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Living Memorial honors the memory of fallen West Virginians

By Adam Pack

On Wednesday, Sept. 14, The Gold Star Mothers of Rainelle began laying the foundations for honoring the memory of those West Virginians who gave their lives during the Global War on Terror for many generations to come.

What is now an empty field in Rainelle will soon be an apple orchard with 55 apple trees, each tree representing one service member from each county in West Virginia who has passed away in the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan. The planting of this orchard is a "Living Memorial." This is a joint project of Gold Star Mothers of West Virginia, Rainelle Chapter and The West Virginia Department of Agriculture, and involves 9 to 10 month of planning, as well as dozens of volunteers.

Trees were planted and a fence was erected Wednesday by members of the Greenbrier West High School JROTC, the Greenbrier West FFA, and refreshments for the planters and volunteers were provided by the students from the vocational school's culinary department. The carpentry class constructed a gazebo nearby, and many other community organizations pitched in to help. Prior to the planting of the trees, the ground had been prepared and gravel had been put in place at the entrance to the orchard. Cement was also poured to serve as foundations for a memorial bench as well as a flag pole.

All this was in preparation for a dedication event on Saturday, Sept. 17. At this ceremony, each tree will be adorned with a dog tag corresponding to a lost service member from the county the tree represents.

Parties interested in attending can call to RSVP at 304-547-0673 or 304-222-5247 or email wvgsm2012@gmail.com for more details.



Greenbrier West Future Farmers of America prepare to plant apple trees at the Living Memorial Wednesday, Sept. 14.



Volunteers set pole for fencing to protect the orchard

Alderson Town Council to remove bricks on Railroad Avenue

By Adam Pack

The Alderson Town Council met for their regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, Sept. 8 at 7:30 p.m. in the Alderson City Hall Building.

The first item of business was the consideration of an application for a USDA grant in the amount of \$50,000. The grant would go towards the purchase of a new dump truck for the city. Mayor Travis Copenhaver described the current truck as having "issues with the hydraulics, as well as issues with the frame on the bed. It was used very heavily last summer and has been this summer as well."

The new truck, however, will cost more than the grant covers. "The grant of \$50,000 will only cover about one third of the cost of the truck." Copenhaver explained, however, this is roughly the amount that this particular

grant always pays out, and there are still ARPA funds left, as well as money in the water, sewer, and street funds to cover the remaining two thirds of the cost.

The city has utilized USDA grants to purchase numerous police cars, a backhoe, a sewer truck, and a plow truck in the past, and Mayor Copenhaver wrapped up discussion on the topic by saying, "We've had great success with these grants over the last nine years." The council approved the submission of the grant unanimously.

The council also discussed proposed renovations to Railroad Avenue. Mayor Copenhaver brought before the council for their consideration a plan to remove the bricks from that street, remove the tree roots and stumps which are causing uneven places in the street, and ultimately replacing those bricks with concrete.

"Our risk management board has declared that street a safety hazard due to the unevenness created by tree roots and the bricks on that street," said Copenhaver. "The main problem is that all those bricks are just sitting on

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Greenbrier County Board of Education recognizes NRCTC nursing staff

By Adam Pack

The Greenbrier County Board of Education met for their regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 13 to recognize the nursing staff at New River Community and Technical College. After a time out for applause, Director of Career and Technical Education Deborah McClintic announced that, "The Greenbrier County Board of Education would like to recognize the [NRCTC] LPN program staff and instructors for aiding our Greenbrier LPN students throughout their last months before graduation. See "BOE" Page 2



Carla Sarver (left), Laurie Bourdeaux, and Jo Anna Perry receive certificates of appreciation from the school board, presented by Deboarh McClintic (right). (Not pictured are Duane F. Napier, Vanessa Bailey, and Michelle Johnson)

Ronceverte to receive larger street project grant, install cameras around Island Park

By Adam Pack

The Ronceverte City Council met Tuesday, Sept. 13, at 6 p.m. at the new city hall building at 693 Edgar Avenue.

The first item of business was the securing of a much enlarged grant award for the completion of sidewalks in the city. The current amount of money available through grant funds is roughly \$80,000, but City Administrator

Pam Mentz brought forward news that with the rejection of that amount, the city can accept a new grant for \$474,000. This new grant, which is through the West Virginia Department of Highways, will allow the city to "pay as we go," Mentz explained, allowing the grant to reach a more significant sum. The projects, overseen by the Thrasher Engineering Group, cover sidewalks See "Ronceverte" Page 2

Citizens voice concerns, support for WSS pedestrian bridge

By Sarah Richardson

A number of community members attended this week's White Sulphur City Council meeting to voice their thoughts on the proposed location of a new pedestrian bridge downtown. The bridge, which will cross over Howard's Creek to a city-owned plot of land, will expand accessible parking for the town and will be located behind the Veteran's Memorial.

White Sulphur Springs resident and veteran Bobby White spoke in opposition to the location of the bridge. "First of all, I want to say that I am not against the footbridge, I am against the location." He asked members of Council to "revisit and rethink" the project's location, as he noted concerns with increased walking traffic being located near the memorial, and requested it be located downstream another 40 feet. "If the bridge is a go for the city, then I am asking the city to seriously think about relocating downstream" he said.

Janene Kaufman said the chains around the memorial could be a "hazard," and said kids could hurt themselves if they try to play on it. See "White Sulphur Springs" Page 2



White Sulphur Mayor Bruce Bowling speaks to the Greenbrier County Commission regarding the Howard's Creek Pedestrian Bridge Project. (Adam Pack photo)

Nature's Way

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The staff stepped in to instruct our 17 LPN candidates to help them successfully earn their LPN nursing cert from the greenbrier school of practical nursing.”

Staff recognized Tuesday night included Duane F. Napier, Jo Anna Perry, Vanessa Bailey, Laurie Bourdeaux, Carla Sarver, and Michelle Johnson. Napier, Bailey, and Johnson were unable to attend. Board member Jeanie Wyatt spoke for the whole board when she extended many thanks and appreciation to the staff of the NRCTC’s Nursing Staff.

The Board also motioned to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Greenbrier Aquatic Center. Superintendent Jeff Bryant said that he and the board were “honored” and “grateful for the vision of those here from the aquatic center and many who are

not who have seen made this a reality.” He explained that students in the sixth grade will receive swimming instruction at the Aquatic Center during the school year.

This measure had been discussed at summer meetings, and now representatives from the Aquatic Center were on hand to officially sign the MOU to begin the program. Those representatives explained the reasoning behind the MOU prior to signing.

“We had high school students from [Greenbrier] East conduct research last year in preparation for this, and they found that almost fifty percent of the population of this state cannot swim, and that drowning is the second largest cause of accidental deaths among children. With that said, we want to thank the Greenbrier County Board of Education for partnering with us so much.” The board also made note that this program will be made possible

by the new school levy, which will be on the Nov. 8 ballot.

In other news, the Board designated Sept. 23, 2022, as Greenbrier County School Service Personnel Day. This comes after a decree by Governor Jim Justice declared the same day to be West Virginia School Service Personnel Day. The Governor’s Proclamation stated that, “Whereas school service personnel are involved in nearly every aspect of education, by maintaining buildings and grounds, preparing and serving meals, keeping school facilities clean and orderly, assisting in the classroom, providing administrative support functions, providing safe transportation, and many other specialized services,” and “whereas school service personnel are dedicated individuals who serve the children of West Virginia and our public education system and have an important role of non-instructional service, be it resolved ... September 32rd be School Service Personnel Day.”

Superintendent Bryant echoed the sentiments of the proclamation. “We are so indebted to our service personnel; our service personnel have such a major impact on our school system and we are so blessed with great service personnel.”

Wyatt agreed, adding, “We couldn’t have a school system without our dedicated school service personnel. During COVID they really stepped up, especially the bus drivers with the delivery of meals and so on and so we are so grateful to them.”

The next Board of Education meeting will be Tuesday, Oct. 11, at 6 p.m. in the Kyle & Ann Fort Arts & Sciences Building at 653 Church Street. The public is encouraged to attend.

Alderson

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sand. That fact has caused our insurance agency to say that they won’t cover that.” The other issue with that portion of street are the truncated domes. “Those domes were put in by a contractor for the [Department of Highways.] I contacted the DOH and they were uninterested in working on those. The issue with them is that they get hit by the plow when it snows, and then water melts and gets under the dome and refreezes, causing expansion and movement [problems.] It’s also a trip hazard.” On the subject of payment, Copenhaver explained that there are still ARPA funds available, as this is a project to “improve public safety and welfare.”

In other news, the council approved the placement of Timothy Gwinn to fill the planning commission position left vacant by Justin Palmer. His term would have ended in August 2024. Gwinn volunteered to serve at the meeting of the last planning commission. His placement was approved by the council, along with the re-appointment of Steven Cadle and Alex Battle. “Timothy’s son Timmy served on the planning commission, and did an admirable job when he was there and we hope that it carries through with his dad,” said Copenhaver.

The council also discussed an amendment to the invoices associated with the Spring Street renovation

project, and was informed by the mayor that the water plant has moved into the design phase with representatives of the Thrasher Group and engineers at the Illinois based plant where it is being constructed working collaboratively. The council adopted the hazard mitigation plan contractor contracts, which are documents that all contracting service providers have to sign before beginning work on the hazard mitigation plan project. The contract stipulates that the undersigned contractors will abide by federal guidelines, including abiding by equal employment and diversity, equity, and inclusion regulations.

Lastly, the city approved an amendment to the Police Department Policy, Policy 007-009, which involves the seizure of cash associated with the collection of evidence during the investigation of a crime. As of now, any cash seized in the process of investigating a crime is held physically by the city. On the advice of the state auditor’s office and the state police’s auditor, the city will be establishing a bank account in which cash can be deposited. Mayor Copenhaver noted that this was essentially a safer and more modern way of handling cash seized as part of a criminal investigation.

