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## Greenbrier College Memorial Grove dedicated

By Sarah Richardson

Alumnus of the Greenbrier College for Women gathered with friends and area representatives for a dedication ceremony on Friday, Oct. 14, at the site of the college's memorial grove on the campus of what is now the New River Community and Technical College. Located between the North House Museum and the Greenbrier County Public Library, the grove contains a variety of trees and landscaping, including a landing that acts as an outdoor seating area.



A number of alumni gathered on Friday to dedicate the grove as part of their weekend festivities.



The grove is marked by informative signage, the back of which contains a layout and identification of the trees present.

## Ronceverte Splash Pad groundbreaking held

By Sarah Richardson

Island Park in Ronceverte continues with a series of upgrades after a groundbreaking ceremony was held at the new splash pad location near the entrance of the park earlier this week. Ronceverte Mayor Deena Pack, Senator Stephen Baldwin, members of the Ronceverte City Council, Public Works employees, Parks and Recreation committee members, and others gathered at the site to mark the occasion.

"We applied for some money to do something for kids and get a splash pad here, and it's going to be 10 times the size of Lewisburg's, thank you very much, and we are really excited about it." Sen. Baldwin joked as he explained some of the details behind the splash pad's construction.

Mayor Pack said that Sen. Baldwin was "being a little modest" when explaining the financial details behind the project. "We would not be able to do this project without the funding that he was able to secure for us." She added that the timeline had been pushed back to due supply chain delays, but they are shooting for an opening in time for warmer weather in 2023. Pack recognized numerous community members including the



A crowd of involved citizens gathered at the new site of the Ronceverte Island Splash Pad, which aims to be open to the public next year for children and adults alike.

city's street crew who worked to remove the old concrete pad at the site, and thanked Steve Williams who attended special training in order to operate the splash pad safely.

"We are all just really excited, and it's just one of the first steps of a lot of new things happening in Ronceverte."

Ashley Vickers, the Director of the Greater Greenbri-

er Chamber of Commerce, added, "This place is turning around, and it is Ronceverte's time to shine. This administration and all the workers in the City of Ronceverte, you are doing a fantastic job." She hinted at upcoming economic developments within the city, stating, "I know we have a couple of bars and restaurants that are about to open up, so the sky's the limit for Ronceverte and I'm excited about this project."

## Lewisburg City Council updates noise ordinance to include nuisance animals, loud vehicles

By Sarah Richardson

Lewisburg City Council met this week to update the city's noise ordinance, note positive feedback received about the city's parks, and consider several funding requests.

Ordinance 309, which amends sections 509.01 and 509.99 of the codified ordinances of the City of Lewisburg, deals with disorderly conduct and peace disturbance. Lewisburg Police Chief Teubert explained, "We've just had multiple complaints of things like four-wheelers with no exhaust in the city, motorbikes with no exhaust, and things that weren't covered under the previous ordinance. So I referred to [City Attorney] Tom [White], and we reviewed ordinances from other cities and updated ours to cover things that we were getting multiple complaints on. I believe barking dogs were one."

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## Airport Authority clears the runway for Contour Airlines

By Adam Pack

The Greenbrier County Airport Authority met for their regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 18 to discuss developments regarding the beginning of Contour Airlines' operation at the Greenbrier Valley Regional Airport.

As of now, Airport Director Brian Belcher reported to the authority that "[Contour's] number two person, their IT person and their Director of Operations came by to take a look at the airport; this was followed by calls with the Regional Manager for Contour." This comes in conjunction with the signing of new contracts with a company to run the gift shop, as well as an uptick in interest in advertising on and in the airport facilities. Belcher attributes this renewed inter-

est in advertising to the recent deal done to allow The Lewisburg Surf Shop to paint an advertisement on a hangar door at the airport. The new Gift Shop will be open and active for travelers on Nov. 1.

The airport is officially well-prepared for the arrival of all this new business, as these commercial opportunities come fresh off the heels of "one of the best inspections this airport has ever had" from the Federal Aviation Authority. The only issues are, "some clerical items in the Airport Certification Manual ... and we had to turn some lenses in a different direction," Belcher said these "are very easy fixes" and the inspector for the FAA "was just very impressed and positive

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## Newest Aldersonians recognized by Alderson Town Council

By Adam Pack

The Alderson City Council met Thursday, Oct. 13 at 7:30 p.m. and bestowed the title of "Aldersonian" on three citizens. The City Council wished to recognize Meagan Meadows, Becky Pence, and Richard Moore as the city's newest "true and devout Aldersonians." All three are recognized for their past service at Alderson's Fritz Pharmacy. The city drafted a resolution which stated that "Alderson Pharmacy has been a staple in the town for many years and the staff of Alderson pharmacy have always gone above and beyond to serve the public."

The city's resolution went on to say that the service rendered by Alderson's newest honorees "routinely exemplified what service and compassion is all about. [Their] dedication and service, therefore, should not go unnoticed."

Mayor Travis Copenhaver spoke briefly about the decision to name Moore an Aldersonian: "When COVID-19 was in its baby stages, Moore probably spent more time telling me what was going on and helping me make decisions, making sure my staff had proper PPE, and keeping the community informed, than anyone else." While not able to attend, Moore responded to the council in writing. His letter read, in part, "I am honored and blessed to have been part of your lives. My own family calls me northward, but please know this part of my life is a blessing and privilege."

The council also addressed action pertaining to the recent opioid settlement. In exchange for payments from said settlement, the town would have to drop their suits against Teva Pharmaceuticals, CVS, Wal-Mart, Rite-Aid, and Allergan. Mayor Copenhaver noted that this money would have to be spent under very close oversight and under the guidelines of the opioid use and abuse abatement. According to the mayor's calculations, the settlement will be split

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# Shepherd's Center welcomes Senate candidates

Senate Minority Leader Stephen Baldwin and Republican senatorial-candidate Vince Deeds took part in a question-and-answer session Thursday morning at the Lewisburg United Methodist Church. The event was presented by the Shepherd's Center of Greenbrier Valley, and moderated by former WV Delegate Cindy Lavender-Bowe.

