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## Pipe relocation to temporarily close portion of GRT, citizens speak out

By Sarah Richardson

Members of the Greenbrier River Trail Association (GRTA), trailgoers, and other citizens packed the Lewisburg City Council chambers at this week's meeting to voice concerns regarding the upcoming water intake pipe relocation project. The pipe relocation, which is part of the \$63.4 million in updates and upgrades to the municipal water plant at Caldwell, will require a two-mile section of the river trail to be closed to foot traffic as 1,100 linear feet of pipe is laid. The new water intake location will be upstream of the landfill and junkyard, and has been in the works for a number of years.

City Manager Misty Hill, Lewisburg Mayor Beverly White, city attorney Tom White, engineer and Senior VP of Chapman Technical Group Greg Belcher, and Regional Director of Region IV Planning and Development Council John Tuggle were on hand to address concerns.

"We heard from the state yesterday that they want the work on the trail to be completed by Feb. 29, 2024," announced Belcher. "And we will hopefully be in a position at the first of the month [Oct. 1] to start that work." This is a substantially shorter period of construction time than an originally anticipated 24 months, weather permitting. City officials noted that the contractors are set up with a per-job payment system rather than a time-

based system, which will incentivize meeting deadlines in order to be paid.

Belcher also explained that a license agreement with the state and the Division of Natural Resources outlines that the city will be doing several things to "help lessen the impact to citizens," including constructing "as much parking as we can" at the Harper Road crossing of the river trail at Hopper, which is the next-closest trail access from Caldwell. Temporary parking will be installed until after Nov. 15 due to bats roosting in the area. He anticipates roughly 15 parking spaces going in parallel to the trail on DNR land. There will also be signage installed to notify trail users of the temporary closure and where to safely access the trail.

Nancy Harris, a member of the GRTA, first took the stand to outline her concerns with the project and the impact it will have on trail users. She clarified that she isn't against the water project, but that she feels that alternate solutions should be explored to allow for trail usage during construction, expediting the project to minimize the time the trail will be closed, mitigation by the city, and increased communication from the city regarding the project. She referenced the floods of 2016 and the subsequent damage caused to the trail, and how during those repairs "trail users were accommodated"

and "no one was hurt and it worked out well."

Other speakers voiced that they wanted more details about the construction timeframe for the portion of the water project affecting the GRT specifically, and worries about what a heavy storm could do to damage the trail after it is dug up to accommodate the water pipe. Some said that they don't understand why the intake pipe needs relocated at all, and suggested that the monies allotted for the relocation could instead be used to bolster the existing water intake pump station.

When asked if the trail could at least remain partially open during construction, engineer Belcher said, "In my opinion, and the contractors, no. I think that this portion of project along the trail is the toughest part of the entire project."

He explained that they will be burying 20-foot long sections of 2-foot diameter pipe, which weigh roughly 1,800 lbs. apiece, with 42 inches of cover. This means the hole to house the pipe will be nearly 6 feet deep. "There's going to be a lot of hammering, hauling spoils out, bringing bedding in, and they are going to have to work both ways because not even a passenger car could pass on that trail." He added that the project is not being prolonged, it has been shortened, and they have done

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## Agreement signed for acquisition of Greenbrier Valley Medical Center

Vandalia Health System (Vandalia Health), the parent company for Charleston Area Medical Center (CAMC), has signed a definitive agreement to acquire Greenbrier Valley Medical Center and its related businesses, including physician clinic operations and outpatient services.

"CAMC has a demonstrated commitment to serve patients across West Virginia with high quality care," said Timothy Bess, chief executive officer of Greenbrier Valley Medical Center. "Our tradition of serving the community with medical services close to home will continue thanks to the dedication and skill of our medical staff and employees."

The transaction is subject to regulatory approvals and is expected to close by the end of this year.

"We understand the critical role local hospitals play in their communities by delivering local, quality health care," said David Ramsey, president and CEO of Vandalia Health and CAMC. "Working with the physicians and employees of Greenbrier Valley Medical Center, we will proudly carry on the tradition of community and care in the Greenbrier Valley."

Once the transaction is complete, Vandalia Health will sustain hospital operations and continue working with employees and members of the medical staff to deliver quality care close to home.

## Ronceverte resident grows giant pumpkin

By Adam Pack

Giant pumpkin growing is back, and it's bigger than ever here in the Greenbrier Valley. Last year, Chris Rodebaugh and his father were some of the only people locally who were involved in the competition, but now their giant pumpkins have inspired others to follow in their footsteps.

Ronceverte resident Sarah Baker was drawn to these giant pumpkins due to, "just loving pumpkins and fall and everything else that goes with it in general." She had seen pictures of giant pumpkins before and had wondered where they came from, but only recently did she find out after seeing the Rodebaugh's plants at the West Virginia State Fair.

"I saw the pumpkins up close and personal for the first time and went up to Albert (Rodebaugh) and started asking him about them. Eventually I asked him how does someone



Sarah Baker is pictured here with Basil.

get started in growing giant pumpkins. That's when Albert introduced me to Chris." In the spirit of fair play and sportsmanship, Chris didn't balk at the opportunity to cultivate giant pumpkin growing. Instead of keeping the tricks of the trade to himself, See "Giant Pumpkin" Page 2

## Contour Airlines to start service at Greenbrier Valley Airport November 1

Connecting This Region to the American Airlines Charlotte Hub

On Tuesday, Aug. 30, 2022, The U.S. Department of Transportation awarded Contour Airlines based in Smyrna, TN the Essential Air Service contract for Greenbrier Valley Airport (LWB) located in Lewisburg.

Contour Airlines flies the Embraer 135 and 145 regional jets configured with 30 seats per aircraft. Contour will serve Lewisburg from the American Airlines Charlotte hub. American offers nearly 6,700 flights daily to 350 destinations worldwide. Contour has an agreement with American Airlines so connecting to American Airlines flights is easy. You can purchase tickets at www.contourairlines.com, and if connecting to an American flight, you can purchase your tickets at www.AA.com.

"We're excited to have Contour Airlines start service to and from the Greenbrier Valley Airport and the region," stated Greenbrier Valley Airport Director Brian Belcher. "Contour Airlines serving the Charlotte Hub opens up the Southern part of the United States to easily access all the WV tourism options that this region has to offer."

"Contour is excited to bring reliable jet service to the Greenbrier Valley. Travelers will appreciate our low fares and worldwide connectivity through our relationship with American Airlines," said Matt Chaifetz, CEO of Contour Airlines. "We thank the community and the U.S. Department of Transportation for their support and selection of Contour and look forward to serving this market for many years to come."



## Tammy Jordan wins Southeast Tourism Society Shining Example Award

Tammy Jordan, president of Fruits of Labor received the Best Epicurean Partner award at Southeast Tourism Society's Shining Example Awards held on the evening of Sept. 8, 2022, at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Charlotte Concord Golf Resort and Spa in Concord, NC, during STS Connections.

"When we were notified that Fruits of Labor had received this award, it brought tears to my eyes. To see our story and mission celebrated at a national level is beyond words," Jordan said. "We are so grateful that the STS recognized the decade-long investment Fruits of Labor has made to educate, certify, train, and employ individuals in recovery through our Farm-to-Table nationally certified Culinary and Agricultural Training Program with this prestigious award."

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Tammy Jordan, president of Fruits of Labor, received the Best Epicurean Partner award at Southeast Tourism Society's Shining Example Awards earlier this month. (Photo courtesy Greenbrier County CVB)

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# Peoples Bank locations

## commemorate one year anniversary



Bank employees, Lewisburg Mayor Beverly White, and members of the public were all in attendance for the ribbon cutting ceremony at one of downtown Lewisburg Peoples Bank location, 1085 East Washington Street. This comes alongside ribbon cutting ceremonies at two other Greenbrier County locations on the same day.

By Adam Pack

Multiple People's Bank locations across the state have held ribbon cutting events this week in honor of their one-year anniversary in the area, including several branches in the Greenbrier Valley. People's Bank, which merged with Premier Bank last year, was founded in 1902 and is celebrating their 120th year of business since their founding.

Downtown Lewisburg Branch Manager Aaron Toothman said, "I am grateful for the opportunity to continue to serve our clients in the Greenbrier Valley. We are committed to providing superior customer service while also helping our clients achieve their financial goals."

"We're so excited to continue to further invest in this community and grow along with you," added Chief Marketing Officer Kevin Eagan.

Peoples' Bancorp Senior Vice President Debi Rhoades joked that, "It may have taken us 120 years to get into Lewisburg, but we're so glad to be here and be a part of what's going on in such a vibrant town."

"Thank you, thank you, thank you so much for all that you do and are going to do," said Mayor White. "We here in Lewisburg are looking forward to another 120 years of People's Bank and what you're going to do in our community."

### Award

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Jordan's restaurant, Fruits of Labor began as a catering company in 2001 and has now expanded to four locations in West Virginia. Through her restaurants, Jordan and her team provide West Virginians recovering from addiction the necessary training to empower them to move forward. Fruits of Labor takes a holistic approach to helping each person and acknowledges that recovery is difficult and a constant battle. Fruits of Labor has expanded to four locations, Rainelle, Alderson, Beckley and Montgomery, WV.

The Greenbrier County Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) nominated Jordan and Fruits of Labor for the award for her outstanding work within the community and partnership with the CVB.

"We are thrilled to see Tammy recognized for her incredible work in the Greenbrier Valley and in West Virginia," Kara Dense, president and CEO of the Greenbrier County CVB said. "Her constant work to help her neighbors and community shows a dedication to the future like no other."

"We are so thankful for the long-standing partnership with the Greenbrier County CVB and their deep devotion to support our mission, help share our story, and bring such wonderful encouragement to our entire region with their tireless labors," Jordan said.

Jordan was one of sixteen award winners of the night. The Shining Example Awards Program, an industry fixture since 1985, recognizes outstanding contributions to travel and tourism within the Southeast United States.

## PICK OF THE LITTER



**GREMLIN**  
Gremlin is a three-year-old male boxer mix and weighs 52 pounds

**FERRARI**  
Ferrari is a five-month-old female shorthair and weighs 5 pounds



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

Their cat adoption fee is \$65 and covers spay/neuter surgery, first kitty vaccinations, rabies vaccine, 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.

