

## Ronceverte City Council votes to condemn Old Rexall Building

**By Adam Pack**  
Ronceverte City Council met Monday, July 11 to discuss, among other matters, a letter regarding the property at 643 Edgar Avenue also known as “The Old Rexall Building.” The letter, written by City Administrator Pam Mentz and addressed to the owner of the building, noted the findings of the building inspector.  
Mayor Deena Pack relayed to the council and the public that, “The building inspector determined the  
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## Greenbrier County Commission discusses Big Draft Water Line Extension Project

**By Adam Pack**  
The Greenbrier County Commission met Tuesday, July 12, at 10 a.m. to discuss a brief docket. First up, the Commission reviewed the hiring of a new home confinement officer.  
Greenbrier County Sheriff Bruce Sloan said that the county is looking for two home confinement officers. He presented a request to approve the hiring of successful applicant Johnathon Walters. Walters has completed the interview process including all requisite background checks. The Commission approved his hiring unanimously.  
Commissioners then discussed several invoices from White Sulphur Springs related to the design and construction of Big Draft Water Line Extension Project and approving payment. The commission authorized  
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## Path linking Chestnut Street and Montwell Commons completed



The walking path linking Chestnut Street to Montwell Commons is now open to the public after its completion last week.

Montwell Commons is pleased to announce that a walking path running from Chestnut Street to Montwell Commons is now open to the public. The path provides walkers with a safe route to go from the WVSOM Campus, Chestnut Street, and Lee Street neighborhoods to Montwell Commons and downtown Lewisburg without walking along Rt. 219. The path also provides people with over a quarter mile of walking paths for exercise, access to picnic tables, a great location for walking dogs, and a place to play disc golf or otherwise enjoy the area.  
Construction of the path was made possible by a grant

from the Be Active WV grant program administered by the Center for Active WV at West Virginia University, a collaboration with the WV Bureau of Public Health to combat obesity and chronic disease in West Virginia. The initiative aims to improve the health of West Virginians by increasing opportunities for physical activity in communities throughout the state.  
An official opening was held on Thursday, July 14, with Lewisburg Mayor Beverly White, Montwell Commons Board President Cliff Baker, and fellow members  
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## Ronceverte Dog Park holds grand opening

*The park will now be open each day from sunup to sundown*

**By Sarah Richardson**  
The long-awaited Ronceverte Island Dog Park had a grand opening last Friday to an eager crowd of local canines and their owners. With large shade trees and plenty of room to run and romp, the park is a hit with dogs of all ages, shapes, and sizes. A separate, smaller fenced in area is set aside for the smaller furry friends so everyone can play safely.  
“This is the first dog park in southern West Virginia, and a great day for Ronceverte,” said Chris Rodriguez-Stanley, the spearheader of the park. “We will be doing more work with the land, and the city will soon be installing drinking fountains, as well as fire hydrants for the dogs to pee on. We will also be putting up a privacy fence up between the dog park and the skate park.”  
The park is located at the back part of Island Park, nestled in between the American Heritage Music Hall building and the skate park.  
“This was Chris’s vision,” said Ronceverte Mayor Deena Pack. “Taking this from a dream to reality is impressive. It’s amazing to be a part of this together with everyone in Ronceverte and the surrounding areas who stepped up. While you’re down here with your dogs, make sure to hit up everything else Ronceverte has to offer!”  
State Senator Stephen Baldwin attended the ceremony with his own dog, Tuck. “This is an exciting day. This is the first dog park in southern West Virginia and all of Greenbrier County. One thing we can all agree on is that West Virginians love their dogs. Here in Ronceverte we’ve been trying to become a place that people don’t just pass through, but a place to stop and stay.”  
The dog park was made a reality thanks to Chris and Jorge Rodriguez-Stanley, the City of Ronceverte, Friends of Ronceverte, the James F.B. Peyton Foundation and Angus Peyton, Greenbrier Valley Pride, Jim’s Drive In, Harmony Ridge, Paul Grist, Kilcollin Dental, Mountain Mama Consignment, Greenbrier Home Inspections, and numerous monetary donators and volunteers from the community.  
Dogs visiting the park must wear a collar that displays their current rabies tag, and must be leashed when entering and exiting the park. Plastic bags and waste stations are provided to clean up after your dog.



Mayor Deena Pack (left), Pamela Mentz, Chris Rodriguez-Stanley, and Stephen Baldwin cut the ribbon at the new dog park on Friday.



Jorge Rodriguez-Stanley stands at the entrance to the large dog area with Lilly and Havarti.

## Board of Education swears in members

**By Adam Pack**  
The Greenbrier County Board of Education met on the morning of Tuesday, June 12 to swear in three members. Incumbent Jeanie Porterfield-Wyatt was re-sworn in, along with two newly-elected members, Andrew Utterback and Paula Sanford-Dunford.  
The board proceeded to elect Porterfield-Wyatt as president and Mary Humphreys as vice-president. The board also voted to  
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Greenbrier County Circuit Court Judge Robert Richardson administers the oath of office to members of the board of education: Andrew Utterbeck (left), Paula Dunford-Sanford (center), and Jeanie Porterfield-Wyatt (right).



## Walking Path

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and neighbors who gathered to hear the Board’s goal of connecting neighborhoods with downtown Lewisburg as a way to encourage physical activity and reduce the need to drive a few blocks to town.

“This marks another step towards fulfilling a goal set nine years ago: transforming a dilapidated, condemned motel into a significant asset for Lewisburg that connects neighborhoods with downtown and provides opportunities for exercise and leisure, enjoying high quality local foods, and gathering with friends,” said Baker. “This does not complete our goal of connecting neighborhoods with downtown Lewisburg; we have more plans for the future. There will be a path high along the hillside which will provide attractive views of town, and there will be a bridge leading from the parking lot below Amy’s

Market to the meadow walking path.”

Mayor Beverly White followed in saying, “I understand the path is already being used, which is great news. This is what I love about this community, everyone coming together like this to get things done.”

The Board is also developing plans for improving the wetland stream that carries water from the Andrew Lewis Spring and stormwater from downtown to a sinkhole, landscaping additional areas with native plants, and installing information signs that explain the industrial history of the property from 1805 through the mid 20th century.

The public is invited to walk down the path to the meadow area, enjoy the landscaping that features over 60 species of native plants, and enjoy the offerings of Hill and Holler and Amy’s Market.

## Old Rexall Building

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building to be unsafe to its occupants and the public due to its damage and the partial or complete collapse of the structure is imminent.” This letter was dated May 28, 2021.

“Our building inspector has noted that no improvements have been made to that building... to stop any kind of imminent danger or potential hazard to people walking by or people that may be in the building. As such, the city has asked the council to vote to condemn the building in order to have the power shut off,” said Pack. The supply of water to the building has been shut off since July 7, 2021. The owner of the building can protest the decision to a three-person board composed of the mayor, an engineering professional, and the building inspector.

Members of the council commented on the decision, saying that “It’s been a year, and nothing has been done. To leave power on, as well, is a fire hazard.” It was also explained that, “[By voting to condemn the building] Mon Power can be contacted and will then have the authority to shut the power off.”

Though the building inspector noted no improvements to the building, if any improvements had been made that the inspector wasn’t aware of, they were also not reported to council, said Mayor Pack. The council then voted unanimously to condemn the building.

In other portions of the meeting, the

council passed three resolutions regarding the payment of invoices for the water system upgrade, the sewer system repairs project, and the design and construction of the stormwater infrastructure project.

The council heard an update regarding the construction work on the water lines. The city crew was able shut off water to old lines and replace 628 feet of line to date. By replacing the lines using city employees, the city saved a considerable amount of money and reduced daily water costs from \$500,000 to \$200,000. Water loss has decreased drastically.

The city also passed a budget revision and adopted the new state building code for the city.

Council also reviewed a letter regarding work to be done on the old City Hall building. The letter stated that another \$25,000 would be required for a more thorough examination of the structure, and that an additional \$200,000 may be required to fully remediate the issues affecting the building. Given the high costs associated with the project, council voted to table discussion on the topic until next month after members have had more time to review and discuss the matter.

The Ronceverte City Council meets on the first Monday of every month at 7 p.m. The public is encouraged to attend.

# Watershed Association installs two informative signs along Greenbrier River

The Greenbrier River Watershed Association recently sponsored the fabrication and installation of informative signs along the Greenbrier River. Two signs have already been installed, one at the Fort Springs boat launch that explains the interrelation between surface use and output into our groundwater, and another at the Ronceverte boat launch that explains the effects of algae blooms.