In response to the first question - What are the positives and negatives of a constitutional convention with regards to the call for nationwide term limits and insider trading? - Baldwin said, "I've signed the Term Limits Pledge every year. And actually, I didn't believe in term limits before I went to Charleston."

"But then I got there, and I signed the pledge," Baldwin added with a laugh.

"I think establishing a constitutional convention is a tricky thing," Baldwin added. "That's why I've supported particular things - like term limits. But if you open up the entire thing all at once, I'm afraid

of what we might lose from our founding fathers."

Deeds began his response by saying, "I am a strict constitutionalist."

"Our founding fathers - they prayed a lot, they studied a lot - they came to a consensus that gave us an outstanding foundation," Deeds explained. "I will sign the term limit pledge as well."

"There's no reason for anyone in public service to stay long, long term in one position," Deeds continued. "I believe you can make great opportunities within two terms. If not, then you need to move on and give the next generation the opportunity to come up with some great ideas."

The next question posed to the candidates was: "How do you feel about the 2nd Amendment (to the U.S. Constitution)?"

"I believe it is a part of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights, and it shouldn't be infringed upon," Deeds said. "We have a

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Vince Deeds (left) and Senator Stephen Baldwin took part in a question-and-answer session presented by the Shepherd's Center of Greenbrier Valley last week.

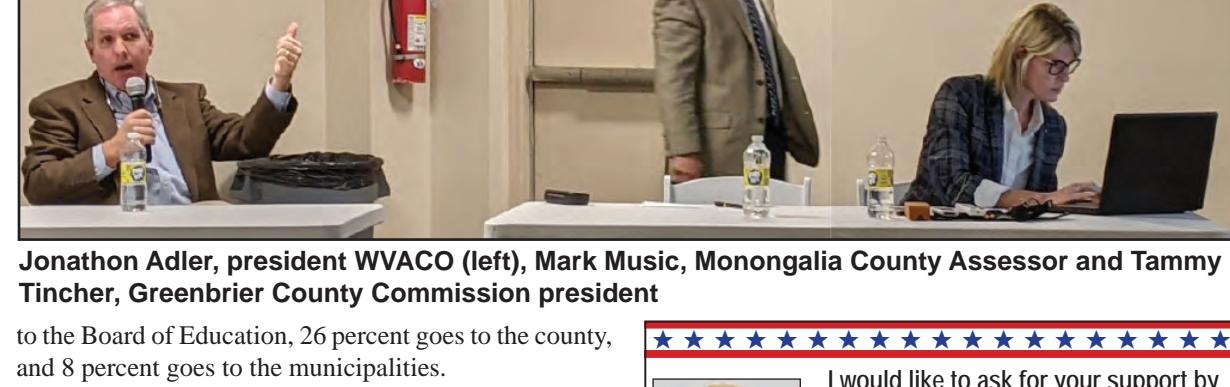
## County Commission holds hearing opposing Amendment 2

By Adam Pack

Members of the Greenbrier County Commission hosted guest speakers from around the state on Wednesday, Oct. 19 on the topic of Amendment 2 and their opposition to it. Present at the meeting were members of the public, members of the County Commission, President of the West Virginia Association of Counties Jonathan Adler, and the Monongalia County Assessor Mark Music.

The two, in tandem with Commissioner Tammy Tincher, presented their case against the passing of Amendment 2, a West Virginia state constitutional amendment which would give the legislature the authority to exempt machinery, equipment, inventory, and personal vehicles from taxation by local governments. Adler stated that this amendment, if passed, would "significantly reduce the county's ability to provide essential services to county residents."

The panel went on to add that these taxes are currently guaranteed income written into the West Virginia constitution and provide a dedicated revenue stream for schools, county government and municipal government. According to the Adler, "The amount of money that these taxes cover differs from one estimate to the next," but that there is widespread agreement on a number between "\$515 million and \$600 million." According to the county assessor and state tax department, "approximately \$6,615,000" was collected in tax revenue by Greenbrier County in 2021 on machinery, business and inventory, and vehicle personal property taxes. Approximately 66 percent of these taxes are required to go



Jonathon Adler, president WVACO (left), Mark Music, Monongalia County Assessor and Tammy Tincher, Greenbrier County Commission president

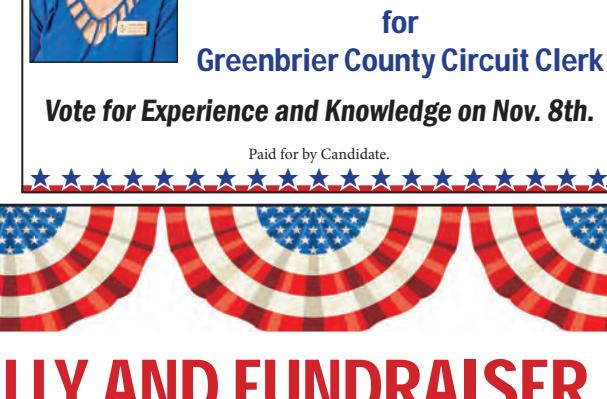
to the Board of Education, 26 percent goes to the county, and 8 percent goes to the municipalities.

Commissioner Tincher weighed in, saying that "Our county, and every county, really, use these funds to operate the courthouse and other county offices first, then we provide annual budgets for all county departments like the Sheriff's Office, Emergency Services, 911, the Health Department, and then we look at flood control, public transport and annual funding for the Greenbrier Humane Society. Those things further down the list, those discretionary items, little leagues and things too, could fail to be funded if this amendment passes."