**DON'T SHOP • ADOPT!**

## Giant Pumpkin

Chris gave her a seed from his own collection, of a lineage boasting some of his largest plants.

Baker says her start into the world of giant pumpkin growing has been helped by the fact that "the giant pumpkin growing community is well organized and so supportive." Her start has also been fruitful. "As of now we actually have two giant pumpkins growing." Of the two, there's a clear "blue ribbon" pumpkin, going by the name of Basil. Basil's sister, and Baker's daughter's personal pumpkin, Petal, is not quite as large, but will also get her chance to compete.

Exact measurements are something of a competitive secret as of yet, as no official weigh-offs have been conducted, but Basil weighs in at "around 1,000 pounds," according to Baker. The time and place of said weigh-offs is not yet determined, as the Giant Pumpkin Commonwealth likes to allow growers ample time to grow and tend to their plants. However, "with the first frost fast approaching, I can't say when or where I think it will be, but it should be soon."

Baker also found the experience of growing the giant pumpkins to be interesting. "A total family affair; my family was involved in it all summer and we all had to learn so much about painting, horticulture, pollination, and all kinds of the science that goes into it. It's a lot of hard work but my kids and I loved it and we had so much fun."

## New resource opens for Meadow River Valley families

On Sept. 1, a new resource for the region began operation on the Meadow River Community Center campus in Rupert. The Meadow River Valley Family Support Center (FSC) is part of a statewide system of support centers that provide safe and convenient locations where families can receive or be referred to community-based services. The FSC is funded through a grant from the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Services through the nonprofit, Community Connections, Inc.

The Marvel Center (also on the campus) and a local advisory committee are working with the Family Support Center staff to develop local connections that will serve families in the region. Services may include child playgroups, food and diaper pantries, parental counseling and parental and life skills workshops.

If you have questions, would like to receive more information, or are interested in partnering with the FSC, please contact the director Lesley Toliver at 304-520-6423.

## Magistrate Court fines, fees payable online

West Virginia magistrate court fines, fees and court costs can be paid online starting Sept. 16, through a portal developed by the Supreme Court Administrative Office and West Virginia Interactive. The portal is accessible from a link on the West Virginia Judiciary website: <https://apps.wv.gov/Courts/MFP>.

Individuals will be able to enter their case number and pay the amount owed online with a credit or debit card without having to physically visit a court office. There is a \$2 fee for each transaction. West Virginia Interactive receives the transaction fees to cover the cost of creating and operating the payment system. Individuals also can pay installments or make payments toward their payment plans through this system.

"The online payment system will make it easier for West Virginians to pay their fines and court costs," said Chief Justice John Hutchison. "Magistrate court funds many important things, including community corrections, law enforcement training, court security, courthouse improvements, and the per diem regional jail fee. "The new online payment system is an important part of the Supreme Court's effort to make the judicial system more accessible to West Virginians," he said.

Restitution cannot be paid online, but traffic tickets can once they are assessed. Individuals can call the magistrate court to get their case number and then pay the fine and fees online. Magistrate court clerk office phone numbers are available on the West Virginia Judiciary website under the Court Information by County link: <http://www.courtsww.gov/public-resources/court-information-by-county.html>.



# Briefly

## Spaghetti Dinner at Williamsburg

Come enjoy a Spaghetti Dinner to benefit the Williamsburg Food Pantry on Sept. 24 from 3 to 7 p.m. at the Williamsburg Community Center. The menu is spaghetti with or without meat, garlic bread, tossed salad, assorted desserts, tea, coffee, water. The cost is \$10 for everyone over 10 years old, those under 10 are \$5, under 5 years free. Call 304-392-5537 with any questions.

## 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.

## Democratic Women's Club

will meet Wednesday, Sept. 28, at 5:30 p.m. at the Old Stone Church Fellowship Hall. We moved the meeting date so that members can attend the Business After Hours hosted by WVSOM celebrating their 50th anniversary. The usual agenda is being suspended. Instead we would like you to join us for a working session for our candidates: Write postcards, learn about canvassing, pick up turfs to complete, learn how to use Mini-VAN, and learn about our latest campaign strategies. A catered supper will be provided.

## Mobile Food Pantry

The Mountaineer Food Bank Mobile Food Pantry will be held at Renick Park on Railroad Avenue in Renick on Friday, Sept. 30, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. while supplies last.

## 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.

## Art Show at Rupert

The Rupert Public Library is having an Art Show reception on Saturday, Oct. 1, from 5 to 7 p.m. The band Hidden Mountain Treasures will be performing. Food will be served. Come join the fun and enjoy the art of talented artists!

## 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.

## Local Veterans Ready to Help

If you or someone you know have loved ones serving on active duty and are concerned for their well being or that of their families, particularly those stationed overseas, please feel free to reach out to American Legion Post 100 in Union. We can assist with transportation from international airports for returning family members, lending household items, help with paperwork, or

# Public Meetings

## Rainelle Town Council

meetings are held every second and fourth Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at Rainelle City Hall. The public is invited to attend.

## Gbr. Co. Farmland Protection Board

meets on the fourth Thursday of each month at 10:30 a.m. at 804 Industrial Drive, Suite 5, in Maxwelton. The public is invited to attend. Call 304-520-3221 for more information.

## Greenbrier County Commission

will meet Tuesday, Sept. 27, at 10 a.m. in Room 132. LIVE STREAM FROM <https://www.facebook.com/gbrcourthouse/> On the agenda:

- Regular Business:
  - Approve Minutes - Sept. 13, 2022 regular meeting
  - Settlements of Estates
  - Exonerations/County Splits/Consolidations
- Financial Approvals
  - Arts & Recreation Transfer
  - Budget Revisions
  - Line Item Transfer
  - Pay Bills
- Presentation - CVB Annual Report
- New Business
  1. Consider signing the proclamation for National 4-H week (October 2-8, 2022)
  2. Adoption of the 2021 Hazard Mitigation plan update and sign the Hazard Mitigation Resolution - presented by Region 4 Planning & Development
  3. Consider the petition to replace the administratrix in the Estate of Virgil Roy McCutcheon
  4. Consider a new deputy hire
  5. Consider new County Clerk Employee
  6. Consider the list of poll workers for the General Election
  7. Consider signing the Victim Advocate grant documents and discuss/pass the resolution for the new State VOCA supplemental grant for the Prosecutor's office and Sheriff's Dept.
  8. Consider the additional engineering time associated with FEMA repairs on the Meadow River Trail.
- Construction Project
  1. Consideration of any necessary actions related to the design, acquisition, construction and equipping of the Greenbrier County Courthouse Project, specifically including, but not limited to, any aspects of the construction contract.
  2. Consideration of one or more requisitions related

## For the Record

### Deeds

John P. Drossart to Kevin Bowes, Lot No. 13, Wildwood Subdivision, Lewisburg Municipality  
DNA Holdings, LLC to Jane Marie Bartko, Lot No. 5, Aldon Heights Subdivision, 16,490.20 Sq. Ft., White Sulphur Corporation  
Christopher Cullen and Jennifer Black to Michael Holder, Lot No. 124, Home Realty Company Addition, Meadow Bluff District  
Robin Wilson and Renee Piercy to Marvin R. Zimmerman, Jr., Lot No. 13, Baker Subdivision, Fort Spring Dist.  
Valerie R. Colella to Terry M. Smart and Juanita H. Smart, Lots Nos. 30 and 31, Greenbrier Heights Subdivision, Lewisburg District  
Charles M. Herold and Debra G. Herold to Donny L. Ritter, Lots No. 2 and 3, Block 9, White Sulphur Corp.  
Ronald L. Homan to Double Barrel Ridge, LLC, 1.987 Acres, Frankford District  
Kimberly Campbell-Studer to Kenneth Harries and Elizabeth Harris, 5,130 Sq. Ft., Rainelle Corporation Dist.  
Douglas L. Boggus and Shauna L. Boggus to Robert L. Hall and Jara E. Hall, Lots 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, Block 30, Section 1, Town of Rupert  
Jonathon P. Byler and Julie A. Byler to Ben James Squires Hunt, 5.797 Acres, Falling Springs District

# Gold Star Families dedicate apple orchard to fallen veterans with ceremony

By Adam Pack

Over 100 attendees placed dog tags alongside newly-planted apple trees just outside Rainelle on Saturday, Sept. 14, in remembrance of those who have perished in the Global War on Terror. The land was donated by Bob Ingram to host a "Living Memorial" for Gold Star Families. The Rainelle Chapter of the Gold Star Mothers of West Virginia organized the event alongside the West Virginia Department of Agriculture. They hope to have one in every county eventually with the help of Gold Star Families.

Trees were planted by Greenbrier West High School Future Farmers of America volunteers, alongside help and assistance from Greenbrier West JROTC, students from the Greenbrier County technical center, and a host of other community organizations.

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## WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON HUNGER, NUTRITION AND HEALTH

The West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine (WVSOM) is hosting a watch party for this livestreamed event so our community can be part of this national initiative.

Dr. Drema Hill, WVSOM's vice president for community engagement and development, served on the White House Conference Listening Session Panel with Dr. Mark Hyman and was featured in a white paper on rural nutrition and hunger that was submitted to the White House.

Dr. Hyman will discuss the improvements WVSOM is making regarding community health during this livestreamed event. We can only succeed with your help.

We welcome you in sharing  
this learning experience with us.



Wednesday, September 28  
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
Clingman Center for Community Engagement

President Biden will open the session.  
Feel free to come and go as your schedule allows.  
Light refreshments will be served throughout the day.

to the Greenbrier County Courthouse Project.

3. Update on status of Greenbrier County Courthouse Project.
4. Consideration of any necessary actions related to the financing for the Greenbrier County Courthouse Project.
5. Consideration of any and all actions related to the foregoing.