An additional sign will be installed at the wetland area near the Greenbrier River Trail in Marlinton which explains the benefits of natural filtration that wetlands provide. These signs were funded by grants from the WVDEP streams partners to Friends of the Lower Greenbrier River and WV Rivers.



Greenbrier River Watershed Association board members Autumn Crowe and Deni Elliott show off the new sign at the Fort Spring boat launch.



At the new Ronceverte boat launch sign, Ridge Crowe learns about the effects of algae blooms and how wastewater treatment plants play a role in keeping our watershed clean.

# Summer P-EBT benefits approved for West Virginia

The West Virginia Department of Education (WVDE) and Governor Jim Justice recently announced approval for West Virginia’s Summer Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) benefits for student and non-student populations.

The program, funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and administered by the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR) and the WVDE, will provide a one-time summer feeding benefit valued at \$391 per eligible child. This benefit will be deposited onto the child’s WV-PEBT card. The state will not utilize the Mountain State EBT card during this round of distribution.

On Feb. 18, 2022, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) approved issuance of a third round of P-EBT for students who would have received free or reduced-price meals under the National School Lunch Program if their schools were not closed or operating at reduced attendance hours due to COVID-19.

Eligible students are those enrolled during the school year 2021-2022 in a school that participates in the National School Lunch Program as of May 31, 2022, and qualifies for free or reduced-price meals.

Eligible children not yet enrolled in school are those that are under the age of six and reside in a household that receives SNAP. Any child under six who becomes eligible for SNAP, or any individual stu-

dent who becomes eligible for free or reduced-price meals (during the covered summer period) will be deemed eligible for Summer P-EBT and will be issued the full benefit in an exception process at the end of the covered summer period.

Students at participating schools who did not qualify for free or reduced-price meals during 2021-2022 school year and have experienced a change in status that could deem them eligible for free or reduced price meals, should contact their county or school child nutrition contact to complete a free/reduced-price meal application before July 31.

“I am once again grateful for an additional round of this extremely important funding,” Gov. Justice said. “Our children are our greatest treasure in West Virginia and making sure our kids have enough to eat is absolutely the most important thing we can do. I commend our state agencies that have worked with these federal resources, so our children have access to the meals they need.”

Households can expect to receive the one-time benefit during the month of August 2022. An exact date will be announced at a later time. West Virginia estimates Summer P-EBT will be issued to approximately 255,000 children, drawing down nearly \$100 million in additional federal funding.

Families may visit [www.wvpebt.org](http://www.wvpebt.org) for general updates and information.

## PICK OF THE LITTER

### MAGGIE

Maggie is a one-year-old female shepherd mix and weighs 54 pounds.



### BRAVO

Bravo is a 10-year-old male domestic shorthair



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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# 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. Saturday dance on July 23 will feature Ivan & The Outlaws, from 7 to 10:30 p.m. 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.

**Carnegie Hall Annual Meeting**  
You are cordially invited to attend the Annual Membership Meeting of Carnegie Hall, Inc. at 5:45 p.m. Thursday, July 28, in the Old Stone Room at Carnegie Hall. The agenda includes introduction of newly elected officers and an overview of 2021-2022 year-end financials. Those who contributed at least \$50 to the Annual Fund during the last fiscal year are considered members of the Hall and are invited to attend the annual meeting. A light reception will follow. RSVP to ceo@carnegiehallwv.org

**Market Days in the Meadow River Valley**  
Every Friday this summer is Market Day in the Meadow River Valley! Located on the corner of 11th and Main streets in Rainelle, the Western Greenbrier Farmers' Market is open from 3:30 to 6 p.m. Stock up on delicious baked goods, fresh produce and local meats. Craft vendors and those selling body products and herbal teas are on hand. And Jamie's Boys Choo Choo is popping up popcorn, so come on out! • Fridays this summer (weather permitting) • 3:30 to 6 p.m. • Corner of 11th and Main Streets in Rainelle

**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.

## Funds awarded to area Family Refuge Centers

Gov. Jim Justice recently announced that he has awarded \$1,073,538.00 in STOP Violence Against Women program grant funds to 24 projects across West Virginia.

The purpose of these funds is to establish or enhance teams whose core members include victim service providers, law enforcement, and prosecution to improve the criminal justice system's response to violence against women.

The grants provide personnel, equipment, training, technical assistance, and information systems for the establishment or enhancement of these teams.

Additionally, statewide projects are funded to provide training and educational opportunities for all victim service providers, law enforcement, prosecution, and court personnel throughout the state.

These funds are provided by the U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women, and are administered by the Justice and Community Services Section of the West Virginia Division of Administrative Services.

- Greenbrier County Family Refuge Center: \$37,711. These funds are to improve and enhance advocacy for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and teen dating violence through collaboration in Greenbrier County.
- Monroe County Family Refuge Center: \$19,814. These funds provide for the enhancement of programs and services for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and teen dating violence through collaboration in Monroe County.

## Free Covid-19 testing, vaccine and booster clinic July 30 in WSS

The PAAC Covid-19 Surge Testing team will host a free Covid-19 vaccine, booster and testing clinic on Saturday, July 30 in White Sulphur Springs.

The clinic will take place at New Vision Baptist Church located at 268 Church Street. All testing and vaccinations will be conducted on a first come first serve 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. Rapid Covid-19 testing is now available.

For more information visit [www.paac2.org](http://www.paac2.org) or call 304-741-7157. Visit the PAAC Covid-19 Surge Team on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter @PAAC.Surge for updates.

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**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.

**Greenbrier PSD #1**  
will meet Friday, July 22 at 7 a.m. in regular session at the District Office, 9035 Seneca Trail South, Fairlea. On the agenda:

- Approval of Minutes - June 17, 2022
- Financial Report
- Manager Report
- Field Report
- Engineering Report
- Presentation from septic tank haulers
- Rolling Hills & Brush Road extension projects:
  - Payment Resolutions
  - Other project related business brought before the Board
- Executive session, personnel
- Other business brought before the Board

## ATV, UTVs soon permitted on the streets of Rainelle

Should ATV's and UTVs be allowed on streets within the Town of Rainelle? This question has been discussed for the past few months. After a public meeting for all interested parties at the Rainelle Firehouse, a new ordinance was written.

It was presented at the June 27 Town Council meeting, followed by a second and third reading on July 11 and 25. The new ordinance will amend and replace Ordinance 10-1000, allowing ATV/UTVs to visit businesses such as restaurants, gas stations, stores and car washes on designated streets.

By the end of July, ATV/UTV enthusiasts can expect to ride on designated streets in the Town of Rainelle! For a copy of the ordinance and "the rules of the road," contact Rainelle City Hall at 304-438-7191.

**Marriages**

Nethaniel Jared Patton (Lewisburg) to Emalee Joyce Wickline (White Sulphur Springs)  
Adam Lewis Reynolds (Ronceverte) to Christina Elaine Hatcher (Dunbar, WV)  
Evan Rigg Cooke (Roanoke, VA) to Rhiannon Elizabeth Allen (Roanoke, VA)  
Rodney Farrell Leech (Chester, VA) to Audry Ann Mitchell (White Sulphur Springs)

**Greenbrier County Magistrate Court Convictions**

Ryan Preston Flanagan, Greenville, domestic assault, NCP, fine \$25, jail 180 days - suspended and placed on 12 months unsupervised probation  
Cody Ryan Arbuckle, Lewisburg, possession of controlled substance, NCP, fine \$100, jail 90 days - credit for time served  
Cody Shane Weikle, Caldwell, burning of refuse, NCP, fine \$20  
Roger Wayne Ellis, Asbury, petit larceny, NCP, fine \$100  
Lataura Elizabeth Jarrett, Rainelle, possession of schedule II controlled substance - meth, NCP, fine \$100, jail 90 days - credit for time allowed and placed on 18 mths unsupervised probation  
Ryan Robert Shier, Bristow, VA, failure to stop at red light, NCP, fine \$10  
Swathwood D. Robert, Amboy, IN, accidents involving damage to vehicle, NCP, fine \$100

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\$25,225.03 from Tax Increment Financing (TIF) for those invoices.

The Commission lastly informed the public of the consideration and upcoming vote on the updating of the county codes to match with newest West Virginia building code, passed by the legislature and known as Building Code 2018. The Commission will have a formal vote on the subject at their next meeting.

Greenbrier County Commission meets every other Tuesday at 10 a.m. in the meeting room of the County Commission office in the basement of the courthouse. The public is encouraged to attend.

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finalize the meeting calendar for the upcoming year. For the summer months (June - August) the board will meet at 1 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month. During the months of the instructional period (September - May) the board will meet at 6 p.m. on the second Tuesday of every month.

During the meeting, President Porterfield-Wyatt explained that Superintendent Jeff Bryant was unable to attend due to the passing of his mother-in-law and extended the regards of the board to him and his family.