Of great concern for opponents of Amendment 2 is that, according to Mark Music, "There is no agreement between the [chambers] as to how soon tax changes will come. The Senate has a plan, but the house has no plan as to how soon tax changes will come. The Senate wants immediate change, immediate tax cuts, the House wants to phase them in over time and has yet to give any detail as to how they'll do it."

This underscores a point which Music, as a County Assessor, wanted to drive

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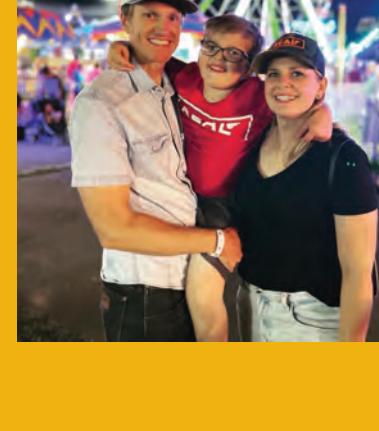
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## Fall Festival set for October 30

ClearView Fellowship will host their annual Fall Festival on Oct. 30 from 3 to 6 p.m. in the West Virginia Building at the State Fairgrounds. After two years off due to Covid, we are excited to bring back this free event to our community. Our goal is to provide a fun day for our children and families. We will offer free haircuts for children through high school, free toboggans, gloves and socks for children, free shoes for children through high school (we have very limited boys' sizes due to limited supplies), free food, blow-up games, crafts, face painting - fun for everyone! Doors will open at 3 p.m.

## Democratic Women's Club to meet

The October meeting of the Greenbrier County Democratic Women's Club will be held Tuesday, Oct. 25, at 5:30 p.m. at the Old Stone Church Fellowship Hall.

## Williamsburg Community

### Shooting Match

Our next match will be Saturday, Nov. 5, 2022, at the Williamsburg Community Building starting at 7 p.m. Food concession will open at 6 p.m. This is the last shooting match for the spring. The match will be eight rounds, 12-gauge guns only. Full choke, .660 inch minimum. Screw in chokes must be from a recognized supplier (patented) and extend no more than 3 inches beyond original barrel. Barrel length 34" maximum. First seven rounds are \$2 per shot, eighth round 50/50 is \$5 per shot. Shooters must compete in the first seven rounds in order to compete in the eighth round. 50/50 splatter match is \$1 per chance between rounds. Cash prizes will be awarded. You do not need to be a shooter to win! Come early! Come hungry! Delicious hot food and refreshments will be available starting at 6 p.m. Families welcome - you don't have to shoot to come get a meal. The match will be held at the Community Building on Sinking Creek Road next door to the fire department. Proceeds will benefit Williamsburg Community service projects. These events are sponsored by a joint effort of the Williamsburg Community Action and the Williamsburg Ruritans. For more information and directions visit [www.williamsburgwv.com](http://www.williamsburgwv.com)

## Marriages

Brandon Lawrence Kane, Sherman, TX to Clare Hayden Rome, Houston, TX  
James Merrill Kelly, Ronceverte to Jessica Ryan Flanagan, Charmco  
Benjamin Seth Black, White Sulphur Springs to Kennedy Maxine Brooks, White Sulphur Springs  
Kenneth Eugene McCoy, Crawley, to Jodi Elizabeth Malden, Crawley  
Parke Richmond Napoleon, Long Wood, FL to Sarah Ann Kammer-Broady, Long Wood, FL  
Chrisitan Alexander Walkup, Rupert to Jaqueline Michelle Childers, Crawley

## Aldersonians

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between litigants such that Alderson will receive roughly \$8,000.

The city also heard updates regarding projects associated with city water. Zach Wright, lead engineer for the city's water lines project, was present to inform the council that the project is now designed and will go to the appropriate state and federal agencies for approval. This process can take, "a minimum of six months," according to Wright, who added that "That puts us right on schedule to start summer of next year [2023]."

On the water plant relocation project, Mayor Copenhaver simply commented on the difficulties that Thrasher is having in designating an alternative water source stream for the plant. "Muddy Creek is currently reading at a flow of roughly 300 gallons a minute. Our water plant normally runs at 500 gallons a minute of flow, and [Thrasher Engineers] would need 350 gallons at least to be comfortable." Measures are being taken by Thrasher to address this issue and future updates are pending. The council also approved an agreement between the WVU Land Law Program and the Alderson Planning Commission. The WVU Land Law program uses legal students and interns to help municipalities and nonprofits revise and update their zoning laws.

The Alderson City Council meets on the second Thursday of every month at 7:30 p.m. in the Alderson City Building. The public is encouraged to attend.

## Shepherd's Center

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crime issue. People find ways. It doesn't matter how restrictive the gun laws are - it's a criminal issue. If a criminal wants to commit a crime, it doesn't matter what kind of tool they use. They will find a way. The places with the most restrictive gun regulations, there's still crimes that happen."

Baldwin began his response by explaining that he frequently opens legislative sessions with a prayer in response to mass-shootings and instances of extreme gun violence, saying, "I'm sick and tired of offering prayers after school shootings on the Senate floor."

"I think the truth is that it's a complex and pervasive problem in American society," Baldwin continued. "If anyone thinks they are immune to it, they are mistaken. I've got a strong 2nd Amendment record - I'm endorsed by the NRA. But at the same time, we've got to have common sense about what's happening in the world today."

The candidates were then questioned regarding their views on the four proposed amendments to the West Virginia Constitution. After a brief explanation of each amendment was provided by Baldwin, the discussion focused primarily on Amendment 2, which seeks to grant the legislature the authority to remove certain taxes.

"I'm opposed to it," Baldwin said. "Would I like to pay less? Sure. But do I want to defund counties, and schools, and police, and libraries, and first responders to do it? No."