## Historic Landmarks Commission

will meet Monday, Oct. 3, at 5 p.m. at City Hall, 942 Washington Street West. Also available via Teleconference. For information on how to participate on ZOOM contact Lewisburg City Hall at 304-645-2080 by 4 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 29. On the agenda:

- Approval of Minutes - September 2022
  - Comments from the public
  - Shuck Memorial Baptist Church, 841 West Washington Street - 16' x 20' outdoor stage, signs, and yellow vinyl coated chain to be placed parallel with Burdette Street and Livesay Street.
  - Public Hearing to update HLC guidelines
  - Comments from the Commissioners
  - Comments from the Planning and Zoning Officer
- The next scheduled meeting of the Lewisburg Historic Commission will be Monday, Nov. 14 with a deadline of Friday, Oct. 28.

## City of Lewisburg - Notice of Special Meeting

The City Council of the City of Lewisburg will hold a special meeting Tuesday, Sept. 27, at 7 p.m., prevailing time, at City Hall, 942 Washington Street West, Lewisburg. The agenda for the meeting is set forth below.

### CITY OF LEWISBURG

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2022

#### SPECIAL MEETING - PROPOSED AGENDA

- A. To consider and act upon a proposed Supplemental Resolution of the City entitled: SUPPLEMENTAL RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FORMS OF AN AGREEMENT AND LEASE, A LEASE ASSIGNMENT AND A CREDIT LINE DEED OF TRUST, FIXTURE FILING AND SECURITY AGREEMENT IN CONNECTION WITH THE ISSUANCE OF THE LEASE REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2022 (PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING), OF THE CITY LEWISBURG BUILDING COMMISSION (THE "ISSUER"); AND APPROVING OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT TO SUCH BONDS.
- B. Take necessary action related to the foregoing.

## City of Lewisburg Building Commission Notice of Special Meeting

The City of Lewisburg Building Commission will hold a special meeting Tuesday, Sept. 27, at 5:30 p.m., prevailing time, at City Hall, 942 Washington Street West, Lewisburg. The agenda for the meeting is set forth below.

### CITY OF LEWISBURG BUILDING COMMISSION

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2022

#### SPECIAL MEETING - PROPOSED AGENDA

- A. To consider a proposed Supplemental Resolution of the Building Commission entitled: SUPPLEMENTAL RESOLUTION APPROVING TERMS OF THE LEASE REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2022 (PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING), OF THE LEWISBURG BUILDING COMMISSION; APPROVING THE SALE AND DELIVERY OF SUCH BONDS TO TRUIST BANK; APPROVING THE FORMS AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A CREDIT LINE DEED OF TRUST, FIXTURE FILING AND SECURITY AGREEMENT, AN AGREEMENT AND LEASE, A LEASE ASSIGNMENT, AND OTHER DOCUMENTS AND INSTRUMENTS; DESIGNATING A REGISTRAR, PAYING AGENT AND DEPOSITORY BANK FOR THE BONDS; AND MAKING OTHER PROVISIONS AS TO THE BONDS.
- B. Take necessary action related to the foregoing.

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# OPINION

## Nature's Way

By Karen Cohen

Master Gardener/Photojournalist/Artist

### GREEN Things

Houseplants. You either love them or hate them.

When we were packing up our belongings to move, I urged my niece to give my houseplants a home at her place. She insisted that she couldn't keep anything green alive and so I put the potted plants out on the front curb and watched two young women struggling down the block with one of my 6 foot tall dragon plants. Since we had three more different species still needing homes, similar in girth and height, I ran to them to suggest, hey, if they loved plants, I would gladly deliver the rest of my foliage to their apartment in my car! They were thrilled and accepted my offer. At least there were two people who wanted some greenery in their lives!

A few months later when my niece invited us to dinner to show us her new condo, we were amazed at her obvious talent for decorating. Everything bought online (including her new car), and delivered, her five room/2 baths abode was gorgeous. Colors matched on the rugs with the drapery and throw pillows, you know how that all goes. And in the corner of her living room was a 3 foot tall green thing, next to the sliding glass doors which led to a small terrace.

"Is that a plant?" I asked. She smiled proudly and nodded yes. "Is it REAL?" Again, the answer was yes. I said, "I thought..." She interrupted me and said, "I went on Pinterest and saw how plants can be added to any room and found the kind that hardly needs any care!" Of course, if the faceless, voiceless, omniscient internet ghost gives advice, it's worth more than just your auntie's suggestions.

Let's run down a list of houseplants which are easy to keep and hard to kill. Numero uno: snake plant is a low light plant which is what my niece bought first. I say first because as time went on, she added more. A small peacock plant (calathea), which also doesn't require direct sunlight, sat on a saucer on her bookcase next to her vinyl albums (Yes, folks, albums are back, hope you didn't toss all yours!) In the bathroom, there stood a peace lily (spathiphyllum), because it is purported to help filter the air in a room. And a dragon plant, (dracena marginata), found its home in her bedroom. It thrives in temperatures between 70-80 degrees. Turns out it is nice to add some living "things" to your home environment. The aforementioned can practically be ignored except for a once in a while cup of water and a light water spritz from time to time.

My mom had a ten year old philodendron vine that grew into a long trail; she draped it over and over on all the curtain rods. A glossy heart shaped leaf, there are two kinds, vining and non-climbing. I would recommend non-trailing because you may end up in the same predicament as did my mother whose kitchen walls became festooned with greenery. It was pretty, I must admit. Did I want her philodendron when she passed away? Well, want is not the right word here. I took it home and draped it over my curtain rods, too.

Sometimes house plants will get an infestation of aphids or mites, usually coming from contaminated soil from the store or a bag of new soil. You can make a soapy solution with 2 tablespoons of Dawn dish detergent mixed with two tablespoons of vegetable oil in one gallon of warm water. Use the solution in a spray bottle and spritz the leaves, both sides and a bit on the soil, too. The bug's nervous system is affected and they die, the



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plant lives on without any harm, just be sure there is no bleach in the water.

Last month a neighbor sent out a S.O.S. She was preparing to leave for the upcoming winter months and had two giant plants which needed a loving home. I raised my hand and we picked them up. Surprised to find that a photo doesn't really show size well at all, these were huge plants! A rosemary bush which was over twelve year old was a healthy bush. We had a similar size one that we put into the soil in our garden last year but it didn't survive the frosty temps here. This oldie but goodie would be replanted in fresh soil fortified with compost and we'd bring it indoors when frosts were predicted.

The second giant plant we acquired is a large agave plant. These are normally desert plants and need very little water. Placing it in an unglazed clay pot will allow any excess moisture to evaporate so it doesn't rot the roots. It is a sun lover and can live up to 15 years! It must be housed inside in cold temperatures. Mildly toxic to dogs, the sap can be irritating to human skin also. We tucked this baby in our bedroom on a low chest directly in front of the southeast facing windows. It really is quite a statement specimen! Kind of reminds me of the plant in Little Shop of Horrors! Plants can become pets of sorts but much easier to take care of. Share your home with some green beings and you will find more knocking at your door, kinda like stray cats!

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paired six times this year alone. The water plant is currently pumping water anywhere from 18 to 24 hours each day and can only hold about seven hours worth of retained water to keep the city going if the plant stops pumping for any reason. It's recommended for water plants to pump eight hours each day to allow time for repairs and regular maintenance, a timeframe that the new plant will be able to accommodate, even with the region's expansion.

"We understand it's an inconvenience, we do," said Mayor White, "But it's something that has to be done. All we are asking for is patience and understanding, and all the work that has needed to be done has been done, and we have to move forward. I know it doesn't make anybody happy, but water is life. We have to do this project, it's 20 years gone, and we are losing good days of working as we speak. We are just trying to make sure that we have safe drinking water for all of our citizens. [...] To put people on the trail with all this equipment it's a safety issue for the public and the contractors as well."

As far as geotechnical work done at the site, Belcher said that geotech work has been completed at the water plant, the location of the proposed site for the public works building, and around the current water intake. "We have a pretty good idea of that generalized area of what things consist of," he said. "[...] If we feel like we get into something during construction that we think could compromise the integrity of the pipeline or the trail, rest assured, we will stop and do our best to take care of it. But our intention is to put that water line in, get everyone safe drinking water, and get the trail opened back up as quickly as possible, and if there was another way to get that water line up the river I promise you I would've done it a long time ago."

City Attorney Tom White explained that the City will be "on the hook" for repairs to that section of the trail after the water intake is moved. If there is intense weather or if that section of the trail is damaged, repairs will be expedited in order to continue and maintain access to fresh water. "You've got a vested interest in it, I mean, it's the drinking water supply line for citizens, so it'll have to be repaired," added Belcher.

## Commentary

### AG Morrissey announces more than \$147M in settlements with Walmart, CVS Pharmacies

West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrissey on Tuesday announced two settlements have been reached between Walmart, CVS and the state amounting to more than \$147 million to resolve lawsuits that alleged the pharmacies failed to maintain effective controls as a distributor and dispenser against diversion that contributed to oversupply of opioids in the state.

"These settlements won't bring back the lives lost from the opioid epidemic, but these and other settlements will hopefully provide significant help to those affected the most by this crisis in our state," Attorney General Morrissey said. "This development also avoided a costly and lengthy trial and at the end of the day, West Virginia will have the highest per capita settlement results in the nation fighting for our people."

Walmart agreed to a settlement of \$65,070,000; CVS for \$82.5 million. The CVS deal comes with a 2.25% Most Favored Nation protection - a guarantee that West Virginia won't be prejudiced by a future national settlement.

The two companies are part of a larger trial involving other major pharmacies. Litigation against the remaining pharmacy defendants - Walgreens and Kroger - continues before the Mass Litigation Panel with a trial date on June 5, 2023.

Recently, the Attorney General announced a settlement with Rite Aid for up to \$30 million to resolve similar litigation.

The money from all opioid settlements will be distributed under the terms of the West Virginia First Memorandum of Understanding. Announced in mid-February, the MOU is an agreement with the state on how future settlement dollars would be used to abate the opioid crisis throughout the state. It contains a comprehensive plan to use those funds to abate the massive problems caused by the flood of opioids into West Virginia.

