 Singer Grande
 3 Cleans up, as software
 4 NutraSweet developer
 5 Website ID
 6 Water filter brand
 7 Polio studier Albert
 8 Make furious
 9 Oklahoma city
 10 Polite reply to a lady
 11 Coffee pod
 12 Drift (off)
 13 Pay add-on?
 14 Hits the jackpot
 15 Piloting guy
 16 Gave birth
 17 Enthusiasm for Barack

18 Word-wit bit
 24 Michelle of "Crazy Rich Asians"
 26 Erwin of film
 29 Opera opus
 32 Some vipers
 33 Korbut of gymnastics
 34 Secretive viewers
 35 B-52 org.
 36 Ensnares
 42 Meander
 43 Arabian ruler
 45 Half a bikini
 46 Gallic pal
 47 Native-born Israeli
 48 "What —" ("Ho-hum")
 49 Harold's film partner
 50 Dodge of old
 51 "Hang on —"
 52 Boxing event
 57 Precept
 58 Hades river
 59 Go like a fish
 61 "May — a favor?"
 62 Personal ID
 64 Takes in
 65 — tierrier
 66 Dressy tie
 67 Pop singer Lewis
 70 Verdi's slave
 72 With
 90-Down, appear that
 73 Writer Ferber

76 Dismissive remarks
 78 Not panicky
 79 Partaking of with others
 80 Aspiration
 82 — Mahal
 85 On — with
 86 Space that's invulnerable to attack
 87 Large boa
 88 Joust verbally
 89 — Hari
 90 See 72-Down
 92 Lace town
 94 Sorvino of the screen
 99 Potshot taker
 101 Heavy vapor
 102 Genie houser
 103 Like early audiobooks
 104 Unstressed vowel sounds
 105 — -weenie
 107 Chinese ideal
 109 Large wader
 110 Kick out
 112 With
 115 Across, she eloped with Ernie Kovacs
 116 Artist Yoko
 117 Mo. neighbor
 118 Jacuzzi site
 119 "Nope"

HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Life preserver is missing. 2. Cap is reversed. 3. Arm is moved. 4. Shirt preserver is missing. 5. Frisbee is missing. 6. Boat is missing.

Weekly SUDOKU by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
 ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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

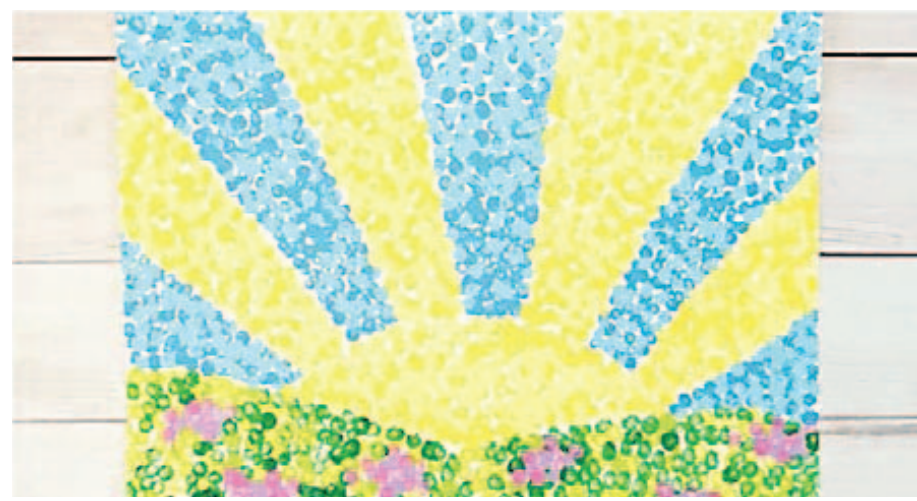
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 ALERT

Sorry, the doctor told me to stay away from the _____ for an hour after eating!

TODAY'S WORD

STEPPIN' OUT

Have fun with beads at Carnegie Hall on Apr. 19



A bead scene

Carnegie Hall's Spring Classes & Workshops Family Fun Series continues with another fun-filled workshop great for all ages. Beads don't only belong on a string. Use different sizes and colors of beads to create beaded animals and landscapes. Bring a friend or family member and spend a couple of hours exploring the World of Beads. The class will take place on Tuesday, Apr. 19, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., and is instructed by Jennifer Spen-

cer. All materials provided.

Registration is \$40 (\$35 for members) and students 18 years old and younger receive an automatic scholarship and pay only \$20. Students must be at least 6 years old and class size is limited. To enroll or for a complete list of classes and workshops visit carnegiehallwv.org/classes-and-workshops or pick up a Classes & Workshops brochure at 611 Church Street, Lewisburg.