Unlike Baldwin, Deeds is in favor of Amendment 2.

"I am for it," Deeds said. "Amendment 2 gives you more options. Now there is nothing written in stone that says as soon as November 9 comes - well, nothing is going to happen. It still goes back to the legislature to decide what the appropriate action is going to be."

"Law enforcement, education, libraries - all of those great services - no one wants to eliminate funding for them," Deeds noted. "So Amendment 2, I'm for it."

Election Day in West Virginia is Tuesday, Nov. 8. Those uncertain of their registration status or voting location - as redistricting has caused numerous changes - should contact their county clerk.

## 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.

### White Sulphur Springs City Council

will meet Monday, Oct. 24 at 9 a.m. in special session. On the agenda:

- Resolutions/Proclamations
- Ordinances/Policies
  - Ordinance - Increase Water and Sewer Rates - 2nd reading
- New Business
  - Charlie Hammerman - Schoolhouse Hotel request
  - US Cellular - Cell Tower lease/perpetual easement
- Adjournment

### Public Hearing - Water/Sewer Rate Increase -

Monday, Nov. 14 at 6 p.m.

### Lewisburg City Council

will meet Tuesday, Oct. 25, at 7 p.m. in Special Session at City Hall, 942 Washington Street West. On the agenda:

- Ordinance 311, Home Rule Amendment, 2nd reading and public hearing
- Arts & Humanities funding request, Lewisburg Downtown Business Association

## For the Record

### Deeds

Jaime M. Norvell to Atlantic Wallace, LLC, Lot No. 40, Greater Greta Green Addition, Town of White Sulphur Springs, White Sulphur Corporation

James A. King and Bridgett K. King to Johnbolt Properties, LLC, 2.83 Acres, Fort Spring District

Lois M. Speiden and Charles Thompson, Lots Nos. 75, 76, 77, 78, and 79, Villa Park Addition, White Sulphur Springs

Anita J. Crookshanks to Jeffrey S. Crookshanks, 1.17 Acres, Blue Sulphur District

Joseph B. Decker to Old Head LLC, Unit No. 104, Upper Meadow Condominiums, Fort Spring District

Michael L. Reickauer and Vickie K. Reickauer to Dreama Sue Mann and Clyde Wayne Mann, 1.00 Acre, Meadow Bluff District

Jeffrey W. Lushbaugh to David J. Rouse and Ashley L. Rouse, 1.68 Acres, Lewisburg District

Brad Darren Windon to Dakota Shayne Brooks, 1.25 Acres, Lewisburg District

Debra Ann Rose to John Jay Baker, Lots Nos. 11, 12, and 13, Bell Addition, Lewisburg District

## Greenbrier County Magistrate Court Convictions

Dana E. Waid, White Sulphur Springs, selling alcohol to underage persons, NCP, fine \$25

Ryan J. Brady, Ronceverte, distracted driving - cell phone, NCP, fine \$100

Andrew James Bennett, Renick, speeding in school zone, GP, fine \$45

Nashon Rive Lore, Clintonville, expired operators, NCP, fine \$25

Rachel L. Relyea, Lewisburg, use of electronic device without hands free equipment, fine \$100

Justine Marie Stout, Charleston, WV, possession of a controlled substance without a valid prescription, NCP, fine \$100

Zachary L. Smith, Salem, VA, possession of a controlled substance, NCP, fine \$50, jail 90 days - suspended and placed on 12 months unsupervised probation

Amelia Dawn Loudermilk, trespassing after notice; exposing another's property, GP, fine \$100

Jenna Goldman, Louisville, KY, speeding, GP, fine \$26

Brooklyn Clutter, Renick, speeding in school zone, GP, fine \$100

Tiffany E. Browning, Lewisburg, failure to obey traffic signals, GP, fine \$10

Katlyn Marie Smith, Hillsboro, driving impaired, NCP, fine \$100, jail 5 days - suspended and placed on 6 months unsupervised probation

Joshua Lee Moody, Sinks Grove, possession of a controlled substance, GP, fine \$200

Taylor Hardiman, White Sulphur Springs, defective equipment, NCP, fine \$15

Angus M. Peyton, Lewisburg, speeding, GP, Fine \$5

Cody Shane Weikle, Caldwell, joy riding, NCP, fine \$100

Duglass G. Diaz, Lewisburg, driving impaired, NCP, fine \$100, jail 5 days - suspended and placed on 9 months unsupervised probation

James Ray Starrett, White Sulphur Springs, driving revoked for DUI, NCP, fine \$100, jail 30 days to be served on Home Confinement

Cody Hayes Skaggs, Crawley, violation of protective order, NCP, fine \$250, jail 45 days - credit 1 day served, remaining 44 days suspended and placed on 12 months unsupervised probation

Esther M. Aleshire, Frankford, turning movements, NCP, fine \$15

## Suits

In Re: The Marriage of: Nicole Graybeal and George Joseph Lynch

In Re: The Marriage of: Mary Angela Carpenter and Thomas Christopher Carpenter

In Re: The Marriage of: Alisha Dawn Vance and Clayton William Vance

In Re: The Marriage of: John Zachary Brown and Samantha Lynn Shaver



The driving force behind my candidacy for House of Delegates in the 46th district is to prevent unnecessary cruelty to children being dictated by "forced birthers."

The so-called "right to lifers" want the forced birth of children with devastating genetic diseases. They appear to take joy that children will be born who have no hope of survival and will die a long and protracted death.

For me, Roe v Wade was a gift from God that allowed my wife and I to have two more children after my daughter died of a genetic disease.

My opponent has voted to set back the science of genetics by fifty years. They want the government to interfere with personal health decisions. They have forced any physician with a pregnant patient to advise them to go to another state to get unrestricted medical advice.