The lawsuits allege the pharmacies' contribution to the oversupply of prescription opioids in the state have caused "significant losses through their past and ongoing medical treatment costs, including for minors born addicted to opioids, rehabilitation costs, naloxone costs, medical examiner expenses, self-funded state insurance costs and other forms of losses to address opioid-related afflictions and loss of lives."

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"all we can do to try to condense and minimize the disruption on the trail."

"It's really not practical or feasible at all to consider opening the trail every evening or weekend because the equipment that's going to be up there is wider than the trail's surface," he explained. "We'll be backing dump trucks up the trail because they can't turn around to drive out. It's nowhere near a place for the public to be, this is going to be a tough job, but the reason it's being done is obvious."

Some opponents to the closure said that the reasons for the project "weren't obvious," and they don't understand why the pipe needs relocated to begin with.

"It is a due diligence even though you don't believe that we should move it," said City Manager Hill. "It is not our due diligence for us to wait for a breach of the landfill, or a breach of the salvage yard to say 'Oops, we should have moved that intake.'"

Belcher said that Chapman Technical Group did a comprehensive plan for the water system around 2008, and that that the sitting Council in 2018 requested looking at relocating the intake pipe.

"The landfill and the junkyard have been there a long time, and it's just kinda common sense to me," said Belcher. Councilmember Valerie Pritt clarified that this relocation is about being proactive rather than reactive. Belcher referenced a recent water system threat assessment, noting "that was one of the more critical aspects of your watershed management plan, looking for potential contamination sources. Those are two located within a mile of the intake."

Hill said that across numerous meetings with the City, the DNR, the State, and other groups, that "we went through everything everyone said tonight, every opportunity." They did explore attempting to keep the trail open, but it wasn't found to be feasible.

"We have kicked this can for 20 years, and we are at the point where there is no more kicking it," said Hill. "We are to the point that last week we were on two boil water advisories. We have pipes that break and a system that is failing us. It's not if it's going to happen, it's when it's going to happen."

She said that the current water intake has been re-

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# OBITUARIES

## Alice Grey Yates



**Frankford**-Alice Grey Yates, 92, passed away into the arms of her Lord and Savior on Wednesday, Sept. 14, 2022, at Stonerise in Lewisburg.

Born in Vago, WV, on Jan. 8, 1930, she was the daughter of the late John T. and Flora Mae Yates.

Alice went to the Charity Schoolhouse in Frankford, worked at Greenbrier State Forest as a cabin attendant for several years, and was a homemaker.

She was a devout Christian and faithfully attended church, Sunday School, and church functions until her health prevented her attendance in later years. Alice was a faithful member of Bethel Church in Vago. She had a tremendous capacity for loving others and was a kind and gentle lady who loved Jesus. Alice enjoyed reading her Bible, traveling, laughing, spending time with family, and loved animals and the State Fair. She was a prayer warrior and was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, and was a sweet friend to all who knew her.

In addition to her parents, Alice was preceded in death by her husband, Mason A. "Bob" Yates, leaving her widowed at the age of 51. She was also

preceded in death by infant twin granddaughters and a brother, William T. Yates.

Alice is survived by her three daughters, Sylvia (Joe) Johnson of Frankford, Marlene (Butch) Holdren of Vinton, VA and Karen (Sonny) Phillips of Frankford; two grandchildren, Lara (Casey) Crane of Aiken, SC and Jerry Rogers, Jr. of Hines; great-granddaughters, Avery Alice Crane and Emerson "Emmy" Crane of Aiken, SC, and Katelyn Rogers of Rainelle; sister, Anna Mae Pitsenbarger of Frankford; three nieces whom she loved dearly and considered daughters, Carol Hurt of West Columbia, SC, Sharon (Joe) Harrison of Renick and Terri Pitsenbarger of Lewisburg.

Services were held on Sunday, Sept. 18, at Wallace and Wallace Funeral Home in Lewisburg where Pastor Everette (Hat) Defibaugh officiated. Interment followed at the Lewis Chapel Cemetery on Vago Road, Frankford.

The family received their family and friends on Sunday at the funeral home before the services.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in memory of Alice to the Greenbrier County Humane Society or to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

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

## Lynn Smith M.D.

It is with great sadness the family of Lynn Smith M.D. announces his passing on Saturday, Sept. 17, 2022, after a long battle

with pancreatic cancer.

He was born in Charlottesville, VA, on Sept. 11, 1952, to William Smith M.D. and his wife Audrey Smith.

Lynn served the people of Greenbrier Valley as a physician and friend for 40 years. At his request there will be no memorial service.

In Lieu of flowers, donations can be given to the American Cancer Society.

The family respectfully request privacy in this time of their grief.

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

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## Kyle Keith Loudermilk



**Matthews, NC**-Kyle Keith Loudermilk, 74, of Matthews, NC, passed away Friday, Sept. 16, 2022, at Novant Matthews Medical Center.

Kyle was born Dec. 10, 1947, in Vago, the son of the late Roy Glenn and Edith Knight Loudermilk.

Following school, Kyle and Connie Sue Wickline from Meadow Bridge got married in 1965.

Kyle was known as a great guy to all who met

and knew him. He was always working around trucks. He owned Kyle's Wrecker Service in Frankford from 1970 until 1995. He then moved to Matthews, NC, to be closer to his children and grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Glenn "Wayne" Loudermilk.

Survivors include his wife of 57 years, Connie Loudermilk of Matthews, NC; two sons, Jeffrey Loudermilk (Elizabeth) of Jamestown, NC, and Dana Loudermilk (Tammy) of Indian Trail, NC; three grandchildren, Brandon Loudermilk (Taylor), Clayton Loudermilk (Katelyne), and Shad Loudermilk (Maddison); great-grandchildren, Landon, Maverick, and Charlee Michelle. He is also survived by a brother, Carl Seldomridge (Loie) of Fairlea; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral service will be at 12 noon, Friday, Sept. 23, at the Henning Church of God, Frankford, with Pastor Robert Hefner officiating. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. until time of the service. Burial will follow at the church.

The family suggests in lieu of flowers, donations of sympathy be made to Henning Church of God, 3599 Vago Road, Frankford, WV 24938.

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

Arrangements by Morgan Funeral Home, Lewisburg.

## Cleo Virginia Winebrimmer

**Fairlea**-Cleo Virginia Winebrimmer, 85, passed away Saturday, Sept. 17, 2022.

Cleo was born Sept. 4, 1937, at Sinks Grove to the late Edward K. and Nellie V. Reynolds Vass.

Cleo was retired from the Shenandoah Manor and was a member of the Second Creek Pentecostal Church.

Other than her parents, Cleo was preceded in death by her husband, Roy; daughter, Nellie J. "Janey" Winebrimmer; sisters, Alminia Dunbar, Anna Mae Weikle, and Carol Winebrimmer; and brother, Charles Vass.

Surviving Cleo are her daughter, Janet Sue Winebrimmer of Fairlea; son, Robert "Jack" Winebrimmer of Fairlea; granddaughter, Summer Winebrimmer of Fairlea; sisters, Ellen Kilianek of Sandusky, OH and Frances Bostic of Hollywood, WV; special friends, Pam and Butch Crigger of Peterstown and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral Service was held Wednesday, Sept. 21, at Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Ronceverte where Pastor Freddie Bostic officiated. Burial followed in the Carlisle Cemetery.

Friends called Wednesday at the funeral home prior to the service.

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## Caroline Sue Fullen Saint Albans

-Caroline Sue Fullen, 79, formerly of Lewisburg, passed away on Friday, Sept. 16, 2022, at Marmet Center Nursing Home in Marmet, WV.

Born Feb. 21, 1943, in Jackson, OH, she was a daughter of the late Alford P. Musick and Wynona Irene Martin Musick.

Other than her parents, she was preceded in death by first husband, James Norman; second husband, Kenneth Fullen; son, Jim Norman, Jr.; and brothers, Alfred, Nelson, Frank and Clarence Musick.

Caroline worked as a waitress and a homemaker. She attended Fairlea ARP Church and was a member of VFW/DAV in Jackson, OH.

Survivors include her daughter, Vickie Gail Norman Lowther (Mike) of Saint Albans; grandchildren, James, Shawn, Matthew, Wyatt and Jacqueline Norman and Amy Nichols; sister, Irene Musick of Jackson, OH; brothers, Paul David Musick and Mike Musick both of Jackson, OH. Also surviving are several nieces and nephews and a host of family friends and loved ones.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, Sept. 21, at Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Lewisburg where Rev. Ike Hughes officiated. Burial followed in Riverview Cemetery in Ronceverte.

The family received friends Wednesday at the funeral home before the services.

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# Governor Justice announces \$55.3M in grant funding for major broadband projects

Gov. Jim Justice has announced the preliminary approval of more than \$55.3 million in GigReady and Major Broadband Project Strategies Program (MBPS) funds to broadband infrastructure projects throughout the state. This announcement includes applications received under Gov. Justice's West Virginia Broadband Investment Plan and the first announcement for preliminary approvals made under the GigReady Program.

The MBPS and GigReady programs are part of Gov. Justice's Billion-Dollar Broadband Strategy - a plan to invest over \$1 billion in state and federal funds to make broadband connectivity available for the first time to 200,000 West Virginia homes and businesses.

Projects announced through this application cycle will provide broadband connectivity to more than 17,500 targeted locations in West Virginia. The investment will result in more than 940 miles of new fiber infrastructure. This allocation of state funding will leverage \$16,775,368 in additional funds for a total broadband infrastructure investment of \$72,141,883.

"Our goal of getting more and more West Virginians high-speed internet access continues, and this latest announcement should get people in Greenbrier, Monroe, Raleigh, Randolph, Roane, and Summers counties very, very excited," Gov. Justice said. "We have to continue to expand access to reliable broadband. That's the goal of my Billion-Dollar Broadband Strategy."

"This round of improvements will help people who need high-speed internet to work remotely, allow students to do their homework, give our seniors access to the telehealth options they need, and businesses the abil-

ity to compete on the world stage. The possibilities go on and on, and West Virginians everywhere deserve the best access possible. I thank all the people who are turning this vision into a reality."