She also went on to explain that the swearing of board members must, by law, usually be done on the first Monday in July preceding the election of members. This was not the case, however, due to conflict with July 4. A waiver was extended to the board and the meeting was planned for Tuesday, July 5. This date was also compromised due to the bomb threat to New River's campus and could not be rescheduled until Tuesday, July 12. President Porterfield-Wyatt stressed that these exceptions were all made through the proper legal channels and the swearing in of all members was valid and lawful.

**For the Record**

**Deeds**

Timothy L. Stover to David Hill, Misty Marie Hill, Alyssa M. Hill, and Madison Erskine, Lot No. 5, Section 2, Graham Addition, City of Lewisburg  
Davis Arbuckle, James King, and James Miller as Trustees of Clifton Presbyterian Church to City of Lewisburg, 100 sq. ft., Village of Maxwelton, Lewisburg District  
Sabrina R. Crump to Dylan J. Cutlip, 3.95 Acres, White Sulphur Corporation  
Geogry Lynn Miller and Fonda Jane Miller to Richard Shawn Wykle, 0.60 Acres, Frankford District  
Mary Channell to John Hilton Tincher and Connie Perkins, 2.00 Acres, Lewisburg District  
Brad C. Davis, Tammy J. Davis, and Brock M. Davis to Anne Dittman and Tyler Dittman, Lot No. 5, Re-Subdivision of Kerry Guest Property, Montvue Subdivision  
Julia Brooke Tucker to Lora F. Weikle, Lot No. 5, Lewisburg District  
George Powell and Cheryl Powers to Michael Lee Reed, Lots Nos. 3 and 4, Block 2, Midland Realty Company Lands, Meadow Bluff District  
Paul R. Burdette and Shirley Burdette to John Inman, 1.511 Acres, White Sulphur Corporation  
Christopher Dorsey to Joseph Hunter Jones and Erica M. Jones, 0.545 Acres, Meadow Bluff District  
Timothy W. Gwinn, II, and Madeleine L. Gwinn to Christa L. Ogle, Lot No. 9, Block 1, Echols Acres, Lewisburg District  
Connie Sue White to Bret D. White and Carey A. White, 4.32 Acres, Williamsburg District  
Jeffrey Lee Cline to Wayne F. Newcomb and Lori Newcomb, 0.81 Acres, Lewisburg District  
Roger W. Mayhew and Jan Penix-Mayhew to Patrick Daniel Flynn and Autumn Nicole Flynn, 19,470 Sq. Ft., Lewisburg Municipality  
Michael S. Walton and Cole T. Parsons to Nancy Mullins, Unit No. 23, Townhouse Cluster, Lewisburg Corp.  
G. Bryan Duck and Joyce Duck to Jackson Ridge LLC., Lot No. 122, The Ridges on Greenbrier Mountain Phase Five Neighborhood, Greenbrier Sporting Club, White Sulphur District  
Frederick E. Thompson to Amanda Frank, 0.756 Acres, Fort Spring District  
Christina Dowdy to Shirlene Marie Alley and Brittany Marie Stanley, Lot No. 26, Hope Village, White Sulphur Municipality  
Rick Cline to Yvonne Milicic, 0.196 Acres, Town of Alderson  
Marion E. Bailey, Christina H. Loudermilk, and Joe D. Loudermilk to Major McKinley Hillard, IV and Bonnie Dupuis Hillard, 130.61 Acres, Frankford District  
Sheila G. Talbott to Joseph Micheal Rudd and Rob-in Rudd, Lot No. 40, Hughart-Carr Addition, Town of Rainelle, Meadow Bluff District  
Timothy Ray Helms to Timothy J. Stebbins and Rachael W. Stebbins, Lot No. 82, Phase 4, Overlook at Greenbrier, Irish Corner District  
William L. Deitz and Iraida N. Bessonova to Gregory Mays and Pamela Mays, 1.5 Acres, Meadow Bluff District  
Ray Ferguson to Franklin Delano Roosevelt Johnson, Jr., Lot No. 53 & 52, Greater Gretna Green Addition, Town of White Sulphur Springs, White Sulphur Corporation  
Christopher T. Long and Jayne L. Bukowsky to Thomas B. Bennett and Karyl Rasmussen Bennett, Lot No. 13, Sweet Grass Lot Re-Subdivide, Phase I, Traditional Neighborhood Development of Sweet Grass Properties, LLC, Lewisburg District  
Alvin Harrah and Margaret Harrah to Denita M. Rhodes and Dwight D. Rhodes, 12, 897 Sq. Ft., Hughart Addition to East Rainelle, Meadow Bluff District  
Felix Anthony Mosso and Walderez Ozorio F. Mosso to Ferguson Rental Properties LLC, Lot No. 25, Atkinson Place Addition, Town of White Sulphur Springs, White Sulphur Corporate District

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# OPINION

## Nature’s Way

By Karen Cohen

Master Gardener/Photojournalist/Artist  
Putting Down Roots

Is there anything more noble than a grand old tree? In forests, in orchards, even in your front yard, a tree is something to behold! Here, we are fortunate to be surrounded by lots of them. Just look around. Trees of all varieties grow easily everywhere. It’s no surprise to learn that West Virginia has over 70,000 acres of forestland. A 2016 study shows West Virginia takes third place in the United States for the most forest coverage right behind New Hampshire and Maine as #1. With eight state forests spread out across various counties, trees cover about 70,000 acres.

With a long list of varieties such as redbud, poplar, maples, oaks, sycamores and birch, determining the best for your residential needs takes a bit of investigation. First off, know what hardiness zone you live in. Here in Greenbrier County, we are Zone 5 and 6. The USDA sets the planting hardiness zones which are guided by the common temperature range for a particular region. In Zone 5, the temperature can dip as low as -15. In Zone 6, zero degrees to -10 degrees can occur. Temperature is an important factor for growing flowers, veggies, shrubs, or trees because extreme cold can and will freeze and kill living things. We also know that the higher the elevation, the colder the temps.

Other destroyers of things that grow... deer! We have plenty of those here. Deer love to eat the tender tips of trees, cucumber plants, daylilies, etc. With all this in mind, here are three tree suggestions that will thrive in your West Virginia yard without much effort on your part.

In the evergreen department, blue spruce is a classic American conifer. For your home, go with the dwarf variety that grows up to 10-15 feet unless you want a giant that can grow up to 70 feet over decades. They are slow growers exuding a refreshing pine scent and when mature, will develop cones. Buy a starter tree at a local nursery and be sure to give it water for the first 1-2 years with plenty of sunshine and a bit of shade. Adding organic compost when you dig it in for a healthy start. This is a fun tree to decorate at Christmas time with lights and no pruning is ever required.

Japanese Lilac trees also are available in dwarf size. If you want a flourish of blooms which you can cut and take inside. With cream colored flowers, these trees can grow in almost any soil and tolerate drought, though as always, the first year or so, give them a drink of water once a week in the summer months. The common lilac tree produces white, pink, or purple blossoms, loves full sun, attracts bees and birds and is highly fragrant. Showy and robust, lilac trees of any variety enhance yard appeal.

Flowering in the spring, a dogwood tree is another great choice. They prefer partial sunlight. White, pink, and red, and classified as an “ornamental,” it is not only beautiful when in bloom but gracious in all four seasons. Dwarf dogwood trees are diminutive in size and considered a ground cover since they grow only 4-8 inches tall. For a show stopper, get a Little Poncho Kousa Dogwood that grows to about 8 feet tall with lovely white blossoms and red berries in the fall. At maturity, White Dogwood can reach 25 feet tall with dark leaves. These are self pol-

## Commentary

### WV Governor’s Highway Safety Program reminds drivers: Slow down and obey the speed limit

The West Virginia Governor’s Highway Safety Program (GHSP) reminds drivers to slow down and obey the speed limit ahead of a statewide high visibility enforcement (HVE) period that will begin with a kickoff enforcement event on July 15 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., to be conducted by local law enforcement agencies. The targeted enforcement will continue through July 31. These statewide efforts are being held prior to a national enforcement push in late July through mid-August by the U.S. Department of Transportation’s National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) to remind drivers to stop speeding.

In 2020, more than one quarter of all crash fatalities were speeding-related, and there was a dramatic increase (17%) in speeding-related crash fatalities from 2019-2020. Even advancements in vehicle safety and passenger protection cannot keep people safe from the dangers of speeding.

The past few years have seen an increase in risk-taking and careless driving. No matter how advanced you think your driving skills may be, speeding is dangerous. Obeying posted speed limits keep drivers and passengers safe - and they aren’t suggestions.