Ronceverte

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all across the city and with these new funds even more sidewalks can be improved.

Councilwoman Kathy King also made a point to note that, amid concerns from citizens over various projects around the city, “Keep in mind that grant money is very specifically earmarked. When we get money for sidewalks, that money is for sidewalks and sidewalks only. Those funds can’t bleed over at all.”

The city then moved to the approval of next steps in securing surveillance cameras in and around Island Park. Greenbrier Technologies Inc. was on hand to show the council an aerial map of where proposed cameras may be installed, as well sample images displaying the picture resolution and capabilities of their products. Greenbrier Tech let the council know that their cameras are equipped with facial and license plate recognition software and that all images are stored in a completely separate piece of hardware from the camera, making any images or footage taken by said cameras safe in the event of the camera’s damage. The footage collected from the cameras will then be fully accessible for 30 days, and end users will have the ability to slow, speed up, reverse, and otherwise examine the images.

Cameras will be in strategic locations throughout the park, as well as aimed at the intersection, possibly providing information on traffic incidents that may occur there, with large, clear signage noting the existence of surveillance cameras at the park. Greenbrier Tech went on to add that this package was amenable after final installation, meaning future cameras and equipment could be installed with the existing contract. Impressed with

the capabilities of the cameras, the council approved the initial plan and will now await a quote from Greenbrier Technologies.

Council also approved the 2022 Urban Deer Hunt. Last year’s hunt, according to Police Chief Jerry Hopkins, was a success from a law enforcement point of view, saying that “it went well, and there were no problems reported by anybody.” The hunt will proceed as normal, however there is an update to paperwork for this year’s hunt.

There will only be a two day period to apply for the Urban Deer Hunt this year to streamline the process of application. “If anyone needs special accommodation or wants to get them at a time when they’re not publicly available, you can call ahead and we’ll try to set that up for you, we’re happy to work with people,” Mentz explained. She explained that many people have been calling the city to ask questions of how many deer were harvested, where they were harvested, and other general information in an attempt to find where the deer population in the area is and is moving. Mentz said that this information is best retrieved from the DNR, as all deer taken should be reported to their office.

The measure passed 5-1, the only no vote coming from Councilman Scott Vogelsong, citing concerns over safety.

The Ronceverte City Council meets on the first Monday of every month at 6 p.m. in the new City Hall Building at 693 Edgar Avenue. The public is encouraged to attend.

White Sulphur Springs

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“The memorial is a sacred place that needs protected at all costs,” said resident James Quick. “I realize that if we put it on down the river we will still have people linger back that way, but if you direct traffic coming off that bridge if they get started going that way you’re going to have problems with vandalism, these young people. That memorial is just people to worship and talk to their loved ones that gave their life, and I think it ought to be rethought.”

Mayor Bruce Bowling explained that the bridge was moved from its original proposed location of 40 feet downstream due to the location of a sewer line. This is why it was shifted over to behind the Veteran’s Memorial.

“Personally, I was up there today, and I don’t really think it’s that close. That’s just my opinion,” said Bowling.

Two White Sulphur residents took the stand in support of the bridge, Anne Tuckwiller speaking on behalf of Tom Crabtree who was unable to attend, and local business owner Clay Elkins. They both said this bridge will increase connectivity between public areas around town, including the parks, and will provide a safer route for bicyclists.

Later in the week Mayor Bowling attended a Greenbrier County Commission meeting as White Sulphur requested a contribution from funds in the Greenbrier County TIF District in support of the project. An amount of \$180,350 was approved by the Commission to match a grant from the West Virginia Division of Highways in the amount of \$1,025,400.

Singers invited to join Community Christmas Cantata

Once again, the First Baptist Church of Fairlea welcomes the public to celebrate Christmas in song! Composer Jay Rouse’s “Brand New Hallelujah” brings a contemporary worship experience of modernized traditional carols, worship ballads, and gospel-style originals, conveying the joy, wonder, and inspiration of Christ’s humble and wondrous birth.

The cantata, under the direction of Jeff Bryant, will be presented Dec. 17

at 8:30 p.m. in the Chapel at The Greenbrier, and Dec. 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary of First Baptist of Fairlea. A live orchestra will accompany the choir, featuring both local and regional musicians.

The first rehearsal for interested singers (no au-

dition needed) is Sunday, Oct. 9, from 5 to 6:15 p.m. at First Baptist of Fairlea. The choir will practice every Sunday until the cantata is presented.

Questions may be directed to FBC’s church office at fbsharp@gmail.com or 304-645-3533.

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PICK OF THE LITTER



OLIVER
Oliver is a three-year-old heeler mix



FUZZ
Fuzz is a one-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

Goodson Boys

to perform at Rupert Library

The Goodson Boys will perform at the Rupert Public Library on Saturday, Sept. 17, from 3 to 5 p.m. Refreshments will be served. Please come join the fun.

American Heritage Music Hall, Inc.

located at 496 Island Park, Ronceverte, is open to the public, all welcome, handicap accessible. Listeners and tourists welcome. Admission \$7 Tuesday nights, \$10 Saturday - Audience provides food. Doors open at 7 p.m. Jam & Dance every Tuesday 7 to 10 p.m. Dance on Sept. 24 will feature the Thomas Tayler Band 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.

Greenbrier Valley Master Gardeners

will sponsor an Annual Pruning Class - free and open to the public. Conducted by Dr. Mira Danilovich of the WVU Extension Service the class will be held Saturday, Oct. 1, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Master Gardener Demonstration Garden on the State Fairgrounds. Bring your pruning shears. For more information contact Marit Withrow at maritwithrow@gmail.com or 314-807-4467.

Shop With a Cop

The Greenbrier County Fraternal Order of Police would like to announce the beginning of our fundraising season for our 2022 Shop with a Cop Christmas program. You may receive a phone call or a mail out about our program. Please do not be alarmed, these calls and mail outs are legitimate. You can contact the Lewisburg Police Dept. with any questions and they will direct you to the appropriate person to speak with. We would like to thank all of our faithful sponsors and look forward to working with our public to provide another successful program for our local children.

Greenbrier County Magistrate Court Convictions

Brandon Vaughan White, Lewisburg, 1) expiration of registration & certificates of title, NCP, fine \$50; 2) operation without certificate of inspection or failure to produce certificate, fine \$10; 3) improper use of evidences of registration, fine \$25

Tonya C. Meadows, Rainelle, unlawful acts of licenses - beer sales under 21, fine \$25

Joseph Homer Young III, Ronceverte, domestic battery, NCP, fine \$75, jail 30 days - suspended and placed on 12 months unsupervised probation

Brett E. Nelson, Pacific Palisades, CA, speeding, NCP, fine \$18

Cheryl D. Minter, Fredericksburg, VA, speeding, GP, fine \$18

Julie K. Chan, Alexandria, VA, speeding, NCP, fine \$10

Jaylin J. Marshall, Ronceverte, speeding, NCP, fine \$30

Emily N. Powell, Alderson, unlawful acts of licenses - beer sales under 21, NCP, fine \$25

Lakin S. Davis, Morgantown, failure to obey police officer or special officers, GP, fine \$30

John Paul Proctor, Jr., Witcher, possession of controlled substance without a valid prescription, NCP, fine \$100, jail 90 days - suspended and placed on 12 months unsupervised probation

Jarret Adam Hoke, White Sulphur Springs, domestic battery, NCP, fine \$100, jail 90 days - suspended and placed on 12 months unsupervised probation

John Evander Ward II, Lewisburg, obstructing officer, NCP, fine \$50, jail 21 days - suspended and placed on 12 months unsupervised probation

Leevi Alan Meadows, Rainelle, reckless driving, NCP, fine \$100

Tonia Morgan McCoy, Ronceverte, distracted driving - cell phone, GP, fine \$100

Donald R. Arbaugh, Lewisburg, assault, NCP, jail 21 days - suspended and placed on 10 months unsupervised probation

Connie Jean Daniel, Lewisburg, substances: DUI 1st, NCP, fine \$100, jail 10 days - suspended and placed on 10 months unsupervised probation

John D. Love, Round Rock, TX, speeding, NCP, fine \$18

Jessica N. Peal, Smoot, unlawful acts of licenses - beer sales under 21, NCP, fine \$30

Lisa M. Knight, Charmco, unlawful acts of licenses - beer sales under 21, NCP, fine \$30

Robert Lee Arbaugh, Asbury, 1) trespassing on property other than structure or conveyance, NCP, fine \$200; 2) possession of controlled substance without valid prescription, fine \$200

Lonnice Ray Kasten, Lewisburg, driving too fast for roadway conditions, NCP, fine \$100

Denise Ellen Sizemore, Lewisburg, distracted driving - cell phone, NCP, fine \$100

Lorne Atkins, Rainelle, speeding, GP, fine \$5

Phillip William Alley, Rainelle, dig ginseng before season, NCP, fine \$500

Shannon M. Gwinn, Meadow Bridge, knowingly or intentionally possessing controlled substance without valid prescription, NCP, fine \$200

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For the Record

Deeds

David M. Reed, Robert S. Willis and Carlan D. Frame, II, to Robert S. Willis and Carlan D. Frame, II, 0.53 Acres, Village of Spring Creek, Frankford District
William A. Knowlton, III and Ashley L. Knowlton to Adam D. Walton, 0.45 Acres, Irish Corner District
Geist WVLLC to Rudolph J. Geist and Holly P. Geist, Lot No. 17, Howard's Creek Phase One Neighborhood, The Greenbrier Sporting Club, White Sulphur Dist.
James A. Amos and Deborah H. Amos to Deborah M. Amos, Lots Nos. 5 and 6, Lewisburg District
Donna Shortridge to Darlene Shawver, 50 Acres, Blue Sulphur District
Chris Counts to Three Sisters Enterprises LLC, Lot No. 51, City of Ronceverte
Terry McKinney and Douglas Michael Cramer to Penny J. Madden, 2.0 Acres, Falling Springs Corporation
Colton Young Anderson and Summer Anderson to Dale E. Gibney, 13.65 Acres, Meadow Bluff District
Jerry Lee Byers and Wanda J. Byers to Gregory Lee Byers, Tract No. 17, Frankford District
Edward F. Cripps and Gail M. Cripps and Raymond L. Cripps and Denise Cripps to Brian E. Hill, 21.673 Acres, Frankford District
Jeffrey G. Davis and Robin M. Davis to Phillip Reich Jones, III, Lot No. 4, Dogwood Heights Subdivision, Lewisburg Corporate District
Green Cliffs Properties, LLC, and Michael Uhlinger and Jennifer Uhlinger, Lot No. 60, White Sulphur Hill Neighborhood, The Greenbrier Sporting Club, White Sulphur District

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.