Applicants under GigReady may participate either in the technical assistance phase where the program helps communities scope projects and complete other necessary steps in the development process or by requesting implementation funding for more fully developed infrastructure projects. This GigReady program announcement includes five projects that are ready for implementation funding to install high-speed broadband infrastructure.

Funding for the West Virginia Broadband Investment Plan, MBPS Program, is provided through Gov. Justice's request, and the West Virginia Legislature's approval, of \$100 million to create the West Virginia Broadband Development Fund. The Fund includes \$90 million in funding through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and \$10 million in state general revenue funds. Funds are also derived through the ARPA Capital Projects Fund, which includes \$136 million for broadband development in West Virginia. The West Virginia Department of Economic Development, Office of Broadband, will administer program funds.

Under the West Virginia Broadband Investment Plan, projects selected for award will receive a Preliminary Approval Announcement, which will be published on <http://broadband.wv.gov>. Internet Service Providers other than the applicant will receive an opportunity to submit data to the West Virginia Department of Eco-

nomics demonstrating that the ISP currently offers broadband service at 25/3 Mbps or greater to addresses within the Proposed Project Funded Service Area. Data submitted must meet all the requirements described in the Process for Soliciting Information Regarding Unserved Areas, which the Department published on July 12, 2021.

This marks the fifth time this year that Gov. Justice has announced a round of major broadband projects through his Billion-Dollar Broadband Strategy. Today's round of GigReady and MBPS projects joins four previous rounds of MBPS and Line Extension Advancement and Development (LEAD) projects.

Locally awarded grants include:

### Greenbrier County Commission: Greenbrier Broadband Expansion Project

GigReady Program Funds: \$12,940,988

Matching Funds: \$4,313,663

Total Project Cost: \$17,254,651

Estimated Fiber Mileage: 177

Targeted Addresses: 5,316

Public-Private Partner - Citynet, LLC

### Monroe County Commission: Seneca Trail & Green Valley Road Fiber Project

GigReady Program Funds: \$1,797,904

Matching Funds: \$599,301

Total Project Cost: \$2,397,205

Estimated Fiber Mileage: 30

Targeted Addresses: 633

Public-Private Partner - Gigabeam Networks, Inc.

# Quail stocking initiative restoring Bobwhite Quail across West Virginia

Gov. Jim Justice held an event this week at the Claudia L. Workman Wildlife Education Center to announce a brand-new statewide initiative to stock Bobwhite Quail at Wildlife Management Areas across West Virginia.

Through the Governor's Quail Stocking Initiative, the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources (DNR) will stock over 20,000 birds at Wildlife Management Areas (WMA) across the state. To date, the DNR has al-

ready stocked over 12,000 Bobwhite Quail, and will continue stocking from August through October, weather and habitat conditions permitting.

Transmitters have been placed on some of the quail to monitor survival and habitat use. Game cameras have also been placed at several locations to monitor through video and pictures.

The Northern Bobwhite Quail is a native species and was once found across West Virginia. However,

the winters of 1977, 1978, and 1979 devastated their population. The state's Bobwhite population reached its peak in the 1920s when the state was approximately 70 percent agricultural land but has faced sharp decline during the last several decades.

Through this reintroduction effort, landowners, hunters, and bird watchers alike will once again be able to hear the familiar "bobwhite" whistle.


Bobwhite Quail have been stocked at the follow-

ing locations: Greenbrier State Forest, Burnsville Lake Wildlife Management Area, Cross Creek Wildlife Management Area, Frozen Camp Wildlife Management Area, Huttonsville State Farm

Wildlife Management Area, Laurel Lake Wildlife Management Area, and Pleasant Creek Wildlife Management Area.

"This idea was generated by our Governor because he had an extreme

interest in this program," Director of the West Virginia DNR Brett McMillion said. "This has been an exciting project, and we do believe that there will be some natural regeneration."



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# CLUB & CHURCH

## Church Bulletin

### Frankford Presbyterian Church Annual Pancake & Sausage Breakfast

Frankford Presbyterian Church will have a Pancake and Sausage Breakfast on Saturday, Oct. 1, from 7 a.m. until the start of the Autumn Fest Parade. They will be serving buttermilk and buckwheat pancakes and sausage, sausage biscuits, and sausage and gravy. The price of the meal will be \$7 for adults and \$3 for children under 6. Carry-out will be available.

### Pence Springs Community Church

will have Fall Revival Services Oct. 2 through Oct. 5 at 7 p.m. Speaker will be Ernie Moye, Jr. Pastor Roger Persinger and the congregation invite everyone to attend.



## WV Lions seek students to travel abroad

Each year the Lions Clubs of West Virginia provide the opportunity for several students to travel abroad. This year six travel grants of \$1,500 will be awarded to students in grade 10-12 or a recent graduate to go toward a four to six-week cultural exchange to countries such as Austria, Switzerland, France, Germany, Finland, Japan, Italy, Peru or Australia during the summer of 2023. Destination countries are not limited to those listed above. Application deadline is Nov. 11, 2022.

The Lions of West Virginia rely heavily on the guidance counselors in each high school to get the word out about this program. Students may contact their high school guidance counselors for more information, an application and contest rules.

The Youth Exchange Scholarship Application and Scholarship Contest Rulesforms are also available on our West Virginia Lions website at [www.wvlions.org/youth.html](http://www.wvlions.org/youth.html).

If you have any questions about the contest or about the Youth Exchange Program contact Lion Lorrie Krautwurst at 301-467-9868 or Lion Henry Krautwurst at 301-467-1032.

## Women of Henning Church of God hold September meeting

The Ladies of the Henning Church of God met on Tuesday, Sept. 13, in the church fellowship hall for their regular monthly meeting. President Carole Spencer presided and Barb Seldomridge led in prayer.

Dyan Hefner brought our devotion about the Fruits of the Spirit with scripture reference Galatians 5:22-23. The day will arrive and most of us have deadlines to meet. Because of calvary, we are free to choose how we accept it. There is love and no occasion that warrants hate and bitterness. There is joy created by God for human beings and with peace, we can live forgiven. We all need patience and should not complain about the inconveniences of the world such as a long wait. While we are waiting, use that time to pray. We need to show kindness and goodness to everyone. We should not question faithfulness of others. We need to be gentle, for nothing is won by force, the only time a voice should be raised is because of praise. We also need self-control which is influenced by God. We should commit each day to God and when we succeed, thank him, and when we fail, ask forgiveness.

Barbara Seldomridge shared about Corey, Abby, Olivia, Simeon and Declan Stocksdale, missionary family to Botswana, Africa. This is another Church of God missionary family that we are going to pray for. The Stocksdale family has a community outreach and a cross cultural ministry. They also participate in the Child of Promise. Corey felt called at sixteen when in Orlando at a conference. Abby felt called at the same place at a different time. They both attended college in Anderson, Indiana. They married in 2007. Recently while in Botswana, Abby went to the doctor who discovered a nodule on her thyroid. A biopsy was done and they waited a full week to discover it was benign. She needed to go to the United States for surgery and during this time their traveling permit was running out. During the last hour of the last day, God answered their prayers and the permit was renewed. Abby had surgery and has made a full recovery. All the family has returned to the United States for home assignment.

Jamie Harvey gave the treasurer's report and Pauline Perkins read last month's minutes.

Carole Spencer read a letter from Christian's Woman Connection about receiving over sixteen hundred dollars from our church for Christ's Birthday offering and thanking us. Our group may have started with a different name in 1932 and was founded by Nora Hunter, but it still does some of the same things.

Carole thanked everyone for their hard work on the yard sale this month. It was very successful. The group will be serving the Maxwellton Ruritans on Sept. 22. The group also decided to purchase hygiene items for the Women's Refuge Center to go along with towels furnished by Joan Vance. The church will be making apple butter; however, a date has not been set. The church will be having a dinner for their pastor on October 30, because this is pastor appreciation month.

The next meeting will be Oct. 11. Marsha Merritt dismissed in prayer.

Attending were: Alice Coff, Angie Scott, Barb Seldomridge, Carole Spencer, Cindy Fleshman, Donna Scott, Dyan Hefner, Jamie Harvey Joan Vance, Kim Brookman, Marsha Merritt, Marty Burns, Pauline Perkins, and Patty Owens.

## 'Sensational Soups' enjoyed at September meeting of the Williamsburg CEOS Club

The program for the September meeting of the Williamsburg Committee Educational Outreach Service (CEOS) Club at the Williamsburg Historical Foundation Museum was "Sensational Soups" written by WVU Extension Service Agents and presented by club member Patricia Post.

Members Barbara Deeds, Blanche Knicy, Cassandra Perkins, Loretta Shirley, Laura Rose, Laura Ann and Denver Tiller, and Burl and Patty Post, shared soup and recipes with each other while learning how to pre-

serve soup and make dry mix soups. Each member received a Potato Soup Dry Mix sample and recipe too.

The club will be co-hosting the County Fall Leadership Day at the WVU Building at the State Fairgrounds on Sept. 27.

The next club meeting will be Oct. 11, beginning at noon, at the Williamsburg museum. The program, "A Haunting History," will be presented by Cassandra Perkins.

All are invited to participate.

## American Legion Post 100 marks U.S. Constitution Day

American Legion Post 100 in Union recently supported an event honoring veterans at the Sweet Springs Resort on 17 September 2022. The park organized a bike rally and classic car drive-in event that included vendors, games, tours of the historic Sweet Springs Resort, live music, and remarks appropriate to the occasion by veterans. Among the featured speakers was the Post's Vice Commander, retired U.S. Army Lieutenant Colonel (LTC) Scott E. Womack. Legionnaire Chris Johnson was also present and was interviewed by a regional news outlet.

As the event coincided with U.S. Constitution Day, both Legionnaires wore clothing appropriate to the year of its signing in 1787 and distributed copies of it. Legionnaire Johnson set up a canvas fly and flew the "Betsey Ross" and "Bennington" flags, while Legionnaire Womack rode the grounds on his trusty horse, Junior. As Sweet Springs has close ties to leaders of that era, the setting was fitting and the hospitality unmatched.