According to NHTSA, local roads are more dangerous than highways for speeders: In 2020, 87% of all speeding-related traffic fatalities on American roads occurred on non-interstate roadways.

“During the past two years with shutdowns due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the slow return to normal traffic volume, one of the most startling trends we have seen is an increase in speeding,” said GHSP Director Bob Tipton.

“We had numerous reports of motorists driving at speeds well over the posted speed limit - at many times, drivers were traveling at dangerously high speeds. The data tells us that when drivers are traveling at higher speeds, the harder it is to stop or make sudden changes due to traffic, road conditions, animals crossing the road, and other factors,” Tipton continued.

“We are asking you to slow down - in town limits, your neighborhoods, on your local county roads, you need to always obey the posted speed limit,” said Tipton. “We see people speeding every day, especially young men. If you’re killed in a crash, or kill someone else, that’s it. Life is not a game - unlike a video game, there’s no second chance.”



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inating, attract birds, and not messy like a magnolia for example. Light pruning will keep it healthy and in shape. This variety was noted as George Washington’s most popular tree on his plantation.

One key factor for planting trees or shrubs is location. Give them space so they won’t butt up against any buildings or other plantings. Trees love to stand alone for maximum growth. A row of flowering trees spaced 15 feet apart is best unless you go with a dwarf variety which can grow closer. Shade will be cast as a tree grows, so consider where you give it a home. Flowering trees outside a window far enough so they won’t hit the window when growing or blowing, will allow you to enjoy its beauty year round.

Planting a tree is a great way to commemorate a special occasion like an anniversary, a child’s birth, or a loved one’s passing. How about as a housewarming gift for new homeowners! And if you don’t have room at your own home, donate a tree to a local park or institution. My favorite tree quote: “Trees are the poems that the earth writes upon the sky,” Khalil Gibran.

*(Karen Cohen is a Mistress of her organic garden and avid nature explorer. Please email your tips, comments, and questions to [natureswaykaren@gmail.com](mailto:natureswaykaren@gmail.com))*

Happy growing!

## Commentary

### Traffic on WV Turnpike nears 1.35M vehicles during 11-day July 4 holiday travel period

Nearly 1.35 million vehicles drove the West Virginia Turnpike during the 11 days surrounding the July 4 holiday.

“The weekend before and after July 4 is the busiest 11-day travel period for the West Virginia Turnpike each year,” said Jeff Miller, executive director of the West Virginia Parkways Authority. “Traffic was exactly as we expected it would be. We were properly staffed, we were ready for it, and operations ran efficiently.”

Miller predicted traffic would top 1 million vehicles during the 11-day period, and the actual traffic counts easily topped that.

Heaviest traffic days were Friday, July 1, 2022, when 169,701 vehicles passed through Turnpike toll booths. On Saturday, July 2, 2022, 139,956 vehicles used the Turnpike; 139,227 used the Turnpike on Friday, July 8, 2022; and 137,890 drove the Turnpike on Saturday, July 9, 2022.

“From what I saw on the road, most of the drivers were from out of state,” Miller said. “They enjoyed a safe, efficient ride on the West Virginia Turnpike.”

This year’s July 4 holiday figures were down from last year’s count for the same 11-day period, when more than 1.45 million motorists used the Turnpike. Miller attributed the increase in the 2021 figures to the easing of Covid restrictions, and this year’s downturn partly to high gasoline prices.

For the quickest, smoothest experience at the toll booth, Miller urges drivers to take advantage of West Virginia’s E-ZPass Single Fee Discount Plan, which allows drivers of passenger cars unlimited use of the West Virginia Turnpike for a low annual fee of \$26.25, plus a one-time fee of \$13 for an E-ZPass transponder. All Turnpike toll booths are set up to accept E-ZPass, allowing E-ZPass holders a quicker trip through the toll booth.

“The benefits of the West Virginia E-ZPass program far exceed the cost, particularly compared to any other national toll discount program that exists,” Miller said. “After just two round trips on the West Virginia Turnpike, the E-ZPass pays for itself. The Governor’s visionary idea for this program will pay dividends long into the future.”

To get an E-ZPass, or to renew an existing E-ZPass, visit [www.wvturnpike.com](http://www.wvturnpike.com). Drivers may also apply in person at the West Virginia Parkways Authority E-ZPass Customer Service Center, 3310 Piedmont Road, Charleston, West Virginia 25306, or at the Beckley Customer Service Center located at 12 Pikeview Drive, Beckley, West Virginia 25801.

*Deadline for Letters to the Editor is noon Wednesday*



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# CLUB & CHURCH

## Garden Photography Workshop registration deadline July 20

There is still time to register for a hands-on 4-hour workshop: Close-Up Photography in the Garden: Blooms, Bugs and Beauty, which will be held on Saturday, July 23, from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the WVU Building and the Garden at the State Fairgrounds. The public is invited to learn more about the art and tricks of close-up photography in the natural world.

To register or get more information, email your contact information to [gv-mastergardeners@gmail.com](mailto:gv-mastergardeners@gmail.com) or call Mary Dameron at the Greenbrier County Extension Office at 304-647-7409 by Wednesday, July 20.

The registration fee is \$25, payable at the class, and includes a complementary lunch! High school and college photography enthusiasts are encouraged to register and may be eligible for a limited number of scholarship registrations. Participants may



Blooms, Bugs and Beauty workshop at the Fairgrounds

bring a DSLR, smart phone, or compact camera and learn ways to get the best shots to capture the beauty of the natural world and are encouraged to bring a laptop or other device to download and share photos.

Danae Wolfe, a talented photographer, writer and educator from northern Ohio will share low-cost

techniques to highlight the tiniest details of nature. The workshop will include both classroom and in-field sessions, followed by an informal photo critique and discussion.

Greenbrier Valley Master Gardeners is offering this workshop in memory of Connie Manchester, a gifted photographer and loyal member.

## Lewisburg Rotary Club installs new officers and directors



Teresa Bostic (left), Pat Brown, Scot Mitchell, Martha Hilton, Sara Crickenberger, Kelly Kemp, Dan Edwards, Jill McIntyre, and David Hammond. (Not pictured: Matt Campbell)

At its regular weekly meeting on Monday, July 11, the Lewisburg Rotary Club installed new officers and directors for 2022-23. Outgoing President Bill Visted administered the oath of office to incoming President David Hammond. Then President Hammond administered the oath of office

to President-Elect Sara Crickenberger, Vice President Jill McIntyre, Secretary Kelly Kemp, Recording Secretary Teresa Bostic, Treasurer Dan Edwards, and Board Members Martha Hilton, Matt Campbell, Scot Mitchell, and Pat Brown.

During the regular meeting, Presi-

dent Hammond made a presentation to the Club's members regarding the vision and areas of focus of Rotary International and opportunities to grow the Club. Rotary International has more than 46,000 clubs worldwide with 1.4 million Rotarians striving to place "service above self."

## Humanities Council seeks grant proposals

The West Virginia Humanities Council is seeking proposals for its upcoming Sept. 1 grant deadline. Four grant categories will be offered to nonprofit organizations that support educational humanities programming. Applicants may request up to \$20,000, and must allow 12 weeks between the Sept. 1 deadline and

the start of the project. A description of each category follows:

- **Major grants.** This category supports public humanities programs including, but not limited to, lectures, school projects, symposia, panel discussions, reading and discussion series, exhibits, reenactments, and conferences.

- **Media grants.** This category supports the planning, scripting, and production of audio or video materials, websites, or a newspaper series addressing humanities topics.

- **Publication grants.** This category supports the production phase of completed manuscripts on West Virginia topics in the humanities, or manuscripts by West Virginia authors on any subject in the humanities. Only recognized nonprofit and academic presses are eligible to apply.

- **Teacher Institute**

**grants.** This category is available to colleges, universities, and the West Virginia Department of Education to develop summer seminars on humanities topics suited to the teaching needs of elementary or secondary teachers.

For more information about the West Virginia Humanities Council grants program contact grants administrator Erin Riebe at 304-346-8500 or via email at [riebe@wvhumanities.org](mailto:riebe@wvhumanities.org). Grant guidelines and applications are available on the Humanities Council website, [wvhumanities.org](http://wvhumanities.org).

## Church Bulletin

### All Area Catholic Picnic set for July 17 at Greenbrier State Forest

The all area Catholic Picnic, sponsored by the Greenbrier Valley Knights of Columbus, will be held Sunday, July 17, beginning at 2 p.m. in Shelter #1 of the Greenbrier State Forest, just south of I-64 Caldwell/White Sulphur Springs Exit.