I believe:

1. Men and Women are equal.
2. Women cannot exercise their God given right of equality unless they have full dominion over their own bodies.
3. Those who force the birth of children whose only life is to die a slow death can claim no moral high ground.

**Ladies remember: When my opponent says "Freedom First" what he means is: he will be taking your freedom first.**

# PAUL DETCH

Candidate for 46th Delegate District

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# OPINION

## Nature's Way

By Karen Cohen

Master Gardener/Photojournalist/Artist

### Tis the Season

Even though a light frost has been scattered across the growing fields, we are not done planting yet. This week we plant garlic and shallots. Considered root vegetables, both will stay in the ground over the winter and be ready to harvest and eat next summer.

Packed with flavor, garlic and shallots are so easy to grow. I don't know any chefs or home cooks who don't cook with these. They are just too darn tasty and have been used since the Egyptians, Romans, and Sumerians cooked with them over 5,000 years ago.

Medicinal properties have been documented for both. Allicin is a biocidal agent that has antimicrobial abilities often equal to antibiotics. Good for your organs like kidney and liver, it is also sold in powdered filled capsules at health food stores. Eaten raw, the strong smell lingers on your breath. To get the maximum allicin out of these veggies, chop or crush them and let this sit, unheated, for ten minutes and then use it. The sulfur compounds from garlic travel through your body from the digestive tract and into the rest of your body. These have strong biological effects. A note of caution from the National Library of Medicine: as with most things, too much of a good thing can result. If you are taking blood thinners, scheduled for surgery, or on a daily aspirin routine, taking garlic supplements can promote bleeding. Consult with your doctor before consuming too much.

Garlic is part of the Allium family: shallots, onions, and leeks are closely related to garlic. We cook with garlic and shallots simultaneously; many recipes call for both. Garlic forms bulbs, a cluster of individual cloves each wrapped in a thin, papery skin. To plant some now, take a few bulbs and break them all apart leaving the skin intact. Prepare your garden soil with compost and remove all weeds. The dirt should be "fluffy" not compact. Take one garlic clove and plant it by pushing it into the ground with your fingers to about two inches deep. It should go in easily. Space each clove about 5 inches apart and continue pushing the cloves into the soil and covering each one with top soil, lightly. We don't water at all. Cover the area with a straw that has been torn apart so it is not compacted, and then walk away.

Your garlic may start to sprout in warm temperatures even before December but that's okay. It will die down with the extreme cold and then spring will wake it again and it will send up shoots. By late summer when the garlic has shot up a tall stalk and long leaves, wait for the leaves to start to turn brown and dry up. We harvest our garlic when there are five green leaves intact. If you harvest too late, the bulb in the ground will start to open



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up and that can allow insects to get in. Also, a tight bulb will store longer. We can store our garlic usually until February the following year.

Another note: store bought garlic or shallots may not grow in your garden. That's because vendors will often spray anti-mold chemicals on them. Also, if you grow store bought garlic, it may come from another country and may harbor some insects you don't want in your soil.

Next week, we'll talk about SHALLOTS! French to be exact!

*(If you have recipes, seed varieties or questions to share, please email Karen Cohen at NaturesWayKaren@gmail.com. Karen Cohen is self proclaimed Mistress of her organic garden, self trained artist, formerly trainer photographer, and avid explorer. Happy Gardening!)*

## The Back Pew

By Stephen Baldwin



Each day, I received calls and texts asking for information about the constitutional amendments on the Nov. 8 ballot. So this month's column contains a brief overview of what each amendment does as well as my opinions on whether they are good or bad for West Virginia.

**AMENDMENT 1** clarifies that the judicial branch of government has no role in legislative impeachments. This is part of a battle between the court and legislature that goes back to the impeachment proceedings against justices of the Supreme Court in 2018. I oppose Amendment 1, because the constitution already clearly separates powers between branches of government. Why do we need to change the constitution to clarify something it already says? We don't. We need the courage to follow through with it when the occasion arises, and that opportunity was missed in 2018. (I can say that because I was the ONLY senator who voted to impeach a sitting Supreme Court justice in 2018.)

**AMENDMENT 2** gives the legislature the power to remove certain classifications of tax such as personal property, machinery, inventory, and equipment taxes. All those taxes (totaling approximately \$600 million) go to counties right now to fund schools, first responders, and libraries, for example. Ask yourself: Do I trust the legislature to fund my county? Like Governor Justice and all the county officials I represent, I do not trust them to do that. I strongly oppose Amendment 2. There is no agreed-to plan to ensure counties are funded in the future, and that's a risk I am unwilling to take. We can and should provide tax relief to citizens without this amendment, using our surplus. I've advocated rebating the car tax since 2021. That can be done in a special session tomorrow or the regular session this winter.

**AMENDMENT 3** allows churches to incorporate. West Virginia is the only state in the nation that does not allow churches to incorporate currently. Some folks think this amendment is about changing the tax-exempt status of churches; that is not the case at all. It simply allows incorporation to provide individual church board members liability protection. I support Amendment 3.

**AMENDMENT 4** grants educational policy-making authority to the legislature. Right now, the State Board of Education sets education policy for our schools and the legislature has oversight through LOCEA (the Legislative Oversight Commission on Education Accountability). Amendment 4 would give the legislature full power to create all educational policy. Ask yourself: Do I trust the legislature to set policies for classrooms? If you do, vote yes. If you trust teachers, students, and parents, vote no. Some call this proposal a "game changer" for education. It's more like "game over" for public education, putting politicians in Charleston in full control of classrooms across our hills and hollows. I strongly oppose Amendment 4.