Colonel Womack's remarks included mention of the fact that the oath or affirmation U.S. Military personnel take is to support and defend the U.S. Constitution rather than a particular president, party, legislative body, or deity. In this it is unique. He further noted that upon completion of the Constitutional Convention Benjamin Franklin reportedly answered the question "What have you wrought?" with the quip, "A Republic, if you can keep it." The sense of the word "keep" in 1787 was much more expansive than it is today and was more akin to "keeping house." Colonel Womack noted that merely voting every two years was inadequate to the task of keeping the Constitution vital. Indeed, it requires constant engagement in the democratic process at all levels by active participation in civic groups such as the



Chris Johnson (left), Scott Womack, and Junior at the Sweet Springs Resort

American Legion, attendance at meetings of local officials, regular communication with representatives, and actively seeking primary resource information rather than relying on news outlets and social media to remain informed.

The American Legion is nonpartisan and open to veterans of any branch of service and era, including those currently serving. The American Legion supports veterans and their families, patriotism, and youth education. If you are interested in joining us in this vital mission and assisting with programs like the one described above contact Scott Womack at [scott\\_womack@hotmail.com](mailto:scott_womack@hotmail.com) or via Facebook Messenger.

## Alderson Women's Club installs officers

Alderson Women's Club installed new officers at their June Meeting. Betty Thomas, president, welcomed members at the September meeting and reviewed some of the upcoming events and fundraisers that will be sponsored by the club. If you would like to attend one of our meetings, they are held on the first Tuesday of each month at Alderson City Hall at 6 p.m. Visitors are always welcome.



Krystal Holliday (left), correspondence secretary; Doris Kasley, past president; Betty Thomas, president; Back Row: Karen Lemons (left), recording secretary; and Nancy Wood, treasurer. (Not pictured: Cindy Parker, vice president)

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## Greenbrier East High School's Golfer of the Week



Tristan Van Buren

Name: Tristan Van Buren  
Grade: Senior  
G.P.A.: 3.125  
Parents: Lory Van Buren and Wayne Van Buren  
Hometown: Caldwell  
Favorite Golfer: Bubba Watson  
Favorite Quote: "Stick to your roots!"  
Coaches' Comments: As a Captain, Tristan has done everything expected of him. His golf IQ is very high and his knowledge of the rules is at a professional level. Tristan has worked his way up to qualify for our State Tournament team. When he puts it all together, he is hard to beat. Being responsible, accountable and respectable makes Tristan a pleasure to coach!

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## Dear Recycle Lady



Dear Recycle Lady,

What are SeaPods? I think they have something to do with coffee?

A New One for Me

Dear A New One for Me,

In searching for an answer to your question, I found that there are currently three relatively new products with similar names: SeaPods, SEApods, and Sealpods. I think the one you are referring to is the third choice, Sealpods, rather than SeaPods. According to www.sealpods.com, SealPods are an eco-friendly, reusable coffee capsule alternative that reduces your environmental footprint and keeps your health in check by brewing less through plastic. Sealpods were created by two sisters as a solution to the waste created by the 6 million disposable capsules that are used every day for making coffee. Some Sealpods, or SEAL POD, refillable coffee capsules are made of stainless steel, others are made of aluminum. They are all reusable and are entirely made of sustainable, eco-friendly materials.

The second product, SeaPods, are a new, innovative creation. According to www.autoevolution.com, SeaPods are the world's first eco-restorative floating house, the house of tomorrow. Grant Romundt, creator of the SeaPods, says the SeaPods look a lot like the house the Jetsons' lived in and he expects to have a lot of fun with this futuristic theme. Romundt anticipates launching the first SeaPod on Sept. 22, 2022, which is the 60th anniversary of the Jetsons' airing. SeaPods are described as floating two-and-a-half story houses with 830 square

feet of highly sustainable, nonpolluting, living space. They feature a master bedroom, living room, kitchen, bathroom, and patio and have 1,250 cubic feet of storage space. These houses must be outside the hurricane zone and float a few kilometers off the coast. Each pod is loaded with amazing technology too numerous to mention. Sounds like a real fun adventure! For more information on these interesting houses, see <https://en.hotel.report/technology/seapods-giving-a-new-meaning-to-ocean-front-living>.

The third product, SEApods, according to <https://vaping360.com>, are one of the newer alternative JUUL pods. They available in "an entire Sea of new flavors." Since this subject is not about recycling or the environment, no additional comments are needed.

Dear Readers,

The very first Dear Recycle Lady column appeared in the WV Daily News on September 18, 2018. Who knew that four years later I would still be writing about recycling and the environment and that it would be printed once a week in five newspapers. Many thanks for all the comments and questions I have received by email, phone, text, conversation, or purely by accident when researching your questions. I have truly enjoyed writing the weekly columns and doing the research required to find an answer. Please continue sending your questions, comments, and information. They make for a wide variety of diverse and interesting topics. Also, thanks to friends who edit the columns before publication, catching grammatical, or punctuation errors and perhaps suggesting a change in description. Also, thanks to the recycle guys who check on the accuracy of my informa-

tion. This column is definitely a team effort and I appreciate all of you.

Join us next Friday morning, Sept. 30, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the Recycle Center for interesting conversations, information, and questions. We would love to see you.

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

## Mrs. Trudy's Story Hour at Ronceverte Public Library

The Ronceverte Public Library will offer Mrs. Trudy's Story Hour beginning on Wednesday, Sept. 28, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. We will introduce the children to the Pledge of Allegiance, read stories, make crafts, use story puppets, learn songs, and have other social activities for ages three to five years old.

If you are interested in joining this program, please call the Ronceverte Public Library at 304-647-7400 or stop by 500 Main Street West, Ronceverte, for more information.

## A Look Back

By William "Skip" Deegans

Older readers may remember when school recess meant games of marbles. Students would rush out with bags of marbles, draw a circle in the dirt, and commence a game. Each player would put in the same number of marbles in the circle. Using a shooting marble, the objective was to knock the opponent's marbles out of the circle. In some versions of the game, when a shooter knocked his opponent's marble out of the circle, he kept the marble. The 1947 photo above shows John Ashcraft, marble king of Harrison County, WV (note his saddle oxfords).

Marbles have been around for thousands of years. Clay balls have been found in Egyptian tombs, Native American burial mounds, and Aztec pyramids. The first book about marbles was printed in 1815 and described them as being made of china, clay, glass or real marble. In 1848, a German glass blower made the first mold for marbles. In 1890, the first machine made marbles were offered. The first marble manufacturing in the United States may have started in 1915 when the Akron Agate Company, an importer of German marbles, opened a factory in West Virginia. Founded in 1929 in Ravenswood, WV, the Ravenswood Novelty Company produced around 100 million marbles per year. At one time there were at least seven companies making marbles in West Virginia. However, in 1950 the Japanese created the colorful cat's eye marbles and flooded the market causing most of the United States manufacturers to fold. Today, Marble King in Paden City is the sole WV manufacturer.

While playing marbles is not the past time it once was, the National Marbles Tournament has been held annually since 1922 in Wild-



wood, NJ. It is a four-day event with 1,200 games played. Over the years, the tournament has awarded thousands of college scholarships to participants.

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The summit will include a panel of business leaders in fields such as construction, food, manufacturing, and tourism. It will also include young people seeking work, government agencies such as Workforce WV, and institutions of higher education such as New River CTC.

Ashley Vickers, Executive Director, says the summit will have a dual-focus. "We want to hear the challenges local businesses face and focus on potential solutions for the future."

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## West Virginia Balanced Scorecard results released

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Each public school in the state received a scorecard that provides parents, students, educators and communities an annual update on multiple measures that together show how well students are learning, growing and achieving. The Balanced Scorecard is used to outline clear information on where schools are excelling and in what areas schools may need to improve.

"While we know the pandemic has created challenges, we still have a job to do," said WVBE President L. Paul Hardesty. "Public education is important for our children, our communities and our state, and it needs to be a beacon of success locally and nationally. Our education system must feed West Virginia's economic engine with a productive and vibrant workforce. That means we must ensure our students and schools are meeting and exceeding academic expectations."

"We will aggressively target academic progress and achievement as a top priority at the West Virginia Department of Education," said State Superintendent David L. Roach. "We are not only developing strategies, but we have also shared expectations of the desired results because we know what gets measured gets done. I have communicated with my team and met with county superintendents so we can work together more effectively to address student achievement. It's going to take a concerted effort across the board, and I know we can make significant progress in this area."

As part of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act regarding state accountability requirements, the WVAS identified three groups of schools as needing improvement. Within each indicator, schools earn one of

four performance levels identified through a color-coding system: Exceeds Standard (green), Meets Standard (blue), Partially Meets Standard (yellow) or Does Not Meet Standard (red).

1. Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) Schools: will receive intensive state support as these schools either scored red on all indicators; or red on all indicators and yellow on Attendance; or, were previously identified as CSI Additional Targeted Support Schools (ATS) in multiple subgroups.

2. Comprehensive Support and Improvement - Additional Targeted Support Schools: will receive strategic support as these schools scored red on academic indicators in one or more subgroups in both English language arts and mathematics for three consecutive years.

3. Additional Targeted Support Schools - will receive support from their county central offices as these schools scored red on all academic indicators in one or more subgroups in both English language arts and mathematics for the 2021-2022 school year.

This year, 33 of 34 schools previously identified as CSI schools in 2018-19 have exited school improvement status. The performance of these schools is no longer within the range of newly identified CSI schools. Additionally, these schools also demonstrated improvement in the indicators that led to the schools' identification.

The system helps ensure parents have objective information on their students' academic achievement, while empowering state and district leaders to identify struggling students and schools.

The Balanced Scorecard evaluates schools on the following indicators:

- Performance in English language arts (ELA) and math - this indicator considers test scores from the annual statewide assessment in grades 3 - 8 and 11.
- Academic progress - this indicator measures student test score progress from year to year on annual statewide assessments in elementary and middle school.
- Four- and five-year cohort graduation rates - this in-

dicator considers the percentage of students who graduate in four and five years at the high school level.

- English language learner progress - this indicator measures how well students who are learning English as a second language are progressing in their mastery of the English language in the four domains of speaking, reading, writing and listening.