"We are pleased to invite all Catholics and their families to join us with this summer tradition," newly elected Grand Knight Andrew Wrzosek of Waiteville, Monroe County, said, who added, "This is not just for those in Greenbrier, Pocahontas, and Monroe County but also for the Catholics and their families in Alleghany, Bath, and Craig counties in Virginia."

The Knights of Columbus will provide the hamburgers and hot dogs, all the fixings, all the paper products, drinks, plasticware and all the Knights ask is that each household bring a covered dish to share. Mike Williams of Maxwelton, financial secretary of the GV Knights, also encouraged families to bring outdoor game equipment. A vesper service will be held in the Shelter around 4 p.m. and a limited number of swimming pool passes will be available for children who wish to visit the GSF pool after the picnic. For further information, contact the Office of the Catholic Churches of the Greenbrier Valley 304-536-1813 or the Knights of Columbus GV Council 8689 304-645-1373.

### Henning Church of God VBS

Henning Church of God invites children pre-school to junior high to a Food Truck Party. We will be "On a Roll with God" at Henning Church of God, which is located at 3599 Vago Road in Frankford. This party consists of Bible stories, crafts, music, recreation and snacks. The party runs from Monday, July 18 through Friday, July 22 each evening from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. The closing program will be held Sunday, July 24, at 11 a.m. with a picnic to follow. Learn more about the Food Truck Party by calling Henning Church of God at 304-497-2602.

### Annual Ketron Church and Community Homecoming 1902-2022

**Date: Sunday, Aug. 7, at 11 a.m.**

Please join us once again to celebrate the legacy of Ketron Church, worship, and reunite with old friends. We hope that everyone has been safe from the COVID-19 virus this past year and that you are vaccinated and boosted. Masks will be available. The church is located on Rockland Road, 3 miles below Ronceverte. The speaker this year will be Al Morgan of Princeton. Following the worship service we will gather at the Frank Whanger Picnic Shelter for a pot-luck lunch and a brief business meeting. Everyone is invited to attend. Paper products and utensils will be provided. Please notify Karen West of any persons you would like added to the memorial list. Because the Homecoming was cancelled in 2020 due to COVID-19 and attendance at the reunion has been sparse, very few contributions have been received. Your donations for the upkeep of the church and mowing the cemetery are becoming more critical every year. If you have loved ones buried in the Ketron cemetery and cannot attend, please consider mailing a generous donation to Ketron Church in care of the Ketron treasurer at the address listed below. We look forward to seeing you! Stay safe! Treasurer, Karen West, P.O. Box 251, Ronceverte, WV 24970.

## Reunions

### Bennett

Descendants of JC "Jimmy" and Norma Myrtle Sawyers Bennett will have a family reunion Saturday, July 30 at Hollowell Park, Matthews Street, Lewisburg. We plan to eat around 1 p.m. Come visit with your relatives and friends. Share a good meal, family history, family pictures, and a good time! Let's make more good memories together! Please bring a covered dish, family history, family pictures to share and memories. If you have any questions call Joyce Morgan at 304-661-6455, Charlotte Morgan at 304-645-1179, or Genevieve Wiley at 304-645-2573.

### 30-year Reunion for GEHS Class of 1992

The GEHS Class of 1992 will hold a 30-year Reunion Saturday, Aug. 20. There will be an alumni and family social from 12 to 5 p.m. with a 1 p.m. memorial ceremony at the West Virginia State Fairgrounds, and a celebration dinner from 7 to 11 p.m. at the Big Draft Brewery. To register or get more information, visit the Facebook page Greenbrier East High School Class of 1992, or email [GEHSClassof1992@gmail.com](mailto:GEHSClassof1992@gmail.com)

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# OBITUARIES

## Opal L. Ash

**White Sulphur Springs**-Opal L. Ash, 82, passed away Tuesday, July 5, 2022 at the White Sulphur Springs Center.

She was born May 5, 1940 in Covington, VA, the daughter of the late Henderson and Violet Reed Booth.

Opal was of the Presbyterian Faith, a graduate of Dunlap High School and a retired CNA.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Raymond Crawford and her sons, Raymond Jr. and John Crawford; her sister, Janet Hunter; and her brother, Clifford Booth.

Surviving are her sister, Delores Crawford and husband Alvin of Sinks Grove and her brother, Daryol Booth and his wife Rebecca of White Sulphur Springs.

It was Opal’s wishes to be cremated with no services.

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

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

## Ruby Baldwin Burns

**Frankford**-Ruby Baldwin Burns, 87, passed away, Friday, July 8, 2022, at her home.

Born Oct. 20, 1934, at Brushy Flat, WV, she was the daughter of the late Lawrence and Mahala Blake Baldwin.

Ruby was a graduate of Renick High School. She worked many years for the limousine service at the Greenbrier Valley Airport and was retired from The Greenbrier.

Including her parents, she was preceded in death by her brothers, Don, Dempsey and Wilburn Baldwin; and a sister, Veda Pusateri.

Survivors include in her husband of 70 years, Lloyd Burns; son, Lonnie Burns (Judy) of Frankford; daughter, Dawn Kirby (Bobby) of Frankford; grandchildren, Levi Burns (Ashley) of Hardy, VA, Makisha Gardner and Garrahan Kirby of Frankford; and great-grandchildren, Lilliona and Sullie Burns and Kirby Gardner.

A graveside service was held at the Morningside Cemetery in Renick, WV on July 9 where Pastor Steven Cort officiated.

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

Arrangements by Morgan Funeral Home, Lewisburg, WV.

## Dr. Catherine Ann Gilenbach Burr



Dr. Catherine “Cathy” Ann Gilenbach Burr, DDS, M. Ed., passed away Saturday, July 9, 2022 at the age of 68 in Greenbrier County.

Cathy was born in Fond du Lac, WI on Feb. 19, 1954. She was the daughter of Edmund and Irene Gilenbach. She was a cheerleader and band member at St. Mary’s Springs High School. She attended the University of Wisconsin for her undergraduate education from

1972-1975. She then went on to receive her Doctor of Dental Surgery at Marquette University School of Dentistry in 1979 where she eventually became an adjunct associate professor and served from 1985-1990 until she was unable to continue practicing due to her lifelong medical condition of Multiple Sclerosis. Cathy also obtained a Master of Education and donated her time as a general dentist at South Side Guadalupe Dental Clinic during her time in Milwaukee.

While attending dental residency at St. Francis Hospital in Honolulu, HI, she met the love of her life and future husband, James “Jim” Carl Burr III. Cathy and Jim were married in Honolulu on Sept. 26, 1981 at Faith Fellowship Church.

Cathy will forever be known for her smile, courage, and faith in the face of what many would have considered overwhelming obstacles. Even confined to a wheelchair for the last 30 years of her life with little to no use of her arms and legs, she would put on a beaming smile at whatever function she attended, whether that be church, family gatherings, or even hospital visits. She loved her flowers (especially her irises) and Westerns, enjoyed Green Bay Packers football (especially her son and husband bantering over the games), and was absolutely devoted as both a mother and wife. She was so devoted that one of the main reasons she obtained her Master of Education was to be able to home school her son Carl, which she accomplished with the utmost care and skill until the family moved to White Sulphur Springs in the spring of 2001.

Cathy is survived by her husband Jim, her son Carl and his wife (Kennedy), and one grandchild, James. She is also survived by her sisters, Diane (Larry) Hammang of Fond du Lac, WI and Janet (Al) Halvorson of Hillsboro, OR; and brothers, Ronald (Cathy) Gilgenbach of Ann Arbor, MI and Edmund (Christine) Gilgenbach of Fond du Lac, as well as her in-laws, Ruth (RJ) Miller and Anita (Donald) Butts of White Sulphur Springs.

Cathy was preceded in death by her parents and brother, James Gilenbach (survived by Marilyn).

The Burr family is humbled and grateful for the many friends who have supported them and helped Cathy over the many years she dealt with her illness. They are also indebted to her closest friends as well as caretakers including Alinda Perrine and Keri Spradlin who have provided steadfast compassionate care and more importantly, loving friendship.

In lieu of memorials and/or flowers, please consider providing a donation to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital ([https://www.stjude.org/donate/donate-to-st-jude.html?sc\\_icid=home-btn-donate-now](https://www.stjude.org/donate/donate-to-st-jude.html?sc_icid=home-btn-donate-now)), Samaritan’s Purse International Relief (<https://www.samaritanispurse.org/our-ministry/donate-online/>), or Joni and Friends (<https://www.joniandfriends.org/>).

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in White Sulphur Springs is in charge of arrangements. Please send online condolences by visiting [www.WallaceandWallaceFH.com](http://www.WallaceandWallaceFH.com)

## Myrtle Lee Burns

**Alderson**-Myrtle Lee Burns (Quick), 80, went home to be with the Lord on Saturday, July 9, 2022, at the Peyton Hospice House.