Marriages

Russell Ellwood Tate III (Richmond, VA) to Diana Rose Lambiquet (Henrico, VA)
Hubert Robery Burdette (Alderson) to Karli Nichole Lushea (Lewisburg)
James Joseph Burns (Lewisburg) to Alison Brienne Wickline (Roanoke, VA)
Jackie Dakota Harrison (Supply, NC) to Angela Dawn Wauer (Union, WV)
Carl Dale Bailey (Rupert) to Courtney Brianna Scott (Ronceverte)

Suits

In Re: The Marriage of: Tiffany Dawn Hall and David Wayne Hall, Jr.
In Re: The Marriage of: Kendra Renee Peltier and Matthew Jared Peltier

Family Refuge Center to host Paint the Town Purple event throughout month of October

October is Domestic Violence Awareness month. The intended purpose of Paint the Town Purple is to bring awareness to the community regarding the increase in domestic violence cases and the effects domestic violence has on individuals, families, and the community.

Before the COVID-19 Pandemic, 243 million women and girls, age 15-49, experienced sexual and/or physical violence by an intimate partner. Since the pandemic, violence against women, especially domestic violence has intensified. The factors to this included: security, health and financial worries, cramped living conditions, isolation with abuser, movement restrictions, and deserted public spaces. The increase in violence amidst the COVID-19 pandemic is being referred to as the Shadow Pandemic and continues to grow today.

Domestic violence is not solely committed against female individuals. Domestic violence against males has increased since the COVID-19 pandemic as well. Statistically, 1 in 10 men experience violence by an intimate partner during their lifetime. Men are more likely to be victims of attacks with a deadly weapon. In fact, it has been reported that 63% of males as opposed to 15% of females had a deadly weapon used against them in a dispute with an intimate partner.

Domestic violence, also referred to as Intimate Partner Violence (IPV), affects individuals of all sexual orientations and gender identities. IPV occurs at similar or even greater rates in the LGBTQ+ community as it does in heterosexual groups. Members of the LGBTQ+ community experience unique circumstances and barriers to assistance that can have a serious impact on how they experience domestic violence. Other marginalized communities experiencing high rates of domestic violence is Black Indigenous People of Color (BIPOC), individuals with disabilities, and senior citizens.

Individuals who suffer from domestic violence can only receive help if the silence is broken and stigma is removed. Domestic Violence does not discriminate! It is

important for communities to come together to help end this cycle of abuse.

This second annual Paint the Town Purple event offers multiple ways that the community can support victims and survivors.

1. Businesses have the option to decorate their storefront in a purple theme throughout the month of October or during the week of Oct. 17 through Oct. 21 and/or offer a featured product for sale. Community members will vote on their favorite storefront on Oct. 21. The winner will be announced on Monday, Oct. 24.

2. Community members may purchase a purple lightbulb for \$8 apiece to display on their porch throughout the month of October. Lightbulbs can be purchased at Family Refuge Center, Patina's, A New Chapter Bookstore, City National Bank located in downtown Lewisburg, and Em's Cake Corner located in White Sulphur Springs. By purchasing a lightbulb, you are pledging to take a stand against domestic violence, honoring those who lost their lives to domestic violence and helping to empower victims and survivors. We ask that you light up our Facebook page in October with pictures of your light shining and use #domesticviolenceawarenessmonth.

3. Join us on Thursday, Oct. 22 at 6 p.m. for our Paint, Pints, & Partnership event. Oct. 22 is Domestic Violence Awareness Day. On this night, individuals can enjoy and evening of light hors d'oeuvres, painting, and partnership building. This paint night is being hosted by local artist Misty Murray-Walkup. Tickets may be purchased at our Lewisburg office or on our Facebook page for \$35 each. RSVP is required by Oct. 6. To reserve your seat, contact Courtney McCoy, development coordinator, at 304-645-6324 or by email at courtneym@familyrefuge-center.org

Big Outdoor Gear Swap set for September 18

Hiking, biking, fishing, golf, hunting, soccer, football, basketball, softball, you name it. If you use it outdoors then this is for you!

Everyone has gear that they do not use anymore. Why leave it to collect dust and take up space? Let's keep it out of the landfill. Let's reuse it and give it a new life! Good gear doesn't belong in a closet!

If you've upgraded your clubs, your daughter's cleats don't fit any more, that kayak hasn't seen any water in years, if you need a new bike, you don't make it into the woods as much anymore, you're looking for a new putter, or be honest - you are never really going to get up on that surfboard, maybe you need a new winter ski coat, or are looking for the perfect fishing vest?

Come to Big Draft's Big Outdoor Gear Swap on Sunday, Sept. 18, from 10 a.m. 4 p.m.

Rain or shine, No guns, gun parts, or ammo. No pre-registration needed.

Greenbrier County approves personnel

By Adam Pack

The Greenbrier County Commission met for their regular meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 13, at 10 a.m., to discuss personnel matters.

The Commission approved the hire of a new deputy sheriff. Though unable to attend, Sheriff Bruce Sloan sent a written statement requesting the commission approve the hire of Shane Peacock. Peacock, currently a member of the Pocahontas County Sheriff's Department, is a certified police officer and has passed all prerequisite tests, a background investigation, and evaluations. The County also approved the hire of a new home confinement officer, Beatrice Fury, and the rehire of Dave McCracken to the Planning and Permit Department.

The Greenbrier County Commission meets again on Sept. 27 at 10 a.m. in the County Commission office in the basement of the courthouse. The public is encouraged to attend.

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Nature's Way

By Karen Cohen

Master Gardener/Photojournalist/Artist

NUTZ

Walnuts. Do you like walnuts? Then get your little self on over here and bring a huge pail with you, oh, and gloves. What can one possibly use these for except feed them to the squirrels? Hard as rocks and black as shoe polish on the inside— what a minute, shoe polish? Could that be a usage for them? Try it and let me know!

When we first moved to this Mountain State over thirty years ago, we imagined we had inherited nature's treasures. Most folks purchased walnuts at the grocery store. But being "blessed" with walnut trees all around our land, we were thrilled that we could harvest these nuts FREE! And as much as we wanted!

We were fortunate to meet and learn from "back to the land" friends how to pickle and can vegetables, build a good fire, and store food in a root cellar. Now it was time to get schooled on black walnuts. Following their instructions, I tried with no luck at smashing them with a hammer and managed to shoot a few at my nosey cats who were watching me, yes, they were giggling a bit, too. Good for nuthin cats! "Go kill something!" I yelled at them. The resident mice had a party last night inside my car; evidence of other types of nut shells were tucked into my front driver seat. Why won't the darn cats take care of their own business instead of watching me trying to bust up walnuts!

Back to cracking black walnuts. Using a hammer and chisel, I managed to get the halves to separate down the middle. Success, until I saw all the little bits of walnut meat tucked neatly and securely inside their shells. Ah, long ago (at my parents house,) there was a kitchen tool that had a pointy tip to it, it was in the junk drawer and never used. Back then my mom said that it was a nut pick. One uses it to gingerly pick out the nut meat from the shell. Well, I can think of about 100 better things to do with my time, but that is how it is done. I can't help but wonder, how do big nut companies shell their walnuts? That will take some research on my part but right now, let's get these cats into my mouse/house a.k.a. vehicle so they don't get on my last nerve.

My friends who knew all the old ways (even using candles at night rather than lamp light), would collect about ½ cup full of nut meat after hours spent cracking walnuts and then use that to bake some cookies. Hmm... I guess I'm either just too darn lazy or just too darn busy to take all the time needed to crack open walnuts.

You can't even imagine how black the oil inside black walnuts is. My friends had warned me to wear rubber gloves, I scoffed at that idea. I wanted to "handle" these naturally. My fingers were stained for weeks, no kidding, soap did nothing to remove the oil under my nails and wedged into my fingerprints. After one attempt to try using rubber gloves, the fingertips completely dissolved with the greasy oil and my nails were stained again, for weeks. Now this happened at an inopportune time because it was Thanksgiving week and we were planning to visit family in another state. Can you imagine my embarrassment with my blackened fingers at the dinner table? No one said a word. My husband suggested wearing gloves but that would have looked even more stupid, like pulling a Michael Jackson move. Glitter gloves sounded vaguely intriguing but no, I just sat with my turkey delicately speared with my fork held by



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my brown/black fingers and ate in silence.

After dinner, I decided to explain myself. Everyone knew we were avid gardeners. Playing in the dirt was their probable conclusion and some relatives even asked me how my garden was going. Well geez, there was nothing in my garden in November, any intelligent person would know that! Finally, I called the table to attention and said, "You are probably all wondering..." and then I explained my dilemma. Oh they all patted me on the shoulder as they cleared the table one by one. One aunt said, "Does that come off on the cloth napkins?" No, I shrugged, it doesn't come off at all. Someone quickly changed the subject and talked about apple pie or something! She used store bought walnuts, she explained, in her apple pie filling. Good for her.