**WANT TO LEARN MORE?** I am hosting two town halls on these amendments next week. You are invited to join me in person at the Ansted Community Center on Oct. 25 at 7 p.m. or at the Greenbrier County Courthouse on Oct. 26 at 7 p.m. Both will also be live-streamed on my social media and available to watch afterwards. Other town halls may be added as well.

That's the view from the back pew, where it is my privilege to serve you.

*(Senator Stephen Baldwin is a local Presbyterian pastor. Reach him at 304-357-7959 or stephen.baldwin@wvsenate.gov. Follow him on Facebook, Twitter, TikTok, or Instagram @BaldwinForWV)*

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# CLUB & CHURCH

## Lewisburg Rotary Club admits new members; learns about Mountain Steer Meat Company

At the regular lunch meeting of the Lewisburg Rotary Club on Monday, Oct. 10, James Tuckwiller and Frank Ford discussed their local beef production and sales business, Mountain Steer Meat Company. Mountain Steer has developed a 4,000 square feet processing, distribution, and retail space in White Sulphur Springs, and it offers locally-sourced, grain-finished beef to its customers. Mountain Steer also now offers dry-aged beef for maximum flavor.

During the meeting the Rotary Club highlighted its

recent service projects at Taste of Our Towns and the Family Refuge Center. The Rotary Club also welcomed six new members to the area's premier service organization: Tabitha Fox, Jason McDaniel, Stephanie Moore, Mary Page Nemcik, Mary Norris, and Nick Wilson.

The Club's next meeting will be held on Thursday, Oct. 27, at 5:15 p.m. at The Asylum in downtown Lewisburg. All individuals who are interested in serving their community are invited to attend.



**President-Elect Sara Crickenberger (left), Membership Chair Martha Hilton, new members Nick Wilson, Mary Norris, Jason McDaniel, Stephanie Moore, Tabitha Fox and Mary Page Nemcik, Rotarian Leslie Bicksler and President David Hammond**

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



**Arod Lemons**

Name: Arod Lemons  
Grade: Senior  
Parents: Rusty Lemons and Phyllis Lemons  
Hometown: Ronceverte  
Favorite Golfer: Tiger Woods  
Favorite Quote: "Dedication sees dreams come true!"

Coaches Comments: FIRST TEAM ALL-STATE! Sit back and enjoy reading about Arod's recent success. Arod led the Team to the AAA Coalfield Conference Championship. Arod was the top golfer (medalist) at Regionals while helping Greenbrier East become REGIONAL CHAMPIONS! (Defeating returning State Champions George Washington in the process.) At the State Tournament Arod finished first team All-State with the team placing sixth in the State. The future looks bright for Arod and the game of golf. Arod wants to thank all the people (too many to name) that helped him reach these goals.

### Active Shooter Training set for November 7 at Ronceverte Presbyterian

The FBI and WV Homeland Security will host an active shooter training on Monday, Nov. 7, from 6 to 9 p.m. at Ronceverte Presbyterian Church. All area churches and nonprofits are welcome to attend. There is no cost. Pre-registration is required. Visit [www.RoncevertePres.org](http://www.RoncevertePres.org) and click on the Active Shooter Training Registration link. (It's at the top of the webpage in bold letters and takes you to the registration.) This is the only training session in southern West Virginia, so all neighboring counties are invited to attend.

"Please help us spread the word to churches and nonprofits about this opportunity," said Rev. Stephen Baldwin, Pastor at Ronceverte Presbyterian Church. "We are honored to host this important opportunity to improve community safety."

Ronceverte Presbyterian Church is located at 261 Locust Street in Ronceverte. For more information, please visit: [www.RoncevertePres.org](http://www.RoncevertePres.org) or call 304-647-4400.

### Williamsburg CEOS Club experiences 'Haunting History'

"A Haunting History: The Trans-Allegheny Lunatic Asylum" was the perfect program for the October meeting of the Williamsburg CEOS Club at the Williamsburg Historical Foundation Museum. The program was prepared by member Cassandra Perkins and presented by member, Patty Post. Members who participated included Loretta Shirley, Linda Spencer, Shela McComsey, Laura Sevy, and Burl Post.

Laura Sevy, representative of the Americorps Seniors, presented recognition certificates to club members recognizing their years and hours of volunteer service with the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program.

The Nov. 8 meeting will be hosted by Blanche Knicey who will be presenting the program "Fashions Through the Decades."

## Henning Church of God Ladies hold October meeting

The Ladies of the Henning Church of God met on Tuesday, Oct. 11, in the church fellowship hall for their regular monthly meeting. President Carole Spencer presided and Angie Scott led in prayer.

Joan Vance presented the devotion, "Who is the kindest person you know?" with scripture reference Proverbs 12:25 and John 13:34. We should be kind always and to everyone, curb the impulse to speak sharply, and pray every day. (Psalm 19:14) We should be kind and build a person up and not tear them down. Tell them that we believe in them completely and refrain from gossip. We also need patience and forgive others as Christ forgave us. (Ephesians 4:32) Make every effort to be kind to everyone you meet to be like Jesus, the kindest person we know. The group also sang, "In Loving Kindness Jesus Came By" written by Charles H Gabriel.

Barb Seldomridge gave the missionary education report about Kaitlin Smith, missionary to Uganda, Africa. She was saved early on and recommitted her life when she was a senior at Anderson, IN. She is a registered nurse that has worked in the emergency room, surgery and intensive care at a hospital in Nashville, TN. She is concerned that medical clinics in Uganda are up to government standards and people are treated physically and spiritually at these clinics. She is getting prepared for cross-cultural work.

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

Carole reminded the group that we will serve the Maxwelton Ruritans on Oct. 27. The church will host a pot-luck dinner for Pastor Appreciation on Oct. 30. The church will be making apple butter on Nov. 11. The group's Christmas dinner will be on Dec. 6. The group decided to collect food for food banks and to donate to those who are shut in.