Myrtle was the daughter of the late Charles Quick and Claire Falls Quick. She was born on July 9, 1942, on Muddy Creek Mountain, made her home in Alderson, and was of the Baptist faith.

Myrtle worked her entire career in retail business. She always had a smile, she always enjoyed working, and she was always willing to help in any way possible. She continued to help with office work up until May at Dollar General.

There was not a person that Myrtle did not enjoy seeing or talking to while she worked. She also had a fond love for her family.

Other than her parents, Myrtle was preceded in death by her husband, Edward Lee Burns and her brother, Walter Quick.

Those left behind to cherish her fond memories are her son, Rick Burns and wife Hazel; granddaughter, Jill Trent and husband Todd; grandson, Zachary Burns; her great-grandchildren, Liam and Eden Trent; and sisters, Nancy Quick, Betty Brooks, and Wilma Bowes.

Services were held at Lantz Funeral Home in Alderson, on Wednesday, July 13, where Pastor Joey Morgan officiated.

Visitation was at the funeral home before the service. Burial followed in the Alderson Cemetery.

Online condolences at [lantzfuneralhome.com](http://lantzfuneralhome.com)

Lantz Funeral Home is assisting the family in their time of need.

## Greta Long Davidson



**Dublin, VA**-Greta Long Davidson passed away peacefully at the age of 90 on Friday, July 8, 2022.

Greta was born in Blacksburg, VA, to Hobert and Lena Long.

After graduating from Blacksburg High School, she went on to West Virginia Business College in Bluefield, WV. It was there that she met Douglas Davidson whom she married in 1951. They were inseparable for 52 years until his death in 2003.

Greta is survived by her two children [and their spouses]; Dwight Douglas Davidson [Daphne Liguori Davidson] and Teresa Faye Bryant [Jeff Bryant]. She is also survived by her three grandchildren, Jonathan Patrick Davidson, Nathaniel Alan Bryant and Carington Davidson Bryant, who all remain fiercely independent. Greta was also a proud great-grandmother to her two great-grandchildren, Hemingway Lee Douglas Davidson [Patrick Davidson] and Scout Davidson Bryant [Nathaniel].

Greta was predeceased by her siblings, John, Orville, Quentin, Elmore, Josephine, Nelda and Loretta.

An accomplished seamstress, Greta created many a frock for her friends and neighbors as well as for her children, much to the dismay of her son Dwight,

who felt to be much more fashionable than handmade clothes.

As a survivor of military grade civil war ammo that she discovered while tilling her massive garden, she cultivated a green thumb that could produce a bounty of vegetables to fill the family cellar for the cold Virginia winters.

Her eye for antiques was impeccable and her hunt, never ending. Her first paycheck from Dr. Dave Skewes was eagerly spent on what had become a lifetime of precious collections. Her family and friends can smile at the memory of the stories that came with every piece and will hold them dear to their hearts.

Indeed, Greta’s greatest pride and joy came from her family and was always supportive of their achievements. She will be greatly missed, by most.

A mausoleum service will be held on July 14, at 10 a.m. at Highland Memory Gardens located at 5555 Lee Highway, Dublin, VA 28084 with a church service to follow at Community Christian Church.

Greta was an active Charter Member of this church for 60 years and accomplished pianist. Her daughter Teresa would accompany Greta on the organ at many a service, to the delight of the congregation, despite her playing in a different key than Greta.

Greta’s family would like to thank the staff at Greenbrier Valley Medical Center for their compassionate and expert care. They would also like to thank the staff at Seasons Place Assisted Living in Lewisburg for providing a warm and caring environment for Greta during the past year.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to: The Greta and Douglas Davidson Scholarship Fund of Johnson University, 7900 Johnson Drive, Knoxville, TN 37998.

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

Arrangements by Morgan Funeral Home, Lewisburg, WV.

## Harold Keats Harrison



**Lewisburg**-Harold Keats Harrison, 89, passed away Monday, July 11, 2022, at Stonerise Rainelle.

Born Oct. 26, 1932, in his parents’ home in Renick, he was the son of the late James W. and Fannie Beavers Harrison.

Harold was a graduate of Frankford High School and attended Potomac State College. He was a US Marine Corp I Company 3rd Battalion 5th Regiment First Marine Division Veteran and served during the Korean War. Harold was in combat over 300 days. He owned and worked his dairy farm in Renick and

worked in the Northwest primarily in the state of Oregon in timber with his brother, Clyde.

Including his parents, he was preceded in death by his sisters, Mabel Grey DeRosa, Pansey Frances Harrison, Erma Chloe Fuell, Ollie Irene Hughes; brothers, Clyde, Elmo, Ebby, Forest, Harvey, and Joe Glenn Harrison. Harold was the last surviving member of 11 children.

Survivors include his wife of 24 years, Martha Morgan Harrison; sons, Harold Lane Harrison (Donna), and Clyde Dean Harrison; three daughters; grandson, Bret Harrison (Jordan); eight additional grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; stepsons, Steven Hughes (Amanda), Tracy Hughes (Angela); seven step-grandchildren, Ethan, Emily, Alyson, Audrey, Jana, Cora, and Owen Hughes; and several nieces, and nephews.

Graveside service will be at 11 a.m., Friday, July 15, at the Morningside Cemetery, Renick.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggest donations be made to the Wounded Warrior Project online at <https://support.wounded-warriorproject.org/>

There will be no visitation.

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

## Shirley Ann O’Dell



**White Sulphur Springs**-Shirley Ann O’Dell, 87, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, July 3, 2022 at her home.

Born Mar. 31, 1935 in White Sulphur Springs, she was the daughter of the late Kenneth Arndell Scott and Maisie Ann Sanders Scott.

Shirley was a dedicated member of the First Presbyterian Church of White Sulphur Springs and a retired reservations manager at The Greenbrier Hotel with over 25 years of service. Shirley was a truly selfless person, always giving everything she had to her family, her friends, and the people of her community. She was filled with warmth and love and will be deeply missed.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her sister, Janice, and brother, Joe Scott, as well as her ex-husband, George O’Dell.

She is survived by her daughter, Cynthia Shanklin of Weaverville, NC; her sister, Betty Taylor (Bob) of White Sulphur Springs, and grandchildren, Brianna Wallace (David), their son, Easton Wallace, all of Greenville, SC, and Scott Shanklin (Minouche) and Scott’s son, Hunter Shanklin, all of Weaverville, NC.

As per her wishes, Shirley will be cremated. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 13, at First Presbyte-

rian Church in White Sulphur Springs.

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

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

## Ruth Loretta Stafford

**East Bank**-Ruth Loretta Stafford, 87, passed away on Sunday, July 10, 2022 at Riverside Nursing Home in St. Albans, WV.

Born on Mar. 21, 1935 near Clayton, WV, she was the daughter of the late Other Hobert and Cora Burkley Richmond.

She was also proceeded in death by her husband, Hobart Stafford, and a brother, Rodney Richmond.

Ruth was a wife, mother and homemaker.

Ruth is survived by her two sons, Mark A. Stafford of Terra Alta, and Timothy C. Stafford of East Bank; daughter, Ester DeAnn of East Bank; brother, Edward Richmond of Lewisburg; sister, Roberta Meador of Roanoke, VA; and five grandchildren, Jennifer Lynne Stafford, Matthew Owen Stafford, Tyler Bell, Aaron Conrad Stafford, and Andrew Connor Stafford.

Funeral services were held Thursday, July 14 at Lantz Funeral Home in Alderson where Rev. David Turner officiated. Burial followed in the Clayton Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery.

Visitation was Thursday at the funeral home before the service.

Online condolences can be made at [Lantzfuneral-home.com](http://Lantzfuneral-home.com)

## Paul H. Henson



**Crawley**-Paul H. Henson, 76, passed away Tuesday, July 5, 2022, at the Peyton Hospice House, Lewisburg, WV.

Born May 22, 1946, in Lewisburg, he was the son of the late Estil Groves and Ora Rebecca Trainer Henson.

Paul was a U.S. Navy, Vietnam Veteran.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Brenda Hanna and brothers, Ralph Timothy, and Merle Henson.

Survivors include his wife of 56 years, Bonnie Henson; son, Paul H. Henson II (Lily) of Phoenix, AZ; grandson, Everett Henson; sisters, Susan Wade (Sherman) and Wanda Henson; brother-in-law, Mickey Hanna and sister-in-law, Jinny Henson all of Crawley; and several nieces and nephews.

It was Paul’s request to be cremated and have no service.