Now, every year after year, I gather up the fallen walnuts, still encased in their green outer shell so they are touchable, and pile them into buckets. Last year I even offered free buckets of them on the internet and got some folks to respond. They fed them to squirrels. This year, I have resorted to squatting under the walnut trees and hurling the nuts, one by one, over the side of the hill. One or two might have knocked my big yellow cat in the noggin but oh well, he should have something better to do anyway!

(Karen Cohen is Mistress of her own organic garden, nature explorer and animal lover. Please email your tips, comments and questions to: natureswaykaren@gmail.com)

Commentary

West Virginia's role in the oil and gas industries

By PSC Chair Charlotte Lane

This week, as we welcome the members of the National Association of Pipeline Safety Representatives to Charleston, I find myself reflecting on the significant role West Virginia played in the development of the oil and gas industries.

While the drilling of Drake's well in Pennsylvania in 1859 is often considered the beginning of the American oil and gas industry, many critical events occurred in West Virginia prior to 1859.

In 1773, two brothers found gas bubbling through waters of a spring, which, much to their surprise, ignited. Two years later this tract of land, known as Burning Springs, was patented by George Washington and General Andrew Lewis.

In the early 1800s, oil and gas had no importance in West Virginia. Salt manufacturers frequently hit oil or gas in their drilling, but considered it a nuisance. In 1808, on the bank of the Kanawha River, the Ruffners drilled a well 59 feet deep into solid rock using drilling tools they had devised. The method was further developed into what became known as the cable tool method of drilling.

It wasn't until 1841 when natural gas was used in the manufacturing process to produce salt that the manufacturing and natural gas industry were joined together. Methods for drilling salt were adapted for drilling oil and gas.

During the Civil War in 1863, the Union and Confederate armies fought the first armed conflict over energy in Burning Springs, West Virginia. Hundreds of thousands of barrels of oil from Burning Springs were being shipped to Parkersburg for rail transport to other cities. Union General George McClellan placed Parkersburg under martial law then moved troops to Grafton to secure the railroad, which had been blocked by Confederate troops. He also sent troops to Burning Springs to thwart attempts by Confederate sympathizers to take over the oil field.

After the Civil War, production in the state's oil fields resumed, leading to innovations in production. In the 1870s, the "endless wire" method of pumping as many as 40 wells from a central engine was invented in Ritchie County.

West Virginia led the United States in oil and gas production from 1906 through 1917. In 1908, the first commercial natural gasoline plant in the United States was built in Sistersville, and in 1918 Hope Gas in Harrison County drilled the world's deepest well at 7,386 feet.

West Virginia's glass industry developed here due to the abundance of low-cost natural gas, water, a transportation network and skilled workers from the salt industry. The chemical and steel industries followed suit starting operations in West Virginia before World War One.

In the 1930s and 1940s, as the international oil industry was expanding in the Middle East and Asia, underground gas storage fields were being developed in West Virginia. And in 1946, the Synthesis Gas Branch Experimentation Station began government-sponsored coal-gasification research at WVU in Morgantown.

So join us in celebrating the significant role West Virginia has played in the development of the oil and gas industry.

Commentary

Concerns about Greenbrier River Trail in relation to Lewisburg water system improvement project

Submitted by Nancy Harris, Lewisburg

City of Lewisburg officials and city council, past and present, have worked hard to obtain financing for the anticipated water system upgrade. We are all beneficiaries of their efforts, directly or indirectly, and they deserve our praise and appreciation. To those city officials: We are very grateful for your efforts!

Part of the water system improvement project adversely impacts 2 miles of the Greenbrier River Trail from the pump station at mile 3.8 on the Trail (which is just 7/10's of a mile from the beginning of the Trail in Caldwell) to Harper Rd. at mile 5.8. As a daily Trail user, I have concerns for the Trail for the immediate and the long term future.

My points of concern are:

1) Keeping the trail open and usable as much as possible during the construction period, by asking the contractors to be considerate of people using the Trail before and after work hours and on weekends and holidays AND whenever possible, during the workday. That respectful arrangement worked well in 2017 when the entire width of the Trail for a 10 mile distance was being rebuilt after the serious damage caused by torrential rains in 2016. That coexistent type of arrangement has also worked for Trail repairs of shorter duration and it has reportedly worked elsewhere when similar types of projects were being undertaken. It means trail users must be alert, careful and considerate of construction workers and vice versa. There needs to be signage warning Trail users of the 2 miles of disruption ahead and the fact that they need to use extra caution. Only a small portion of the 2 mile distance will be an active work zone at any given time. Trail users only need a narrow path through the active construction zone. The construction crew needs to be alerted to the fact that people will be using the Trail while they're not there, so they can leave a pathway for Trail users, just a narrow portion of the Trail, unencumbered by tools and equipment, dirt, rocks, and debris, to the degree possible.

2) Expediting the project to minimize the length of time the Trail will be disturbed. The Lewisburg Water System Improvement Project is a huge project and only

part of the project involves the Trail. Get that part done as quickly as possible. Dig it up, move the dirt out, and fill in the ditches as expeditiously as possible, and restore the surface of the Trail to its current condition. Better yet, consider laying the pipe on the existing stable surface of the Trail and covering it with the recommended layers of stone, which would be advantageous to the Trail for drainage purposes, would eliminate the problem of getting past the culverts, would eliminate the need to dig, chip, pound, blast, and haul off rock and dirt, and it would eliminate the potential disaster of a sinkhole or diverting subterranean aquifers, and would only need a 500 foot gradual slope at either end to maintain the 1% grade of the Trail and be almost imperceptible to Trail users. Win/win.

3) Mitigation: the Trail is being damaged by a project of the City of Lewisburg. There will be subsidence, sinking and grooving, in the 2 mile disturbed section of the Trail, for several years after the waterline project ends. The city, as the perpetrator of the damage, needs to monitor and repair the Trail surface for those several years. State Parks does not have the money to adequately maintain the Trail as it is, and this will be an added burden that State Parks shouldn't have to bear. Mitigation is a normal part of repayment for the use and disruption of a public and environmentally fragile and vital area. As mitigation, we are also asking that the City of Lewisburg coordinate efforts with WV DNR/State Parks to pave 7/10's of a mile of the Trail from Stonehouse Rd. to the pump house, to make that portion of the Trail more accessible for people with mobility impairments, those who use walkers and wheelchairs.

4) Communication: City officials and city council need to be open, receptive, upfront, honest, and communicative with the Trail using public, about the waterline project and how it will affect the Trail, and they need to be open to suggestions as to how the adverse effects can be minimized. City officials need to appreciate how important the Trail is to the health and well being of those of us who use it regularly and how important it is to those who benefit from the business it brings to the area. The Trail offers a less impactful surface than

asphalt, a smooth and level surface, a safe, serene, peaceful, beautiful environment, that is healthful and nurturing in a special way. Many Trail users only have a limited amount of time to use the Trail, around busy schedules of work, school and study, and family activities. Osteopathic School students, faculty, and staff are a major constituency in that category. They just do not have the time to drive an additional 30 minutes each way to access the Trail at Anthony. There are also Trail users who cannot afford the expense of driving an additional 30 miles a day to access the Trail at Anthony. And there are daily Trail users who already drive an hour or more from Monroe, Summers, and Mercer counties and from Western Greenbrier County, for whom an extra half hour drive each way to and from Anthony to access the Trail, makes it prohibitive, or at least limits the number of times they can come to the Trail. Parking at Anthony is even more limited than parking at Caldwell. If the City insists on closing the southern end of the Trail, some people from out of state and from other parts of West Virginia, will still come to the Trail, but they will make their home base and take their business to Marlinton and Cass, where lodging, dining, bike sales/service/shuttles, music, arts and crafts, and a warm welcome are readily available within walking and biking distance of the Trail. They can enjoy the Cass Scenic Railroad, Beartown, Droop Mountain Battlefield and Watoga State Parks, Seneca State Forest, the Cranberry Glades and Cranberry back country, the Greenbank Observatory, and all of the activities and amenities of Snowshoe. Their vacation needs will be satisfied elsewhere and they will have no reason to travel 40 or more miles to come to Lewisburg and White Sulphur Springs. That will be a significant financial loss for some businesses and once that tourist traffic is lost, it will take time, effort, and money to get it back.

On behalf of all who use and benefit from the Trail, to whom the Trail is a very special life giving resource, we ask city officials to work with us toward a co-existent mode of Trail use during the construction period, an expedited schedule of construction for the portion of the

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OBITUARIES

Alan Craig Chinault



Alan Craig Chinault passed into eternal peace suddenly on Tuesday, Sept. 6, 2022, with his wife of 37 years by his side.

Craig was born on Nov. 3, 1949, in McRoss, WV, to Allyn and Haven Chinault.

Growing up in West Virginia, he enjoyed hiking and hunting with his father, brothers and grandfathers. Fishing was also a family affair. He was raised with strong Christian values that remained with him throughout his life. From a young age, he was an incredibly hard worker, helping his mother around the house, delivering newspapers, bailing hay and mowing lawns. Craig also participated in Little League baseball, Cub Scouts and he lettered in high school basketball. He was always an avid reader, and read any book he could get his hands on, particularly once he set his sights on attending college.

His hard work soon began to pay off with recognition of his academic achievements, starting in 1963 when he became a Knight of the Golden Horseshoe in West Virginia. In 1967, he graduated from Peterstown High School as Valedictorian and was honored as a National Merit Scholar, recognizing his outstanding performance and promise of future academic achievement.