- Student success - this indicator considers the percentage of elementary and middle school students with greater than 90% attendance and students with no out-of-school suspensions. At the high school level, this indicator considers students with greater than 90% attendance; number of credits earned by 10th graders; and completion of CTE programs, Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate credits, and dual credit college courses among 12th graders.

Comparing 2021-2022 Balanced Scorecard data to the 2020-2021 data:

- 45 of 55 districts improved their scorecard points on ELA Performance
- 53 of 55 districts improved their scorecard points on Math Performance

Many districts are also making progress to recover from disrupted learning experienced during the COVID-19 pandemic. In 2021-2022, a majority of districts equaled or exceeded their 2018-2019 performance in ELA and math progress indicators, graduation rate, attendance, and discipline. Most districts have not yet seen their ELA and mathematics achievement indicators recover to pre-pandemic levels. However, 47 districts are within five percentage points of their prior performance in ELA, and 34 districts are within the same margin in mathematics.

The percentage of students in Grade 10 earning sufficient credits to graduate in four years (the On-Track to Graduation metric) needs to be addressed in many districts around the state, with 27 counties falling below their 2018-2019 performance on that indicator

## NRCTC announces summer 2022 President's and Dean's List students

Forty New River Community and Technical College students were named to the President's List and Dean's List for the summer 2022 semester.

President's List students must carry a minimum of 12 semester hours and earn a grade point average (GPA) of 4.0 for the semester, not including foundational courses.

President Dr. Bonny Copenhaver announced that the following students have earned the President's List designation for the summer 2022 semester:

Frankford: Sara Michelle Morgan,  
Lewisburg: Karen Sue Hill,  
Maxwelton: Jaden Ray Baker,  
Sinks Grove: Debra Gaye Hylton  
White Sulphur Springs: Sarah Maria Nazario.

Dean's List students must carry a minimum of 12 semester hours (foundational courses do not count toward the minimum requirement), earn a GPA of 3.25 for the semester or better and fail no courses.

Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs Dr. Richard Underbakke announced that the following students have earned the Dean's List designation for the summer 2022 semester:

Lewisburg: Alysha Dawn Hanna, Havyn Nicholle Taylor  
Ronceverte: Zoe Alexis Johnson, Tyrissa Nicole Martin, Emily R. Smith.

Registration for the fall 2022 Rolling Start Options classes is underway at New River CTC. For information on admissions and the programs offered at New River CTC, visit [www.newriver.edu](http://www.newriver.edu), email [admissions@newriver.edu](mailto:admissions@newriver.edu) or call 866-349-3739.



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### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS GREENBRIER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION GREENBRIER COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

#### ALDERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ADDITIONS AND RENOVATIONS

##### 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

Information and Bidding Documents for the Project can be found at the following designated website:

QuestCDN: <https://tinyurl.com/zu5z8553> or [www.thetrashergroup.com](http://www.thetrashergroup.com)

Bidding Documents may be downloaded from the designated website. Prospective Bidders are urged to register with the designated website as a plan holder, even if Bidding Documents are obtained from a plan room or source other than the designated website in either electronic or paper format. The designated website will be updated periodically with addenda, lists of registered plan holders, reports, and other information relevant to submitting a Bid for the Project. All official notifications, addenda, and other Bidding Documents will be offered only through the designated website. Neither Owner nor Architect will be responsible for Bidding Documents, including addenda, if any, obtained from sources other than the designated website. The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is:

##### The Thrasher Group, Inc.

PO Box 940  
600 White Oaks Blvd  
Bridgeport, WV 26330

Prospective Bidders may obtain or examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office on Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and may obtain copies of the Bidding Documents from the Issuing Office as described below.

Printed copies of the Bidding Documents may be obtained from the Issuing Office by paying the amount of each set listed below.

Bidding Documents may be purchased from the Issuing Office during the hours indicated above. Cost does not include shipping charges. Upon Issuing Office's receipt of payment, printed Bidding Documents or electronic documents will be transmitted to the prospective Bidder. The shipping charge amount will depend on the shipping method requested. Bidding Documents are available for purchase in the following formats:

- Bidding Documents issued as hard copy full-size drawings and hard copy specifications, are available for \$200.00 per set.
- Bidding Documents issued as digital drawings and digital specifications, are available for \$75.00 per set via the following link:

QuestCDN: <https://tinyurl.com/zu5z8553>

Amounts paid are not subject to refund.

Partial sets of Bidding Documents will not be available from the Issuing Office. Neither Owner nor Architect will be responsible for full or partial sets of Bidding Documents, including Addenda if any, obtained from sources other than the Issuing Office.

Bidding Documents also may be examined at

Greenbrier County Board of Education  
653 Church St.  
Lewisburg, WV 24901

The Thrasher Group, Inc.  
600 White Oaks Blvd.  
Bridgeport, WV 26330

Contractor's Association of WV

2114 Kanawha Boulevard East  
Charleston, WV 25311

Bids shall be submitted using a three-envelope system.

All of the following must be included and sealed in an opaque envelope labeled "Envelope #1":

1. Refer to SBA Supplementary Instructions to Bidders (SBA Form 400) within the Specifications. The completed and signed bid form shall be sealed in an opaque envelope labeled "Envelope #2 Bid Form". Envelopes #1 and #2 shall be sealed inside of an opaque envelope addressed to the party receiving the bids, and shall be identified with the project name, the bidder's name and address and the designated portion of the work for which the bid is submitted.

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

Received by the Greenbrier County Board of Education

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.

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## JMHS students meet with Senator Manchin

On Sept. 14, James Monroe High School (JMHS) students Braydie Carr and Shane Arthur participated in a Zoom session with Senator Joe Manchin and over 30 other high schools to discuss the process of earning a nomination and acceptance to one of the five U.S. Service Academies: The U.S. Military Academy at West Point, the U.S. Naval Academy, the U.S. Air Force Academy, the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy.

Shane Arthur served as the JMHS Ambassador and introduced the school at the session. Senator Manchin noted the prestigious nature of these institutions, which offer tuition-free education in exchange for service as an officer in the U.S. military. He noted the leading role West Virginians have played in the U.S. military and encouraged the students to contribute their talents to public service. Senator Manchin emphasized that the deadline for applying for a nomination from him to these institutions was Oct. 1, and that students should simultaneously pursue admission to them at this time.

Students or parents interested in this opportunity should contact Dr. Scott Womack, Lieutenant Colonel (Retired), U.S. Army, West Point Class of 1986, at [swomack@k12.wv.us](mailto:swomack@k12.wv.us) or via Facebook Messenger.

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## Carnegie Hall Calendar of Events

**Saturday, October 8: Taste Of Our Town Festival (TOOT)** - The 36th annual Taste of Our Towns (TOOT) festival takes place Saturday, Oct. 8, from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. Thousands of residents and visitors from across the region gather on the streets of historic downtown Lewisburg to sample delicious food from local restaurants, civic clubs, and non-profit organizations. For more information visit [carnegiehallwv.org](http://carnegiehallwv.org), call 304-645-7917, or stop by 611 Church Street, Lewisburg.

**Friday, October 21: Mainstage Lounge** - Join Carnegie Hall for the Mainstage Lounge preshow reception in the Museum Gallery at 6:30 p.m., Friday, Oct. 21. Free admission. Cash bar available.

**Friday, October 21: Kyshona** - Mainstage Performance on Friday, Oct. 21, at 7:30 p.m. Join Carnegie Hall for an evening with singer-songwriter and activist Kyshona. Tickets start at \$28.

**Rotating Galleries:**

**Old Stone Room Gallery** - "Life in Transition" by Shari O'Day Mann. Runs through Oct. 28.

**Museum Gallery** - Works by Steven Hutchins. Runs through Oct. 28.

**Lobby Gallery** - "Witch-ful Dreaming" by Susanna Robinson. Runs through Oct. 28.

**Board Room Gallery** - Dr. Tom Cross. Runs through TBA.

**Permanent Exhibit:**

**Arts from The Ashes: The History Of Carnegie Hall** - The exhibit features memorabilia, photographs, artifacts and more of Carnegie Hall since its construction in 1901. Located on the second floor. Free admission

Carnegie Hall is open Monday - Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, please visit [carnegiehallwv.org](http://carnegiehallwv.org), call 304-645-7917, or stop by 611 Church Street, Lewisburg



Pottery Class

## Carnegie Hall' Fall 2022 Classes & Workshops now available

As part of its commitment to lifelong learning, Carnegie Hall offers a series of classes and workshops to enlighten and inspire learners of all ages. These unique learning opportunities are taught primarily in small group settings at the Hall. The Fall 2022 Classes & Workshops options are now available.

Starting in September and continuing through December, classes and workshops include pottery, painting, drawing, basket weaving, fiber arts, craft jewelry, holiday décor, bitters, quilt design, leather craft, photography, spa day classes, and even a week's worth of

Carnegie Hall-O-Ween events. There are classes for adults, children, and the entire family.

The Fall Classes & Workshops teaching artists include Harmony Florra, Teri Hartford, Kathy Talley, Karen Leland, Amie Durrman, Sean O'Connell, Kelsie Tyson, Jennifer Spencer, Luke Davis, Jan Darrah, Andrea Curry, Trey Bryan, John Coffey, Jesse Thornton, and Tommy Raffes.

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

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## Healing Appalachia returns this weekend

By Adam Pack

For the first time in two years, the Healing Appalachia music festival will be returning to the West Virginia State Fairgrounds. The festival is a fundraising and awareness-raising effort for Hope in the Hills, a nonprofit organization dedicated to ending the opioid crisis in West Virginia and Appalachia at large. The two-day festival will be held at the WV State Fairgrounds this weekend on Sept. 23 and 24, with camping and RV parking available. Tickets are available for purchase

at the State Fair of West Virginia's website, a link to which can be found on Healing Appalachia's Facebook page. Camping passes and information can also be found on the organization's Facebook page and are available through Etix.

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

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"I must be getting old. I haven't said anything lately."