The next meeting will be Nov. 8 and Donna Scott dismissed in prayer.

Attending were: Alice Coff, Angie Scott, Barb Seldomridge, Carole Spencer, Cindy Fleshman, Donna Scott, Fran Spencer, Jamie Harvey, Joan Vance, Marty Burns, Pauline Perkins, Patty Owens, Peggy Seldomridge, and Sue Hunt.

### Airport Authority

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with us and it was a very good inspection experience."

With all this groundwork being laid, Belcher was excited to announce that the occasion of Contour's commencement of operations with GVA will be marked by a "first flight kick-off" for airport staff as well as members of the authority. Belcher also reports that Contour is hiring for their new role at the airport. "They've already hired a manager and are now interviewing people." Belcher noted that any gaps in employment will not impede the airport, as "Contour is going to shift some people around to fill those positions here, people who are already in their employ in other places and have some experience" while they look to fill those positions locally.

Belcher also updated the authority on the status of the new entrance sign for the airport. He noted that recent administrative difficulties had caused the rejection of the permits associated with the sign. Due to zoning issues, the land where the sign would go was designated as residential, despite the fact that the airport is designated as industrial property, Belcher said. This presented a major issue, as it has and would cause permits to be rejected. He went on to praise the work of the Greenbrier County Commission office, noting Kelly Banton in particular, saying "she [Banton] was very helpful, knew exactly what the issue was right away, got the appropriate authorities involved and got the issue resolved." Now those permits are in place and approved, and construction is allowed to proceed. Contractors will be coming to the airport on Nov. 8 to do an onsite evaluation and walkthrough.



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# A Look Back

By William "Skip" Deegans

When Greenbrier County readers go to the on Nov. 8, it will not be uncommon to see the names of women candidates on the ballots. In 1924, that was not the case. Voters had, for the first time, an opportunity to elect a woman as prosecuting attorney. On the ballot was Miss Geraldine G. Driscoll of White Sulphur Springs (shown in the 1924 photo) who had been nominated in the May primary and was endorsed by the Greenbrier County Republican Executive Committee. Driscoll may have been one of only two women in the United States that year who were running for prosecuting attorney.

Driscoll was one of three women lawyers practicing in West Virginia. Prior to his death, she had been associated with Henry Gilmer, a legendary Greenbrier County lawyer. She maintained an office in Lewisburg and was experienced in criminal law. The Ronceverte

newspaper, The West Virginia News, endorsed Driscoll over her Democrat opponent, Samuel Price, a prominent Lewisburg lawyer. In its endorsement, the newspaper's editor wrote, "Miss Driscoll is a young woman but not a 'new' woman. She does not affect masculinity, and as may be noted from her portrait, she has not yet fallen for the latest fad of femininity - the hair bob. In this she may be called old-fashioned and conservative, but it gives ground for the faith that we have that if elected, she will demand justice in the enforcement and administration of the law in Greenbrier County."

Endorsed by the competing newspaper, The Greenbrier Independent, Samuel Price won, 6,373 votes to 4,598.

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## Dear Recycle Lady

**Dear Recycle Lady,**

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Bagging your leaves is not a good idea either. According to the EPA, landfills in 2018 received nearly 11 million tons of yard clippings, which break down and form methane, a greenhouse gas that contributes to climate change. Blowing your leaves into the street is also not recommended. Leaves can stop up drains and affect local waters. If there is foreign debris in your leaves, it can clog grates and prevent water from moving along the street. Leaves raked into plants beds along the edge of your yard will provide wildlife habitat. Everything from earthworms, bugs, toads, box turtles and chipmunks can live in this layer of leaves during the winter.

Congratulations to our Greenbrier County Solid Waste Authority (GCSWA), who received the West Virginia Make It Shine Clean County Award at the 2022 WV Educational Conference on Litter Control & Solid Waste Management. This award recognizes all county, city, community and individual efforts to make Greenbrier County the cleanest county in the state. Participation of individuals in programs such as Adopt-A-Highway, Roadsides in Bloom, river and/or stream cleanups, environmental education, Earth Day Celebrations, recycling programs, the beautification of communities, picking up litter, improvement of public lands or any environmental improvement contributed to their success. Also included were contributions by local organizations Lewisburg in Bloom, The Bluebell Garden Club, The Greenbrier Garden Club, The Lewisburg House and Garden Club, and The WVU Master Gardeners of the Greenbrier Valley. The 55-page application for this award was a compilation of the numbers available in each of 10 areas. Kudos to all Greenbrier countians who helped make Greenbrier County shine!

Greenbrier County was well represented at the conference held at Glade Springs Resort. Board members attending were Mike Eltzroth and Lucie Refsland, as well as Todd Riggs, Director of Recycling and Myles Yates, General Manager of Greenworks Recycling. Lucie Refsland, a.k.a. The Recycle Lady, received the Recycler of the Year and Volunteer of the Year awards.

**Interesting Information:** The ocean provides more than just seafood. Many common foods, such as peanut butter and soy milk contain ingredients from the sea. For example, peanut butter is made more spreadable with the help of carrageenan, an algae extract!

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

**Obituary Rev. Butcher**

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life - of 72 years - Roberta Lee Vincent Butcher who passed away in June 2022; great-grandson, Grayson Butcher of Morgantown; three brothers, Bernard Butcher of Gallipolis Ohio, Robert Butcher, and Beverly Butcher; and sister, Beatrice Kisner, all of Fairmont, WV.