In 1971, Craig graduated from Virginia Tech with a degree in Chemistry, once again in the top of his class. He then received a Graduate Fellowship from the National Science Foundation to attend the prestigious Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). After receiving his Ph.D. in Biophysical Chemistry from MIT, he became a National Institute of Health Postdoctoral Fellow at the University of California, Santa Barbara in 1979. From there, he moved to Houston, TX, where he began teaching and performing scientific research at Baylor College of Medicine (BCM), focusing on DNA sequences that controlled the start of DNA replication and mammalian chromosome X-inactivation. At this time, he was also an Associate Investigator in the Howard Hughes Medical Institute at BCM. Craig mentored many graduate students and post docs in their scientific pursuits and collaborated with scientists around the world.

In 1991, Craig became the Director of Graduate Studies and Chairman of the Graduate Education Committee in the Department of Molecular and Human Genetics at BCM. He went on to become a full professor at BCM in the Department of Molecular and Human Genetics and the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology. He received the Dean's Faculty Award for Excellence in Graduate Education in

1999. In addition to teaching, Craig reviewed grants for many notable foundations, including the American Cancer Society. His work has been published in at least 130 peer-reviewed scientific journals. Following his career in academia, he became the Director of Research and Development at GeneDx in Gaithersburg, Maryland, where he worked until retirement.

Alongside his other accomplishments, he was also a devoted husband to his wife, Barbie, and proud father to his daughters, Lauren and Alena. His girls could always count on him for anything, and he loved taking them hiking, on bike rides and to the zoo. He was at every 5 a.m. swim practice and recorded every dance recital. They loved exploring Texas together as a family. Craig also enjoyed traveling, photography, playing squash, following all of his favorite sports teams, walking, and continuous learning. He always had a witty sense of humor and could outsmart anyone in a puzzle.

Craig will be remembered for his brilliance, generous nature, dedication, humility and loyalty. He will forever live on in our hearts.

Craig is survived by his loving wife, Barbie Boggs, and his two daughters, Lauren Chinault and Alena Chinault (Javier). He is also survived by his mother, Allyn May Boggs Chinault, and his two brothers, Neil Chinault (Chuckie) and Dale Chinault, along with nieces Lisa Schreiner, Sharon Young, Diana Branton and Melissa Chinault.

He was preceded in death by his father, Haven Chinault, and his grandparents, Lonnie Chinault and Lottie King Chinault, John V. Boggs Sr. and Bessie Keys Boggs.

Funeral services will be held Sunday, Sept. 18 at 2 p.m. at Wallace Memorial Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations (if desired) can be made to The American Heart Association or the U.S. National Park Service.

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

Please send online condolences by visiting www.WallaceandWallaceFH.com

Carmella Josephine Doron



Lewisburg-Carmella Josephine Doron, 81, passed away Sunday, Sept. 11, 2022, at Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital, Roanoke, VA.

Born Mar. 28, 1941, in Hazelton, PA, she was the daughter of the late Charles Helmuth and Roselina Josephine Romanelli Conzola Edwards.

Mrs. Doron was a member of the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses and was a homemaker.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in

death by a son, Michael Doron and sister, Alma Jean Keuhner.

Survivors include her loving husband, Bill Doron of Lewisburg; son, Darrell Doron of Lewisburg; daughter, Charlene Riegel (James) of Myerstown, PA; granddaughter, Heather DiCicco (Dan) of Bernsville, PA; and great-grandchildren, Gaetano, and Jovany DiCicco.

It was Mrs. Doron's wish to be cremated. There will be a memorial service held at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 17, at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 30986 Midland Trail W, Lewisburg, WV 24901.

Online guestbook may be signed at www.morganfh.net

Arrangements by Morgan Funeral Home, Lewisburg, WV.

Patrick Alfred Smith (November 17, 1948 - September 13, 2022)



Patrick was born in Princeton, WV, graduated from Princeton High School in 1966. After a stint in Viet Nam as a sergeant, he continued his education at Concord College, where he was a member of Sigma Tau Gamma, graduating with a BS degree in the early 70s.

Patrick was active in hospital and nursing home administration, beginning his career at Summers County Hospital and continuing with Princeton Health Care Center and Springfield Center. He was also President and CEO of Princeton Memorial Corporation and was instrumental in starting The Havens Adult Congregate Living Facility and obtaining four local nursing homes in southern WV and adjacent Virginia. He also was a board member of the WV Health Care Association.

Patrick was an avid golfer, at one time carrying a handicap below ten. He also loved boating, fishing and camping, especially with his grandchildren.

Patrick, of Lewisburg, is survived by his wife, Rae Davis Smith; his two sons, Paton Thomas (Sabrina Dowdy) and Preston Neal (Meagan Tonguis); two beloved grandchildren, Morigan Alice River Smith and Lucien Teleik Conrad Smith; and his siblings, Patricia A. Smith and David L. Smith. He is also survived by nieces, Martha Anne Barberio (self-proclaimed greatest niece in the world), Cambria G. Smith, Kristin Noel Deal (Brandon); nephews, Patrick D. Barberio (Trish), Russell (Rusty) D. Smith (Ivory), Teleik Daniel Davis, Joshua Nathaniel Davis (Kelsey); uncles, Clarence Donald) uncles, Clarence Donald (Arlevia), Farley and Fred Allen Farley; and aunt, Gladys White Smith.

He was predeceased by his parents, Paton Alfred and Delta Fay Smith and grandparents, Eda and May Harvey Farley and Paton and Minnie Poe Smith.

A special memorial service will be held on Monday, Sept. 19 at 1 p.m. at the pavilion at Fountain Springs Golf Course, 541 Fountain Springs Drive, Peterstown, WV 24963.

His family will receive friends and relatives from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to one of the following: Jimmy V Foundation, 14600 Weston Parkway, Cary, NC 27513, Princeton Health Care Center Resident Fund, 315 Courthouse Road, Princeton, WV 24740, or Stonerise-Lindside Resident Fund, 10790 Seneca Trail S, Lindside, WV 24951.

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

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Margaret Elaine Vance Brown



Ronceverte-Margaret Elaine "Midge" Vance Brown, 89, passed away Wednesday, Sept. 7, 2022, at Greenbrier Valley Medical Center.

Born June 10, 1933, in Whitesville, WV, she was the daughter of the late Carl Lambert and Anna Macil Sizemore Vance.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 63 years, John Albert Brown; son, Eddie Brown; brothers, Junior and Philip Vance; sisters, Mary Bland and Darlene Coffman; and son-in-law, Date Loudermilk.

Survivors include one son, Larry Brown of Lewisburg; daughters, Donna Loudermilk of Ronceverte and Dorothy Bishop (Bob) of Morgantown; daughter-in-law, Donna Brown of Ronceverte; brothers, James "Pretty" Vance of Fairlea, George Vance (Linda) of Salem, VA, Jerry Vance of Fairlea and Robert Vance and son, Tim of Lewisburg; sister-in-law, Betty Vance of Fairlea; grandchildren, Matt Hayes (Paulette), Mark Hayes, Robert Bishop, Brandon Bishop (Tara) and Leslie Cayanus (Jacob); great-grandchildren, Lane, Landon and Logan Hayes, Emily, Ayla, Harper and Morgan Bishop, Avery, Noah and McGuire Reid; one great-great-grandchild; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral service was held on Sunday, Sept. 11, at the Morgan Funeral Home Chapel, Lewisburg. Visitation was one hour prior to the service. Burial followed in Rosewood

Cemetery, Lewisburg.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations of sympathy be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or online at www.stjude.org/donate.

Online guestbook may be signed at www.morganfh.net

Oliver H. Spinks, Jr.



Alvon-Oliver H. "Buck" Spinks, Jr., 63, passed away Friday, Sept. 9, 2022, at his home.

He was born Nov. 27, 1958, in White Sulphur Springs, the son of the late Oliver and Violet Brooks Spinks, Sr.

Buck was a member of Alvon Living Word Church, and a retired equipment operator from The Greenbrier Hotel. He loved to build things for his family, friends and who ever would need some carpentry work done. Most of all he was a good husband, father, grandfather, brother and neighbor.

Preceding Buck in death other than his parents, were his sister, Kathy Dillon and his brother, Danny Spinks.

Surviving are his beloved wife, Bonnie Lynch Spinks; daughter, Erika VanBuren and husband Glen "Fly" of Neola; son, Jordan Spinks and wife Corianna of Second Creek; grandchildren, Kaylee and Bentlee Spinks; Miss Jane, his Furry Baby; sisters, Sandy Holeslin (Gary) of White Sulphur Springs, Cookie Wiant (Richard) of White Sulphur Springs, Dessie McClung of White Sulphur Springs and Margaret Dolin of Lewisburg; brother, Chris Spinks (Midori) of North Caroloia; and several brothers-in-law, sisters-in law, nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Buck will be Saturday Sept. 17, at 12 noon at the Alvon Living Word Church with Rev. Bobby McClintic, Rev. Buck Caldwell and Rev. R. B. McClintic officiating. Interment will be in the Lynch Family Cemetery, Alvon, WV.

The family will receive their family and friends from 10 a.m. until time of services on Saturday at the church.

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

Please send online condolences by visiting www.WallaceandWallaceFH.com

Richard Dana Brockway



White Sulphur Springs-Richard "Dick" Dana Brockway was born June 29, 1941, in Hartford, CT to parents Weston Brockway and Dorothy Macalister. He departed this life on Wednesday, Sept. 7, 2022, peacefully at his favorite place on earth, his family lake cottage in Washington, NH. He was 81.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 58+ years, Norma Lee (Simmons) Brockway; his parents; and infant daughter, Dawn Elisabeth Brockway.