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

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Lumber Handler Pay & Benefits, First Shift; M-F 6 AM-4:30 PM, Starting Pay: \$12/hr, Full Plan of Benefits.

### Responsibilities

- Sorting and stacking hardwood products onto wood carts or in stackdown stands using leverage
- Straightens lumber on conveyor to align lumber for grading, sawing, edging, trimming, sorting, stacking, or for transfer to other conveyors;
- Shovel bark and chips and cleans work area, using broom and shovel. make sure work area is clean of banding and boards before leaving every day;
- Learn to operate various machinery and complete preventative maintenance as scheduled on assigned equipment;
- Some climbing and crawling may be involved associated with housekeeping.

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# Busy Times at the Marvel Center

Much is happening at the Marvel Center in Rupert this summer!

Marvel is hosting staff and volunteers from the Appalachia Service Project for a seven-week stay while they work on community home improvement projects across Appalachia.

Marvel's new garden beds have been built and planted with vegetables and flowers, which Marvel children and community helpers will tend.

Breakfast, lunch, din-

ner and snacks are served daily in the Marvel Cafeteria for students of the center. Much of the food costs are currently reimbursed by the West Virginia Department of Education.

Marvel hosted a First Responder Thank You Lunch, and the Rupert, Rainelle, Smoot police and firefighters ate with the children and swapped stories.

Marvel is also in the process of developing a partnership with Commu-

nity Connections and the CARE Coalition to develop a Family Support Center (FSC) on the Marvel campus. This multi-year

initiative will provide education and support to families to gain or maintain self-sufficiency.

On July 11, Marvel

welcomed Connie Chester as the new Marvel Business and Personnel Director! She comes to Marvel from a Raleigh

County Head Start Center Director position and brings over 20 years of early childhood experience.



as damaging as an oil spill.

**Great News:** The Canadian government has announced a national ban on six single-use plastic products: plastic bags, cutlery, straws, stir sticks, ring carriers, and take-out containers. It is expected that this legislation will reduce the number of single-use plastics by 32 billion pieces annually. Not only will humans, wildlife, and marine life benefit, but plastic waste in landfills will be drastically reduced for years to come.

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

## Dear Recycle Lady,

**Dear Recycle Lady,**  
I just heard that my tea bags could be made of plastic. Can this be true?

*Tea Drinker*

**Dear Tea Drinker,**  
Tea bags originated over hundred years ago when New York tea merchants sent samples of their teas packed in silk bags. However, the makeup of these bags has changed considerably since then. The answer to your question depends on not only the brand of tea you are drinking, but the specialty of each brand. For example, Lipton Quality Black tea bags are made with hemp and cellulose fibers, whereas Lipton Green Decaf, Chai, and traditional tea bags (herbal) do contain some plastic. These tea bags are made with food-grade plastics and nylon, which may be listed as synthetic fibers. The plastic degrades over time, breaking into smaller and smaller pieces, sometimes 750 times

smaller than the width of a human hair. Plastic-free tea bags are now available that are made from natural fibers, such as abaca plant, manilla hemp, core fiber, cornstarch, or cellulose fiber. There are several websites available with information on plastic free tea bags that list, by brand name, teabags with and without plastic.

**Dear Recycle Lady,**

Last week you said that all aerosol spray cans are recycled with steel cans. I tested one of my aerosol hairspray cans and it is aluminum, not steel. Is it recycled with steel even if it is aluminum?

*Confused*

**Dear Confused,**

Yes, aluminum aerosol cans are recycled with steel cans locally. The company that buys aluminum and steels cans from the Recycle Center has requested that both steel and aluminum aerosol spray cans be recycled with steel cans.

**Dear Recycle Lady,**  
What are "Nurdles?"

*New Word for My Vocabulary*

**Dear New Word for My Vocabulary,**

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## LEGAL

### GREENBRIER COUNTY BUILDING COMMISSION ANNUAL STATEMENT OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022

Balance July 1, 2021	\$	14,927.58
Revenues: Interest		3.01
Expenditures:		
WV Daily News - publishing	-55.52	
2020-2021 annual report		
Mountain Messenger - publishing		
2020-2021 annual report	-27.51	-83.03
Balance June 30, 2022	\$	14,847.56
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## LEGAL

### 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 July 26, 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
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<b>DBE GOAL:</b> 5% OF CONTRACT BID AMOUNT. BIDDER MUST PROVIDE WRITTEN ASSURANCE OF MEETING GOAL ON FORM IN PROPOSAL.				

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<b>DBE GOAL:</b> 12% OF CONTRACT BID AMOUNT. BIDDER MUST PROVIDE WRITTEN ASSURANCE OF MEETING GOAL ON FORM IN PROPOSAL.				

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**By William “Skip” Deegans**

Shown in this undated photo is former Monroe County cattle farmer Jim Sprouse speaking to coal miners. It may have been taken when he first campaigned for governor of West Virginia in the 1960s. Sprouse was raised in Mingo County. As a young man, he distinguished himself as a boxer and won the Golden Gloves championship. He attended St. Bonaventure University and received a law degree from Columbia University. He was awarded a Fullbright Scholarship to study international law at the University of Bordeaux in France. In World War II, he was awarded the Bronze Star and Purple Heart as an infantryman.

Sprouse settled in Charleston where he became a labor lawyer and was counsel to the AFL-CIO. In 1968, he was the Democrat candidate for governor and lost to Republican Arch Moore by less than 13,000 votes (Moore was later sentenced to prison for mail and tax fraud, extortion and obstruction of justice). Sprouse ran again in 1976 but lost to Jay Rockefeller in the primary election.

President Jimmy Carter nominated Sprouse to the U. S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit in 1979. Judge Sprouse moved his office to Lewisburg and lived on his farm in Monroe County. He wanted law clerks who did not necessarily share his values or views. Con-

sequently, he hired an eclectic group of clerks, including women and minorities. For many of his clerks, moving to a small rural town was a cultural shock, but they adapted. One of his former clerks, Jane Sullivan, is married to Supreme Court Justice John Roberts.

When Sprouse retired in 1995, Senator Sam Ervin wrote, “The Prophet Micah admonishes us ‘to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God.’ This Judge Sprouse had done.” Jim Sprouse died in 2004.

Sources: West Virginia Law Review, Washington Post, Williamson Daily News, Charleston Gazette.

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TB LISTINGS

ACROSS

1 Affliction

7 Really shout

13 Wine vessels

20 One of the Nixon daughters

21 — Vision (eye care chain)

22 Weird sort

23 Serious crime

24 Carol about holiday cheese?

26 Strip of weapons

27 “... or — thought”

28 Look as if

29 Trickle out

30 Guy who can do any interweaving style?

35 Ribeye, e.g.

36 Particular mag. edition

37 Writer Anaïs

38 With 60-Down, BB gun

39 Sorority “T”

41 “This tastes way better than coffee, tea or ale?”

50 Toon pics

53 Suffix with southwest

54 Spring month

55 Comfortable

56 Czar who was not inordinately cruel?

62 “Look!” in Latin

63 Person being examined

64 “What kind of fool —?”

65 Set sail

68 122-Down officer. Abbr.

69 Doughnut filling that’s an exchanged commodity?

74 Wane

77 Easily available

79 Petri dish site

80 Got totally used up

82 Tennis great Nastase

84 Politician Gary

89 Actress Helena — Carter

92 Verdi’s “— tu”

93 Prefix with chic or resort

94 2010 Apple debut

95 Enigmatic clohopper casting spells?

101 Bride’s vow

102 Wye follower

103 List-curtailing abbr.

104 Anna of fashion

107 Light lunch, maybe

111 People purchasing decorative rolling car parts?

117 Israeli carrier

118 Touch on

119 Talking- — (lectures)

120 Canine cord

121 Tall fence surrounding a pugnacious dog?

126 Improvise

127 Forms a liking for

128 Brezhnev of Russia

129 Kazakhstan’s capital, until 2019

130 “It finally makes sense”

131 “The Munsters” actress

132 Less fresh

DOWN

1 Peak near Tokyo. Abbr.

2 Concert sites

3 Purple flowers

4 “Put — in it!”

5 Dandle — (dog breed)

6 “Hurray!”

7 Tape holder

8 Filmdom’s — B. DeMille

9 “Hurray!”