Family Fun Series continues with wood burning jewelry

Carnegie Hall's Spring Classes & Workshops features a Family Fun Series that offers fun-filled education and entertaining activities great for all ages. Teaching artist Jennifer Spencer will teach how to wood burn jewelry to students on Thursday, Apr. 21, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., and Saturday, May 7, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

Explore the art of wood burning. Create your choice of designs featuring a pair of feathered wing earrings, or a rustic West Virginia mountain scene pendant or keychain. Come solo or bring a friend and create a one-of-a-kind keepsake or the perfect Mother's Day gift. No experience necessary.

Registration is \$45/class (\$40/class for members) and students 18 years old and younger receive an automatic scholarship and pay only \$20. Students



A wood burned pair of earrings

must be 14 years old and class size is limited. To enroll or for a complete list of classes and workshops visit carnegiehallwv.org/classes-and-workshops or pick up a Classes & Workshops brochure at 611 Church Street, Lewisburg.

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Benefits of Vitamin D

Chances are you have heard about Vitamin D. It's the wonder vitamin from the sun. Vitamin D is essential for our health in many ways. With winter weather behind us, being in the sunshine not only boosts our mood, but helps our bodies absorb the Vitamin D we need. Don't like the sun? Vitamin D is also found in or added to some foods.

The recommended daily amount of Vitamin D is 600IU for adults, and 800 IU for those over age 70. Vitamin D helps to maintain healthy bones, absorb calcium, improve immunity and reduce inflammation. A lack of Vitamin D can affect your immune and nervous systems, cause osteoporosis, brittle bones, and risk of fractures.

Where can you find Vitamin D? Being out in the sun is the easiest way. However, if you wear sunscreen and long clothing, your skin does not absorb enough Vitamin D to be effective. Vitamin D is found in foods such as egg yolk, butter, fish oils, tuna, salmon, milk, fortified orange juice and fortified cereal. Vitamin D supplements are also sold at most pharmacy type stores, as well as prescribed by a doctor.

Challenge yourself to find out how much Vitamin D your body is getting each day. Look at food labels to see if Vitamin D is listed, and when it's sunny, take a walk and enjoy the sun for about five minutes.

For more information, call the Greenbrier County WVU Extension Office at 304-647-7408.

Carnegie Hall presents free lecture on salt rising bread

On Apr. 22 and 23 salt rising bread takes center stage at Carnegie Hall. On Friday, Apr. 22, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Carnegie Hall presents a free Baking Salt Rising Bread lecture in the Old Stone Room. The event is in conjunction with Learn to Bake Salt Rising Bread, a sold-out Carnegie Hall Classes & Workshops Series Appalachian Heritage Class on Saturday morning, Apr. 23, and a Legends & Lore marker dedication and book signing at 3 p.m. at the Ronceverte Public Library.

The Baking Salt Rising Bread free lecture features salt rising bread experts Genevieve Bardwell and Susan Ray Brown. Genevieve Bardwell lives and works in Mt. Morris, Pennsylvania, an Appalachian community where salt rising bread has been a part of life for nearly 200 years. Inspired to

understand this beloved heritage bread by Susan Ray Brown, they have spent decades extensively researching its history, lore, and science. This quest has taken them to libraries, bakeries, and bread museums across the world, as well as into the kitchens and living rooms of many expert salt rising bread bakers. Genevieve started Rising Creek Bakery, in Mt. Morris, PA, then sold it in 2017. Rising Creek Bakery specializes in salt rising bread and ships hundreds of loaves weekly throughout the US. Genevieve graduated from the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, NY, and went on to earn a master's in Plant Pathology. She continues to conduct research and teach classes about salt rising bread. Admission is free, but space is limited, so reservations are required. To reserve a seat,



Genevieve Bardwell (left) and Susan Ray Brown

visit www.carnegiehallwv.org/classes-and-workshops.

A dedication ceremony and unveiling for a new Legends & Lore marker commemorating the Salt Rising Bread Tradition will be held in Ronceverte on Saturday, Apr. 23, at 3 p.m. at Ronceverte

Public Library. Genevieve Bardwell and Susan Ray Brown will be available to sign their co-authored book - Salt Rising Bread: Recipes and Heartfelt Stories of a Nearly Forgotten Appalachian Tradition (Bardwell and Brown, 2016). Copies will be available for purchase.

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Dear Recycle Lady,

Hi, Recycle Lady,

I use eggshells to fertilize irises and roses. I rinse the shells, let them dry, and then break them into little pieces.