Dick is survived by his son, Richard Weston Brockway (Ruth), and daughter Amy Lisbeth Griffin (David); grandchildren, Cassia May Brockway, Ella Bess Brockway, Alex Brock Griffin (Savannah), and Allyson Elisabeth Griffin; his sister, Judith Brockway Kavanagh; and many loving nieces and nephews.

He was a 1959 graduate of Mary Wells High School, Southbridge, MA; 1963 graduate of New York State Ranger School; 1960s student at the University of Michigan; and finished his degree as a proud Mountaineer graduating from West Virginia University's Regents Program in 1994.

His forestry work experience began in 1963 when he left New England for the Monongahela National Forest arriving in Bartow, WV, originally for a year or two, but met the love of his life at the drive-in and never left West Virginia's mountains and country roads. Six months later Dick and Norma married, later moving to Elkins where the children were born, followed by White Sulphur Springs for these past 50 years.

Dick was actively involved in his local communities, in historical organizations, and in his church. He was a devoted member of the Lions Club for his entire adult life, taking on countless leadership and mentoring positions. He was honored with the highest local, state, and international awards for going above and beyond to serve the community. Over recent decades he held several key state and national officer positions with the West Virginia Society and the National Society Sons of the American Revolution, being recognized with the most prestigious awards for exceptional contributions. Within the last decade he held all officer positions with the local Masonic Lodge.

Very active in WSS Emmanuel United Methodist

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Jeanette Thomas Powell

A memorial service for Jeanette Thomas Powell will be held on Saturday, September 24, 2022, at 12 noon at Wallace & Wallace Mausoleum at Clintonville. She passed away on February 3, 2022.

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Dear Recycle Lady

Dear Recycle Lady,
Did you know that IKEA has committed to using biodegradable mushroom packaging? I came across an article about it the other day and I thought you would find this interesting.

Reader
Dear Reader,
Many thanks for letting me know about IKEA's commitment to mushroom-based packaging. The Yahoo news article, <https://news.yahoo.com/ikea-tells-of-ikea-s-use-of-a-mycelium-based-material-called-Mushroom-Packaging-The-material-is-grown-in-a-controlled-environment-in-less-than-a-week-and-provides-a-sustainable-option-for-any-packaging-requirements-that-arise-Mycelium-works-with-other-plant-based-materials-such-as-hemp-husk-oat-hulls-and-cotton-burrs-Agricultural-products-are-combined-with-the-mycelium-grown-into-a-mold-that-fits-packaging-requirements-and-sealed-for-several-days-During-this-time-the-fungus-grows-around-the-product-filling-empty-spaces.-This-new-material-is-then-dried-out-with-a-heat-treatment-that-kills-spores-and-stops-the-growth-process.-Joanna-Yarrow-Head-of-Sustainability-for-IDEA-in-the-UK-says-that-using-mushroom-based-packaging-material-was-the-retailer-s-small-yet-significant-step-towards-reducing-waste-and-conserving-ecological-balance.-Kudos-for-IKEA!>

Dear Recycle Lady,
What is the difference between corrugated cardboard and paperboard? Are they both recycled with cardboard?
Want to Know
Dear Want to Know,
Corrugated cardboard is made of three layers of paper; an outside liner and inside liner with a ruffled shape running between the two. These three layers are glued together to make a very durable and strong box. Approximately 95% of products in North America are shipped in corrugated cardboard boxes. Believe it or not, corrugated paper existed more than 100 years ago. Paperboard cartons were first produced in England in 1817. Paperboard is thinner than cardboard, and thicker and more rigid than paper. While it is lighter weight than cardboard, it is strong and is used in packaging. Cereal boxes are an example of paperboard. Both corrugated cardboard and paperboard packaging are sustainable, renewable, and re-

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Church for years, he sang in the choir and served as a Trustee and on many committees. He enjoyed singing in local community choirs and barbershop quartets and was a bagpiper with the West Virginia Highlanders. He enthusiastically took on volunteer leadership roles for all of The Greenbrier Classic professional golf tournaments.

Dick was the Director of the Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) summer camps in Neola, WV, mentoring youth in natural resource management and civic responsibility. This role of service was important to "Dickie" because of his own years as a youth camper, counselor, and worker at Camp Morgan in Washington, NH, on what was originally known as Brockway Pond.

He retired from the federal government at age 51 and for the next 27 years worked other fun projects including managing the local greenhouse, as tour guide and activities concierge at The Greenbrier resort, and emceeing Monte Carlo game nights at resorts in West Virginia and Virginia.

Something real special to him was following the children and grandchildren with sports, high school band, college band,

A Look Back



Alderson House Hotel, Alderson, W.Va. Ca. 1888

By William "Skip" Deegans

This week's photo of the Alderson Hotel was taken only a few years after it was built in 1882 by John W. Alderson and David J. Cogbill. The hotel sat between the Greenbrier River and the main line of the Chesapeake and Ohio railway (now CSX). Before the advent of dining cars, railroad towns had hotels to provide overnight lodging and meals to passengers. Trains would stop in Alderson long enough for passengers to disembark to have a meal at the Alderson Hotel. A wooden awning connected the station with the hotel. It was not uncommon for seventy passengers to walk to the hotel for breakfast that consisted of oatmeal, ham, eggs, fried apples, biscuits and coffee - all for 35 cents.

The hotel had 50 rooms with adjoining cottages of 22 rooms. The hotel advertised it had steam heat and hot and cold baths on each floor. It was supplied with "pure spring water" plus sulphur water on draught. It had a ballroom with an orchestra during the summer. The hotel's dining

room was well known for years for its excellent food.

Alderson Hotel became popular with summer vacationers, some of whom would stay for a month. The hotel promoted its proximity to the area's many springs, and guests could ride to them in the hotel's livery surreys. Blue Sulphur Springs (called the "Old Blue") was the most popular destination.

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Gov. Justice awards over \$16.8M in VOCA grants; funding replenished after federal cuts last year

Gov. Jim Justice approved over \$16.8 million in Victims of Crime Act Assistance (VOCA) sub-grant funds to 83 public and private non-profit entities throughout the state.

Gov. Justice made the announcement at the West Virginia Child Advocacy Network's One with Courage Awards Reception in Charleston.

VOCA funds provide direct services like counseling, personal advocacy, court advocacy, client transportation, and support services to victims of crimes including domestic violence, sexual violence, child abuse, and elder abuse. The funds will also support assistance to victims as they move through the criminal justice system.

This year, the amount of VOCA funds available in West Virginia has been replenished to pre-pandemic levels. Last year, the federal government drastically slashed these funds until Gov. Justice awarded supplemental funding to bridge the gap.

"I'm glad to see that we're back to where we should be in terms of funding for this incredibly important program that provides funds to help West Virginians who are the victims of some of the worst crimes imaginable," Gov. Justice said. "It was wrong of the federal government to make the cuts they did last year, but we stepped up to the plate as we always do. We filled the hole last year with additional funding. That said, I'm happy to be moving forward at 100% once again, because our people deserve it."

- Locally, the following groups received funding:
- CASA for the Eleventh Judicial Circuit, \$91,285
 - Child and Youth Advocacy Center, \$212,734
 - Children's Home Society of WV, \$184,264
 - Family Refuge Center, \$561,377
 - Greenbrier County Commission PA, \$43,172
 - Greenbrier County Commission Sheriff, \$47,229

The West Virginia Child Advocacy Network provides statewide guidance and support for the 21 child advocacy centers throughout West Virginia.

"We cannot thank Governor Justice enough for prioritizing WV's most vulnerable citizens - child victims of crime. His action will bridge a monetary gap created by a federal funding shortfall. Without the state's supplemental, local Child Advocacy Centers would have faced 66% cuts to their federal awards, disrupting critical services to more than 4,700 kids served annually. We are grateful for this investment made in children's healing," said Kate Flack, CEO of the West Virginia Child Advocacy Network.

Funds are awarded from the Office for Victims of Crime, the Office of Justice Programs of the U.S. Department of Justice. These funds are administered by the West Virginia Division of Administrative Services, Justice and Community Services section.

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Congresswoman Miller announces \$1.9M in grants to support substance use disorder recovery

Congresswoman Carol Miller announced more than \$1.9 million in Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) grants for southern West Virginia. Specifically, the grants listed below are part of the ARC INSPIRE Competition, a program to help move individuals with substance use disorder from treatment and recovery to re-entry into the workforce.

"The ARC INSPIRE Program does wonderful work to lift up those with substance use disorder in southern West Virginia," said Congresswoman Miller. "Providing

support, workforce training, and educational resources ensures a well-rounded approach to recovery and re-entry into the workforce. These grants are major steps forward in our mission to bolster our communities, help those in recovery, and combat the opioid epidemic."

Local groups receiving funding include God's Way Home in Rainelle which will receive \$500,000 to develop or expand the recovery ecosystem through wraparound services in Greenbrier, Fayette, Nicholas, and Summers counties.

USDA awards Greenbrier Valley EDC \$50,000 for BioDevelopment

Senator Shelly Capito and Senator Joe Manchin announced this week that the Greenbrier Valley Economic Development Corporation has been awarded \$50,000 from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Business Development Grant Program (RBDG) to explore rural bio-based economic development opportunities in the Greenbrier Valley.

The project will evaluate and certify the Greenbrier Valley as a Bioeconomy Development Opportunity (BDO) Zone, strengthen the ability to support new biofuel, renewable chemical, and bio-gas manufacturing plants, and attract new markets to invest in local products and services to create new jobs. The BDO Initiative is a certification and regional risk rating program that accelerates biobased economic development. For more information visit www.bdozone.org.

"We're thankful to Senator's Capito and Manchin, and the USDA for this opportunity to explore new economic options," says Ruthana Beezley, executive director for the Greenbrier Valley EDC. "Working through the process of evaluating the quality and quantity of woody feed stock available for biodevelopment companies' will answer a lot of questions for our region. This process will build on our existing assets in the wood and wood product industry to attract complementary industries, connecting us with legitimate leads."