10 Be off-base

11 Boxer Laila

12 Soccer star Lionel

13 Shows up for

14 Actor Sandler

15 Aves.

16 Main monk

17 Denmark’s — Islands

18 Fictional Doolittle

19 Streamlined

25 Poet Hughes

27 South Carolina river

31 Hi- — (stereos)

32 Tote or duffel

33 “— Bravo”

34 Nice scent

35 Hard fat

40 Atty.’s org.

41 Has no life

42 Eye, to poets

43 An hour past midnight

44 Pat lightly

45 President after Harrison

46 Ale relative

47 Incurred a lot of, as debt

48 Key on a PC

49 Tiny

50 Quote

51 In a dead heat

52 Roping in

57 High- —

58 Ares’ mother

59 Livy’s “I love”

60 See 38-Across

61 Pro at CPR

66 Polar hazard

67 Bedouin, e.g.

70 Doc who may scrape wax

71 “Abou Ben —” (Leigh Hunt poem)

72 Sheep cry

73 “Li!” guy

75 La — Tar Pits

76 Longtime senator Robert

78 Soda brand

81 Depilatory brand

82 “Big Blue”

83 Mauna —

85 Suffix with cook or trick

86 “Totentanz” composer Franz

87 Acutely cold

88 Coveted annual prizes

90 Part of DNA

91 Irrate

96 Illegal punch

97 One of 18 on a course

98 “So icky!”

99 Gambling site, for short

100 Optometrist, old-style

104 Action hero Steven

105 Like grizzlies and kodiaks

106 Hoffman/Beatty film

107 Three more than quadri-

108 Fake name

109 Hanukkah potato treat

110 Pulitzer winner Edward

112 Central point

113 Milan’s land

114 Had a meal at home

115 One-named singer of “Royals”

116 Gossipy type

118 Choir female

122 Adm.’s milieu

123 Charge (up)

124 Aussie leaper

125 Resting place

126 Had life

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by Linda Thistle

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# STEPPIN' OUT

## Carnegie Hall Family Fun Series has successful spring session

Carnegie Hall's Family Fun Series Spring Semester offered classes perfect for the whole family. Parents, grandparents, and children participated in fun-filled activities that offered both education and entertainment. All the workshops were well attended.

Spring Family Fun classes and workshops included Spa Day: Body Butter with Tommye Rafes, Art Journaling with Kathleen DeRouen, Collage Creations with Marguerite Kemp-Sherman, Acrylic Painting with Sandra Schmocker, Pysanky Eggs with April Vincent, All About Pie with Harmony Flora, Feel for the Wheel: single day clay classes with Kelsie Tyson, World of Beads with Jennifer Spencer, Jewelry Making with Jen-

nifer Spencer, and Growing and Arranging Flowers for Your Home with Alaina Hower.

Education Director Harmony Flora introduced the Family Fun Dates into Carnegie's annual spring class and workshop series as a way for families of all ages to share in a fun new experience. "Making art together is a great way to learn and make lasting memories and I am very pleased that there was such a great response to the new programming, she explained. "We were able to hold all of the new classes this year, which included the very popular Feel for the Wheel pottery classes with Kelsie Tyson, a two-day Art Journaling class with Kathleen DeRouen, and a Spa Day: Body Butter class with Tommye Rafes."



**Family Fun Classes:** Tommy Rafes (left) shows how to make body butter during her Spa Day workshop, a student presents her World of Beads creation, and Alaina Hower hosts selections for Growing and Arranging Flowers.

## Bowties & Boas honors Barbara Nissman



**Barbara Nissman**

Carnegie Hall is pleased to announce that Barbara Nissman will be honored at the Fantasy in Bowties & Boas, as the popular fundraiser returns. The event will take place Friday, Sept. 2, at 6:30 p.m. in Colonial Hall at The Greenbrier. Tickets are \$195 per person, and tables of 10 are available for \$1,950.

Honoree Barbara Nissman is a generous supporter of Carnegie Hall, donating her time and talents with numerous performances over the years. The Steinway Artist's ongoing online fundraiser for Carnegie Hall, "Behind the Notes," continues to provide funding. She also has created the Carnegie Classical Series that will be presented in 2023.

Nissman is an American pianist and a Lewisburg resident. She is especially known for her interpretations and performances of the works of Alberto Ginastera and Sergei Prokofiev which feature prominently in her repertoire. She is also a writer and a producer of a

new DVD series, and a guest clinician presenting concerts, master classes and lectures world-wide.

Fantasy Gala guests will enjoy a strolling dinner, two complimentary drinks, a cash bar, live entertainment, and live and silent auctions. The Greenbrier is offering Gala guests complimentary casino access and a special discounted nightly room rate of \$399 for the weekend. Call 877-935-0423 to reserve.

For tickets or more information, please visit [www.carnegiehallwv.org](http://www.carnegiehallwv.org), call 304-645-7917, or visit the Carnegie Hall box office at 611 Church Street, Lewisburg. Fantasy sponsorship opportunities are available. Please contact Development Director Sally Bray at [development@carnegiehallwv.org](mailto:development@carnegiehallwv.org).

Proceeds from this event support Carnegie Hall's arts education initiatives and world-class performing/visual arts programming.

Students from eight West Virginia counties and five states attended classes, and Carnegie Hall partnered with the West Virginia Woodworking Association and Lost Creek Farm to bring their crafts to the Greenbrier Valley. Mike Costello and Amy Dawson of Lost Creek Farm have been named 2022 James Beard Award semifinalists in the category of Best Chef,

Southeast. Also, Jennie Williams, the Director of the WV Folklife Program for the WV Humanities Council attended the Salt Rising Bread Workshop in January.

A wide range of ages participated in the series. The youngest student was four years old and the oldest 81. The May 14 Feel For The Wheel workshop was attended by entire family of eight in the area

for a family reunion.

Due to the success, the series will continue for the 2023 spring session with new additions. Carnegie Hall is looking for new teaching artist in traditional crafts and folkways. If interested, visit [carnegiehallwv.org/classes-and-workshops](http://carnegiehallwv.org/classes-and-workshops) and complete and submit the Carnegie Hall Teaching Artist Proposal Form.

## State Fair of West Virginia to host Big Wheel Bash

Officials at the State Fair of West Virginia are excited to announce the Inaugural Big Wheel Bash, a fundraiser for the scholarship and endowment fund. Set for Saturday, Aug. 6, from 6 to 10 p.m., this event will include food and beverage, a live band, and benefit auction.

"We are so excited to announce our Inaugural Big Wheel Bash fundraiser as an evening of fun for a good cause," State Fair CEO Kelly Collins stated. "The work we do with our endowment fund is at the top of the list of important things we do here at the State Fair, and it's a goal to continue to grow this program."

Tickets for this the Big Wheel Bash are \$95 and include fair-themed heavy hors d'oeuvres, two drink tickets and live entertainment. Corporate tables and sponsorships are also available.

For more information, or to order tickets visit [www.statefairwv.com](http://www.statefairwv.com) or call 304-645-1090.

In 2006, the State Fair of West Virginia created an endowment fund to ensure the long-term support of three key initiatives: scholarships for West Virginia students, youth educational enrichment

programs, and competitive agricultural exhibit premiums.

Currently, the State Fair Endowment Fund along with key corporate sponsors and individuals supports a scholarship program which provides five, 4-year scholarships annually at \$1,000 per year. Every year these awards are made, the endowment commits \$20,000 and well over a half million dollars has been given to WV students since its inception.

## Top prize winners announced

The top 3 prize winners in the 2022 Alderson 4th of July Rubber Duck Race are: 1st Place: \$5,000 Cash - Tammy Bartley; 2nd Place: 3 Night/4 Day Trip to Pigeon Forge, TN - Chip James; and 3rd Place: \$500 Cash - Jeff Olson.

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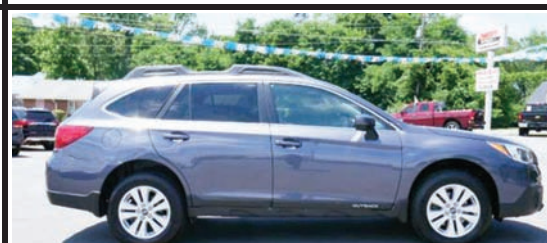
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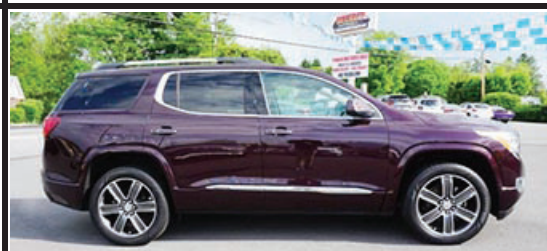
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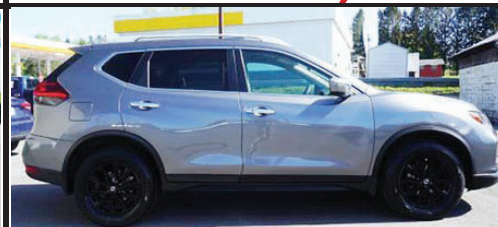
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