Looking Forward to Earth Day

Dear Looking Forward to Earth Day,

I love your suggestions for reusing eggshells to fertilize your roses. Eggshells contain minerals essential to the health of plants, especially calcium carbonate, which strengthens and thickens their cell walls. Before adding eggshells to your plants they should be rinsed, dried, and crushed. One YouTube video recommends putting them in the microwave for two minutes to kill possible bacteria, such as salmonella. Another video recommends putting them in an oven preheated to 250 degrees. When the eggshells are dry, they can be manually crushed, or crushed in a grinder, then added to your compost bin or worm bin. For a really fine grit, put them in a high speed blender or coffee grinder to make particles small enough for worms to digest. This is critical to the worms' health and reproduction. Healthy worms give more nutrient-rich castings for your garden, which increases fertility of the soil, and makes for healthy plants! Thanks for sharing this helpful hint.

Dear Recycle Lady,

The other day I went to Kroger after being gone for an extended time and noticed that they have moved their recycling containers into the area where they park the shopping carts. The container says they accept plastic bags and other kinds of recycling.

Recycler and Shopper

Dear Recycler and Shopper,

Kudos to Kroger for recycling plastic bags and other kinds of plastic! In addition to plastic bags, customers can put in bread bags, shrink wrap, dry-cleaning bags, and newspaper bags. Always be sure to remove sales receipts and that everything is clean, dry, and empty. Recycled plastic film of all kinds is being used to make composite lumber, decks, benches, and playground sets.

Dear Readers,

There will be a Greenbrier County Tire Collection at the County Landfill on Wednesday, May 19, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tires MUST be off the rim and only passenger car or light truck tires will be accepted. A 10-tire limit will be strictly enforced.

Earth Day is Friday, Apr. 22. Come celebrate with us at the Recycling Center's Open House, located at 450 Monroe Avenue, Ronceverte. Enjoy a tour of the facility from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Employees will be there to answer questions and show you around. Free hot dogs with all the trimmings will served between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. The Recycle Lady will be there to answer questions about recycling.

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



SCHOOL

Battle of the Books winners announced

Greenbrier County students were thrilled to participate in the 2022 School Battle of the Books Competition. Students read six novels and answered specific questions about the books in a quiz bowl at Carnegie Hall.



Elementary Battle of Books winners from Lewisburg Elementary were: Amelia Brigman, Grace Brown, Landenn Nutter, Emma Vincent, Arabella Webb, Cora Whited, Mia Furlong, Caroline Hancock, Annabelle Holt, Stephen VanBuren, Addy Vance, and Coach April Vincent.



Runners up from Ronceverte Elementary School (in alphabetical order) were: Joey Bowles, Braylin Defibaugh, Jaxon Dolan-White, Emma Erskine, Payden Grizzel, Jayma Pack, Austin Shockley, and Coach Anna Kesterson.



Middle School Battle of Books winners (in alphabetical order) were: Hyde Wykle, Ean Hudnall, Leigha Crane, and Eli Trusty of EGMS Team 6.



Middle School Battle of Books Runners up (in alphabetical order) were: Karsen Brown, Samhain Campbell-Regalado, Bailey Carter, Alex Fogus, and Taylor Powers of EGMS Team 4.

Communities In Schools of Greenbrier County hosts local fundraiser

Communities In Schools of Greenbrier County (CISGC) is hosting its second EMPOWER Project Art Auction featuring pieces donated by local artists and the students we serve through our “What Inspires Me” art competition (grade 5-12).

Thursday, Apr. 28, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Proceeds go toward the continuation of case-management services to at-risk and underprivileged youth in Greenbrier County. Communities In Schools of Greenbrier County operates as a 501(c)3 and relies on the generosity of donors.

Interested bidders have the opportunity to view featured art at the Greenbrier County Convention & Visitors Bureau (GCCVB) in downtown Lewisburg before and during the auction. Art is on display now. Live and silent auctions will be held at the GCCVB

For more information about our program, to purchase tickets, OR if you are interested in donating artwork, call 304-661-1018, email director@cisgc.org or visit www.cisgc.org.

Flag

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flag is flown. (j) No part of the flag should ever be used as a costume or athletic uniform. However, a flag patch may be affixed to the uniform of military personnel, firemen, policemen, and members of patriotic organizations. The flag represents a living country and is itself considered a living thing. Therefore, the lapel flag pin being a replica, should be worn on the left lapel near the heart.

Post 100 and the local JROTC Maverick Battalion are collecting unserviceable U.S. Flags for a respectful retirement ceremony scheduled for 17 May 2022. Citizens wishing to turn in their unserviceable 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 Longanacre or Mike Wiley at the JROTC office at 304-753-6906 to arrange a drop-off of your unserviceable U.S. Flag.

(k) The flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning. (Disposal of Unserviceable Flags Ceremony)

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