Greenbrier Valley EDC will be working with EcoStrat to reach zone certification. Ecostrat (www.ecostrat.com) is a North American leader in assessing, developing, optimizing, and managing biomass supply chains. The process is expected to take approximately 24 weeks.

"One of the first things we'll need to do is to put together a local advisory committee for this project," says Beezley. "And we already have some great stakeholders and industry support. But we encourage folks to reach out to us if interested."

Interested parties can email rbeezley@gvedc.com. Support from the offices of West Virginia's Senators was important in awarding the project. "There are fantastic opportunities for economic development all across our state, and Greenbrier County is no exception. I saw this firsthand when I visited The Schoolhouse Hotel and Mountaineer Steer in White Sulphur Springs earlier this year, and I'm glad to see more funding heading to the region to support more economic development opportunities within the sawmill, transportation, and forestry industries. I will continue to fight for the resources to help create and maintain a healthy business climate that our counties need to grow and thrive." - U.S. Senator Shelley Moore Capito.

"Investing in our communities spurs economic growth and creates good-paying, long term jobs, which is why I'm pleased USDA is supporting the Greenbrier Valley Economic Development Corporation's efforts to accelerate local business development. The awards announced today will boost the forestry, transportation and sawmill industries across southern West Virginia, and I look forward to seeing the positive impacts of the investment. As a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, I will continue to advocate for funding to bolster rural economies across the Mountain State." - U.S. Senator Joe Manchin.

The Greenbrier Valley EDC's mission is to strategically facilitate economic growth and higher wages through collaborative partnerships, while preserving the natural beauty and quality of life in the Greenbrier Valley region.



Michael A. Muscari, D.O.

Gov. Justice appoints Muscari to WVSOM Board of Governors

Gov. Jim Justice appointed Michael A. Muscari, D.O., as the newest addition to the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine (WVSOM) Board of Governors effective Aug. 19, 2022.

The WVSOM Board of Governors is the body that oversees the financial, business and educational policies under which the state's largest medical school operates. It consists of nine members appointed by the governor and three elected representatives, one each from the school's faculty, staff and student body.

Muscari is a family medicine physician who co-owns Family Healthcare Associates, a practice group based in Pineville, WV, that operates six clinics in West Virginia's Wyoming, McDowell, Mingo and Logan counties.

After receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in political science from

Concord College in 1980, he attended WVSOM, where he earned a D.O. degree in 1984 before completing an internship at Bay City Osteopathic Hospital in Bay City, MI.

Muscari said he is pleased to have been selected for board membership.

"It's an honor to be on the board," he said. "This school has provided myself and my family so many benefits in life, and I look forward to giving back in any way I can. Serving on the Board of Governors is one way I can do that."

Muscari previously served on the West Virginia Board of Osteopathic Medicine, which oversees the licensing of osteopathic physicians in the state. He is a member of the American Osteopathic Association, the West Virginia Osteopathic Medical Association and the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians.

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Public invited to School Levy Information Forums

Greenbrier County Schools will host two informational forums to inform the public about the school levy that is up for renewal on the Nov. 8 election ballot. The first forum is on Monday, Sept. 19, at 5:30 p.m. in the auditorium at Western Greenbrier Middle School. A second forum is on Monday, Sept. 26, at 5:30 p.m. in the Eastern Greenbrier Middle School auditorium.

The Greenbrier County Board of Education has approved a sixty percent (60%) levy call that will be placed before the voters on the Nov. 8 election ballot. The board seeks to renew the levy, which must be authorized by the voters every five years, with a ten percent increase to continue to fund vital educational services to Greenbrier County students and further fortify school safety measures. Notably, Elementary & Secondary School Emergency Relief Funding (ESSERF) has allowed the school system to pilot on-campus contracted police services at all elementary schools for the next two years. A ten-percent levy (10%) increase in the current 50% levy is necessary to sustain the enhanced security initiative.

While the proposed levy rate will increase by ten percent (10%), school officials note that citizens will not see an overall increase in the amount they pay because the school construction bond expires in 2024. Greenbrier County currently ranks 32nd among West Virginia counties in local taxpayer contribution to education. Forty-three of the other 54 county school boards in the state have voter-approved excess levies in place. With the approval of the proposed levy and payoff of bonds in 2024, Greenbrier County will fall to 36th in the state for local taxes levied for public education. Citizens in 35 other WV counties will pay a higher tax rate to support public schools.

"Since 1974, the citizens of Greenbrier County have supported our students and schools through the school excess levy, and we could not be more grateful," stated Superintendent Jeff Bryant.

"Among many other vital services, the levy makes possible school security initiatives crucial to the safety of our students and staff. With the start of this school year, we have placed contracted off-duty police officers in all elementary schools to bolster school security measures,

ensure a safe school environment, and respond to potential threats. Considering recent school tragedies, we feel this is a necessary step. Renewing the levy allows us to continue this initiative in our elementary schools and to continue our Prevention Resource Officer program, which provides full-time police officers in our middle and high schools," continued Bryant.

"Additionally, our ability to provide art and music instruction to all students sets Greenbrier County Schools apart from many other county school systems. Our partnerships with area arts organizations further enhance this effort. These programs are key to our mission and ability to provide a comprehensive Pre-K - 12 education to our students. This level of art and music in our schools would be impossible without our school levy," concluded Bryant.

The approximate amount necessary to carry out these specific programs and services is \$8,326,267 annually. Monies generated by the continuation of the levy can be used only for expenditures specified on the ballot. The specific purposes for funding set forth in the levy call are as follows:

1. School safety and security improvements and initiatives, including but not limited to security services, equipment, and related support services for students (\$1,000,000).
2. Purchase of instructional materials, technology, and related resources (\$1,000,000).
3. Continuation of art and music programs available to all students (\$350,000).
4. School allotments and supplies, including lab supplies (\$900,000).
5. Capital improvements to school facilities, including repair and maintenance of buildings and utilities (\$2,776,267).
6. Provide for employment of necessary personnel outside the school aid formula to meet the needs of students and maintain employee benefits (\$2,300,000).

School levy information, including a copy of the levy ballot, is available at greenbriercountyschools.org

Microsoft Office workshop planned at NRCTC

Learn the basics of using Microsoft Office in a six-week community education workshop offered by New River Community and Technical College through Zoom video conferencing. The class will meet weekly from 6 to 7:30 p.m. starting Oct. 4.

Instructor Susan Wolford will lead the class covering how to use Microsoft Outlook, Word and Excel. "The Microsoft Office workshop will cover the basics of using the programs along with answering specific questions and addressing student goals for the class," Wolford explained.

Tuition is \$100 for the workshop. Preregistration is required by Sept. 27. Participants in the Zoom session will be emailed the link and log-in information after registering for the class.

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APPLICATION FOR WEST VIRGINIA SOLID WASTE FACILITY PERMIT RENEWAL

Permit Notice No.: SW-16-22 Paper: Mountain Messenger
Public Notice date: September 17, 2022 P.O. Box 429
October 1, 2022 Lewisburg, WV 24901

The following has applied to the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection for a major modification to the solid waste permit:

Applicant: Greenbrier County Solid Waste Authority
P.O. Box 1664
Lewisburg, WV 24901

Application No.: SWF-2068/WV0109452

Location: Approximately 4 miles northeast of Lewisburg, WV via County Route 38 and County Route 38/2 at Harper, WV Municipal Solid Waste Landfill

Activity: The center of the site is 37° 49' 08" N latitude and 80° 22' 54" W longitude.

Storm water discharge point, Outlet 001, is located at 37° 49' 07" N latitude and 80° 22' 40" W longitude; it will discharge untreated storm water into an unnamed tributary of the Greenbrier River, 2, 100 feet from the mouth.

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On the basis of review of the application, the Solid Waste Management Act, Chapter 22, Article 15, Section 5(b) and 5(c), and 33CSRI "Solid Waste Management Rule," the State of West Virginia will act on the above application.

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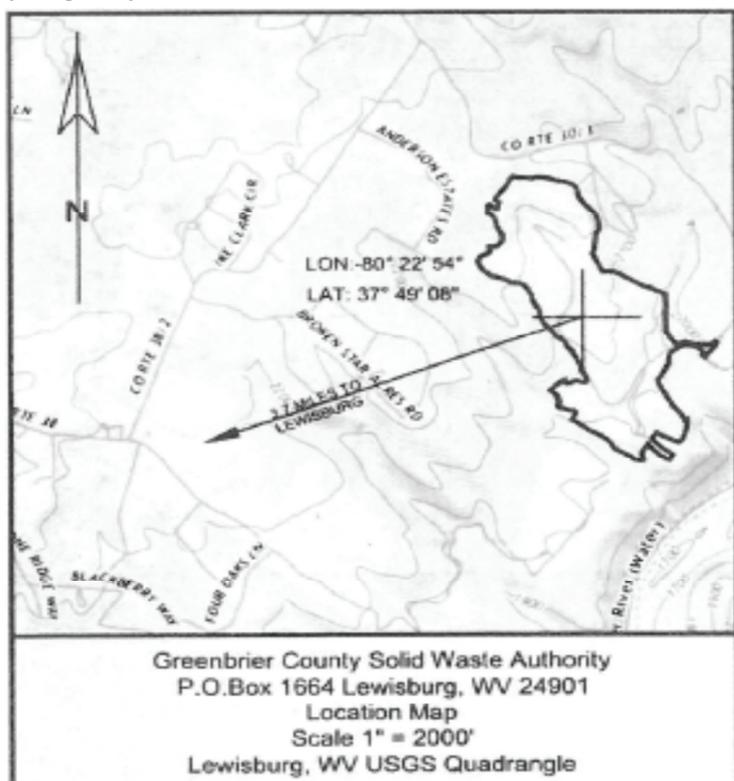
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The draft permit will be on file for public review during the comment period at the DEP regional office located at 1159 Nick Rahall Greenway, Fayetteville, WV 25840, (304) 574-4465, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. To receive a copy of the permit application or draft permit, please contact Ms. Hiral Kukkilaya at the Division of Water and Waste Management, Solid Waste Management, 601 57th Street SE, Charleston, WV 25304, (304) 926-0495, ext. 43880, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.