**TODAY'S WORD** [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]

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**Weekly SUDOKU**  
by Linda Thistle

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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ♦♦

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**HOCUS-FOCUS** BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Paper is different. 2. Buttons are missing. 3. Pillow is missing. 4. Picture is moved. 5. Handle is shorter. 6. Leg is moved.

**Super Crossword**

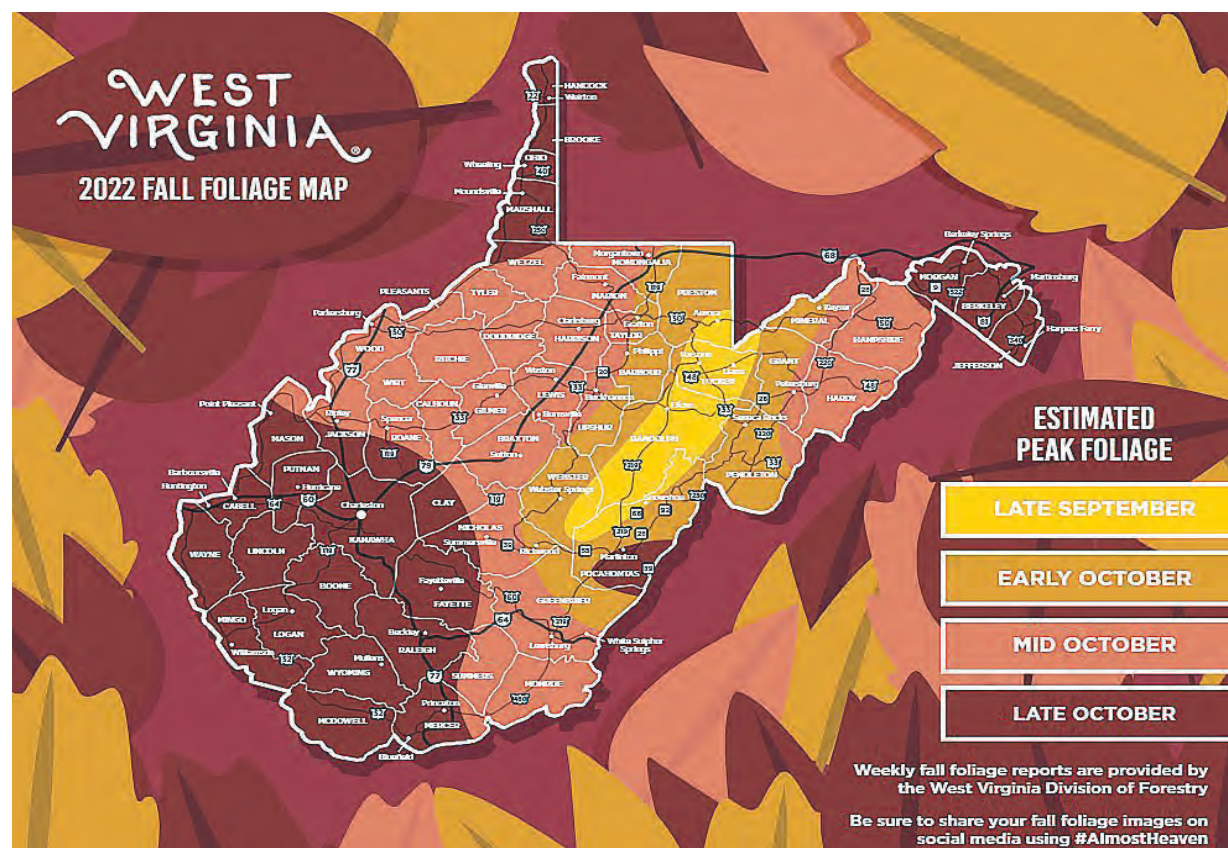
**ACROSS**

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21 "Jumbo shrimp," e.g.  
23 Classic morning combo  
25 Trial software phase  
26 Donned  
27 1969 film featuring two hippies  
29 Downed  
30 — mignons (beef tidbits)  
33 "Fighting" NCAA team  
34 Beate buddy Sulcliffe  
36 "If you ask me," in texts  
37 Rough- (unrefined)  
39 Group of 20  
42 Irritated states  
46 Things often dyed and hidden  
50 Word often ending in "-ly": Abbr.  
52 Food carton abbr.  
53 Mascara mistake  
54 "I don't find it that simple!"  
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61 Southern Wyoming city  
62 Actress Kazan of "My Big Fat Greek Wedding"  
63 Charade  
64 Roman Cath., e.g.  
66 Summer Games gp.  
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68 Pulls off a difficult feat effortlessly  
73 Tick away  
75 Main character in "Despicable Me"  
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108 Goes aboard  
110 Large antelope  
113 Dish topped with hollandaise sauce, informally  
116 Funny Johnson  
117 Be worry-free  
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176 Brisk gait  
177 Good two-pair hand, in poker lingo  
178 Prefix with biology  
179 Tempts  
180 Chutney fruits  
181 San —, Texas  
182 Expedite  
183 Polaris, e.g.  
184 Growl like a dog  
185 "— haw!"  
186 Grocery chain inits.  
187 Douglas fir, for Oregon  
188 Birdie + 1  
189 MSN, e.g.  
190 Wd. in a thesaurus  
191 Striped female stalker  
192 Smile evilly  
193 Gambling parlor, for short  
194 Tricycle parts  
195 Duration  
196 Slack-jawed  
197 Mad  
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200 Chow  
201 Maui goose  
202 Meat-stamping org.  
203 E.U. body comprising half a dozen nations  
204 "Auld Lang —"  
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206 Decade count  
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208 Sit-ups work them  
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## WV Tourism releases 2022 Fall Foliage map



2022 Fall Foliage Map (Courtesy WV Department of Tourism)

### WV Press Release Sharing

In celebration of the upcoming autumn season, the West Virginia Department of Tourism has released its annual fall foliage map. The map, prepared in partnership with the West Virginia Division of Forestry, estimates times of peak foliage throughout the Mountain State to help travelers plan their fall getaways in Almost Heaven.

Updates to the fall foliage report will be released weekly, including the percentage of color change across the state, a featured scenic road trip, as well as suggested stops and hikes to make and activities to take part in for prime leaf viewing opportunities.

"Fall in West Virginia is such a special time," said West Virginia Department of Tourism Secretary Chelsea Ruby. "We are gearing up for leaf peeping season and anxiously awaiting our rolling hills to come alive with vibrant hues of red, orange and yellow. There's truly no better place to experience the fall than right here in Almost Heaven and your opportunity begins now and lasts through November."

In addition to the fall foliage map, the Department of Tourism will also offer a live leaf tracker which will be updated in real-time as the season begins to shift to give travelers an inside look at fall color around the state. The tracker features photos from social media using #AlmostHeaven and can be viewed online at [WVtourism.com/fall](http://WVtourism.com/fall).

"As always, we invite all of our guests to join in on the fun and help us showcase our state's natural beauty and jaw-dropping fall colors by sharing photos on social media using #AlmostHeaven," said Ruby.

Along with the foliage map and live leaf tracker, travelers can also explore recommended places to stay, spectacular hikes, popular seasonal adventures, special fall festivals and events all at [WVtourism.com/fall](http://WVtourism.com/fall). Guests are encouraged to plan their fall getaway with the help of the Department of Tourism's free, special edition travel guides which can be downloaded digitally or sent straight to their home with a simple request.

"As the fall foliage season approaches, West Virginia is blessed to have a wide variety of colors decorating its mountainsides," said Division of Forestry Director Tom Cover. "West Virginia is nearly 80% forested with a large number of hardwoods in our landscape, the potential for an array of color variations is always present. With the differences in elevation, color is present for at least thirty days, so take advantage of this once-a-year viewing opportunity and visit the forest."

To access the latest updates, happenings and insider tips around fall in Almost Heaven, visit [WVtourism.com/fall](http://WVtourism.com/fall).



Carnegie Hall

## Carnegie Hall schedules Volunteer Orientation

Carnegie Hall is recruiting volunteers for its 2022-2023 season and will conduct two volunteer orientations and training sessions on Thursday, Sept. 29. The first session will take place from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. and the second session will take place from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Trainees will learn all aspects of volunteering for Carnegie Hall, as well as take a tour. Volunteering is fun and a great opportunity to meet new people while making an impact on Carnegie Hall's ability to continue providing quality programming.

During 2021-2022 season over 130 volunteers logged more than 2,023 hours at Carnegie Hall by ushering for performances; assisting at receptions such as the Main Stage Lounge; supervising educational programming; distributing poster; helping with office duties; assembling mailings; serving on various committees; volunteering for special events such as Taste Of Our Town; and more.

The training is mandatory for ushering for performances. By volunteering, you help keep the arts and education thriving at Carnegie Hall. For more information and orientation sign-up, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator Teri Hartford at 304-645-7917, [volunteer@carnegiehallwv.org](mailto:volunteer@carnegiehallwv.org), visit [carnegiehallwv.org/support/volunteer](http://carnegiehallwv.org/support/volunteer), or stop by 611 Church Street, Lewisburg.

Carnegie Hall programs are presented with financial assistance through a grant from the West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History and the National Endowment for the Arts, with approval from the West Virginia Commission on the Arts.

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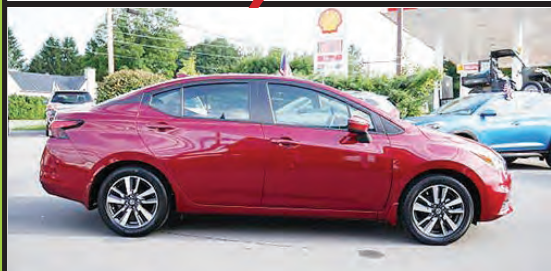
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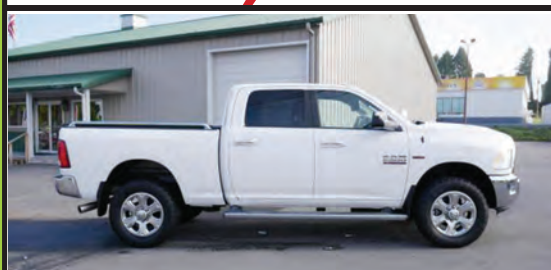
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