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General Notice

Greenbrier County Board of Education (Owner) is requesting Bids for the construction of the following Project:

Alderson Elementary School Additions and Renovations Thrasher Project 060-10180

Bids for the construction of the Project will be received at the Greenbrier County Board of Education located at 653 Church Street, Lewisburg, WV 24901 until Tuesday, October 18, 2022 at 1:30 p.m. local time. At that time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read.

The Project includes the following Work:

Site and Building Demolition and Construction Work. Site work will include earthwork, asphalt parking areas and driveways, utility extensions, storm water systems, flagpole, concrete retaining wall, sidewalks, signage, landscaping, and curbing. Building Work will include selective demolition, masonry cavity wall load-bearing construction on cast-in-place concrete foundation, concrete slab-on-grade, drilled piers and suspended concrete floor, steel floor and roof framing, masonry and metal panel enclosure walls, membrane roofing, aluminum-framed glazing, aluminum entrances, aluminum curtain wall, elevator, and associated HVAC, electrical and plumbing systems.

Bids are requested for the following Contract:

Alderson Elementary School Additions and Renovations Obtaining the Bidding Documents

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If the Bid is sent by mail, the sealed envelope shall be enclosed in a separate mailing envelope with the notation "SEALED BID ENCLOSED" on the face thereof. Failure to provide any of the required documentation will result in disqualification of the bid being submitted. Should be bid be disqualified under this provision, the required bid bond will be returned to the bidder.
A Bidder may not withdraw his Bid for a period of thirty (30) days after the date set for the opening of Bids.

Name and address of Bidder
Bid on Alderson Elementary School
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Bids shall be accompanied by a certified check or bid bond payable to Greenbrier County Board of Education in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the base bid.

Bidders must hold a current West Virginia contractor's license on the date of Bid Opening. Bids received after the scheduled closing time for the reception of bids will be returned unopened to the bidders.

The Greenbrier County Board of Education reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Pre-bid Conference

A MANDATORY pre-bid conference for the Project will be held on Thursday, September 22, 2022, at 1 p.m. at Alderson Elementary School (the old High School) at 317 Chestnut Avenue, Alderson, WV 24910. Bids will not be accepted from Bidders that do not attend the mandatory pre-bid conference.

Instructions to Bidders

For all further requirements regarding bid submittal, qualifications, procedures, and contract award, refer to the Instructions to Bidders that are included in the Bidding Documents.

This Advertisement is issued by:

Owner: Greenbrier County Board of Education
By: Jeff Bryant
Title: Superintendent

STEPPIN' OUT

Stardust Cafe to be featured on

America's Best Restaurants

Local restaurant Stardust Cafe will host a visit from America's Best Restaurants this month.



growers, and then show the community what can be done to a high standard with those products," Perry told multimedia platform Hashtag WV in June 2022.

Noting they serve "really good food," Perry has some ideas about what menu items to showcase for ABR's upcoming visit.

"Our curry chicken has been a local favorite for over a decade. It's very colorful and it's just a very pretty dish," he says.

America's Best Restaurants, a national media and restaurant marketing company based in Florence, KY, travels the country telling the stories and highlighting the unique

food of locally owned independent restaurants as part of their ABR Roadshow. Restaurants are featured not only on ABR's Restaurant Network of social media channels and website, but also each individual establishment's Facebook page. With over 700 episodes filmed, America's Best Restaurants is the premier marketing agency for restaurant owners and operators to have their story broadcast coast-to-coast. Visit AmericasBestRestaurants.com to learn more and to view the episodes and profiles of hundreds of America's Best Restaurants!

America's Best Restaurants, a national media and marketing company focusing on local, independently-owned restaurants, will bring its ABR Roadshow to the restaurant on Monday, Sept. 26. Popular dishes will be highlighted, along with an extensive on-camera interview with owner Dan Perry about what makes the restaurant a special place in the community. The episode will be aired extensively on social media channels at a later date.

Although the restaurant opened 17 years ago, Perry and his wife, Savannah, took over ownership of the restaurant earlier this year. The previous owners, Sparrow and Aaron Huffman, had known Perry for most of his life, and had actually hired him at one point as chef/manager. Although Perry later made a change to a corporate job, when it was time to find a new person to take the

helm, Perry was their first choice to come back to Stardust Cafe.

"Out of everybody we know and that we've worked with in the past, you're the only person we feel that not only could do this endeavor but would do it right and actually uphold the name and the legacy that was built with the place," Perry says he was told by the Huffmans.

"I took that honor and just ran with it."

The couple knew not to make drastic changes to the menu or the staff. Not only does the restaurant have a good following, but also won Best Farm-To-Table Restaurant in West Virginia in 2020 by WV Living magazine. The restaurant also has a commitment to continue sustainability practices, such as environmentally friendly packaging and use of fair-trade products.

"Our goal is to showcase local farms and local



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Music Concert featuring duo Mike Reed and Elizabeth Shelton-Reed at the WSS Library

Come enjoy a free concert featuring local musicians Mike Reed and Elizabeth Shelton-Reed on Tuesday, Sept. 20, starting at 6 p.m. at the White Sulphur Springs Public Library.

Join us as these two professional musicians show off their musical talents, performing an eclectic mix of melodies. Hold your honey close as this local duo performs songs like "White Sport Coat," "Always on my Mind," and "Old Time Rock and Roll." Music instructor Elizabeth has been playing professionally since she was 13 and Mike has been performing music for years, most recently with the Strum Sum band. After the concert, light refreshments will be served.

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

Fall Decorating Contest to be held in Union

Limited light posts remain for the first Fall Decorating Contest in Union. Businesses and clubs are being challenged to commit to decorating a streetlight in fall decor by Sept. 23. Entries will be assigned a light. Ensure your entries are tasteful and does not impede pedestrian travel. News of the competition earlier this week has resulted in all but six lights being spoken for at this time. You don't have to have a Main Street storefront to participate. You can incorporate your brand into your design. Those decorating are responsible for the cleanup of their entry on Nov. 4 or earlier if your entry is deteriorating.

Call Michelle 304-667-1313 to reserve your light! She will address any questions you may have.

In other news, save the date of Nov. 3 for the annual meeting of the Union Chamber of Commerce at Old World Libations. Information on this evening event will be heading to your mailbox soon. Nonmembers are welcome for \$25.



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TOOT - More than just a food festival

Carnegie Hall's Taste of Our Towns (TOOT) fundraiser has showcased the best culinary treats in the region. The festival, which takes place annually on the second Saturday of October, has grown to be one of the largest and best-known festivals in West Virginia. Thousands of residents and visitors fill the Lewisburg streets to not only enjoy a beautiful fall afternoon full of delicious food, but also to listen to great music, explore exhibits, participate in children's activities, and much more. The event is fun for the whole family and will take this year on Saturday, Oct. 8, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in downtown Lewisburg.

This year the music moves to the Ivy Terrace Stage and will feature three musical acts: Blue Steel (11 a.m. to 12 noon), Hello June (12:15 to 1:15 p.m.), and The Shootouts (1:30 to 3 p.m.).

Out of the heart of Harrison County, WV, home to coal, glass, and steel, the band Blue Steel creates music for all who would hear. This tight knit family band perform a variety of bluegrass music along with original music they write and arrange. They are all about Faith, Family, and Fun and love to perform for all crowds. With three albums under their belt this band has no plans of slowing down and travel all across the US. From festivals to radio interviews the band excels at making music that people want to hear and have a great time as they try.



Blue Steel

Returning for another TOOT is Hello June, who first came onto the scene in 2017 with their EP Spruce. From that EP, "Dance" was featured by NPR

Music's Heavy Rotation and was played on radio stations across the US. In 2018, Hello June was featured as an NPR Slingshot Artist, alongside Phoebe Bridgers, Snail Mail, Mt. Joy, Jade Bird, and 2017 Slingshot Artist, Big Thief. NPR Music premiered their leading single, "Mars," and the band received glowing praise from both local and national press alike (Paste Magazine, Atwood Magazine, WV Living). Currently, the band is recording their second album in Nashville Tennessee with Roger Alan Nichols (Belltone Recording). The band is set to release a single in 2022 - their first, in nearly four years.

The Shootouts are known for their energetic blend of honky-tonk, Americana, and traditional country. After releasing their acclaimed 2019 debut Quick Draw, the band charted Top 50 on Americana radio and in 2020, and they were nominated for an Ameripolitan Music Award for "Best Honky-Tonk Group." They have shared the stage with luminaries Marty Stuart, Jim Lauderdale, the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band, Radney Foster, Sheryl Crow, Chris Isaak, and many more. Produced by Grammy-nominee and BR549 founder Chuck Mead and released April 30,



Hello June

2021, Bullseye has been praised by a range of outlets including Rolling Stone Country, American Songwriter, Wide Open Country, The Boot, and The Bluegrass Situation, amongst others. The album has currently spent over eighteen weeks on the Americana Music Association Top 30 album chart, including three weeks in the Top 10. The Shootouts are recording their 3rd album, "Stampede," with 10x Grammy-winner Ray Benson, lead singer of Asleep at The Wheel, producing. Due out mid-2022.

Stay tuned for more TOOT entertainment.

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For more information, please visit www.carnegiehallwv.org or call 304-645-7917.



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