Verlin is survived by his sons, Verlin M. Butcher and wife Cheryl of Crowley and the Philippines, Kenneth Butcher and wife Patricia of Clintonville, Richard Butcher and wife Barbara of Frankford, and Mark Butcher and wife Bobbie Jo of Clintonville; daughter, Rev. Dr. Joy Butcher-Winfrey; son-in-law, Olen Winfrey of Princeton; grandsons, Matthew Butcher of Friars Hill, Daniel Boggs of Pennsylvania, Jason Butcher of Florida, Melissa Butcher and partner Ronnie Lazzarine of White Sulphur Springs, Jessica Pyne and husband Brent of Lewisburg, Leah Wray and husband Mathew of Clarksburg, Bradley Butcher and wife Amanda of Frankford, Dakota Carden and husband Doug of Ronceverte, Aaron Winfrey and wife Callista of Morgantown, Tara Butcher and partner Josh McFerrin of Clintonville, and Trace Butcher of Clintonville; three great-

granddaughters, Adrianna Butcher, Ella Pyne and Finley Wray; and five great-grandsons, Gavin, and Mason Pyne, Carson Wray, Camden and Eli Butcher, as well as a Butcher-Winfrey, great-grandchild to be born in November. He is also survived by several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Special thanks to his caregivers, Alice Holland and Kathy Remley and Hospice Care. And a very special thank you to Bill Wallace for his special care.

Services include Visitation at Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Lewisburg on Friday, Oct. 21, from 6 to 8 p.m.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, Oct. 22 at 12 noon at Sunrise Chapel UMC in Clintonville with the Pastor Kandy Nuce (niece of Rev. Butcher) and Rev. Dr. Joy Butcher-Winfrey officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to Helping Hands Ministries, P.O. Box 337, Tallulah Falls, GA 30573 (Note: in memory of Rev. Verlin Butcher), and Sunrise Chapel UMC, 17505 Midland Trail West Lewisburg, WV 24901.

Funeral arrangements are in the care of Wallace & Wallace Funeral Homes in Lewisburg, WV.

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# SCHOOL

## Maverick Model UN to compete at Georgia Institute of Technology

Twelve James Monroe High School (JMHS) students will travel to Atlanta, Georgia, from Oct. 15-18 for the Georgia Tech Model United Nations (GTMUN) Conference. JMHS has participated in this prestigious event several times, having last done so in 2019. Previous attendees have noted that due to its rigor it is excellent preparation for the Harvard MUN Conference, which JMHS has twice been selected to attend. The students will join over 1,000 other high school students from across the United States and overseas to discuss and debate critical topics such as equal pay for women, preventive health for refugees, bioterrorism, rural internet access, rural nutrition, circular economies, and justice for immigrant domestic workers.

The JMHS debaters will represent the Republic of Lebanon, a democratic republic located between Israel and Syria. They will serve on a variety of committees working on problems endemic to both Lebanon and the entire world: Defense and Security, Economics and Finance, Social and Humanitarian, Decolonization, Legal, Labor, Women, Refugees, and a Plenary session with all the participating countries involved.

Selection of the 12 students was based on preparation of a position paper and an interview with a panel of two adults, Dr. Scott Womack and Ann Lion. Rick Eades assisted with review of the position papers as well. The position paper described the issue being debated in a general way, what the UN was already doing about it (if anything), Lebanon's experience with the problem and



**JMHS Georgia Tech Model UN Delegates at a recent practice round**

its own efforts to address it, and recommendations for action by the UN on the topic. The interview consisted of a question and answer session on the topic and Lebanon's proposed solutions. After interviewing nineteen candidates those selected were Shane Arthur, Emma Ballard, Braydie Carr, Michael Fraley, Leighana Guzman, Aleigha Hill, Luke Jackson, Hannah Jewell, Grace McClure, Dylan McDade, Cole Thomas, and Bryceson Whitt. The selection process was very challenging this year, as each of the nineteen candidates performed well on both the papers and interviews. Although Model United Nations is not a class at JMHS as it is in some other high schools, the students gain valuable academic experience in research, critical thinking, logic, written

and verbal communication, and empathy by participating in it.

The debate competition is not funded by Georgia Tech and would not have been possible without the generosity of the Monroe County Board of Education, which approved funds from the school levy to assist with the trip. Each student is also responsible for cost sharing a portion of the trip and we are requesting donations in any amount to help offset the financial burden on them and their parents or guardians. If you wish to contribute please contact the Maverick Debate Coach, Dr. Scott Womack, at 304-753-5182, or via email at [swomack@k12.wv.us](mailto:swomack@k12.wv.us)

## Campbell-Flanagan-Murrell House Museum gains corporate sponsor



**Dr. Susan Mazur-Stommen**

Campbell-Flanagan-Murrell House Museum (CFM) in Hinton is pleased to announce a corporate sponsorship from Indicia Consulting. Corporate sponsors have their logo on the CFM sign and are listed in CFM publications. Indicia Consulting was founded in 2006 and conducts research on energy and behavior for a variety of clients, including state governments, federal agencies, corporations, and non-profit organizations.

Dr. Susan Mazur-Stommen, the founder and principal of Indicia Consulting, is an anthropologist who has researched culture, behavior, and sustainability for over 30 years. Dr. Mazur-Stommen earned her Bachelor of Arts in Cultural Anthropology from San Jose State University. She received both a Master of Arts and a Doctorate in Cultural Anthropology from the University of California, Riverside. She is a Fulbright recipient and a former Smithsonian Institution fellow where she worked on a book about the Hope Diamond.

Ms. Mazur-Stommen and her family relocated to Hinton in 2019. She has great grandparents buried in the Old Stone Church cemetery in Lewisburg but preferred to move to Hinton. Ms. Mazur-Stommen appreciates the historic preservation in Hinton, the positive efforts at revitalization, and the many activities available here year round.

## School system awarded funding to assist families with internet connectivity

Greenbrier County Schools (GCS) applied for and received \$2.8 million in funding to assist families in obtaining free new or improved Internet connection from the time of service in 2022 to June 30, 2023. The Emergency Connectivity Fund grant program, sponsored through federal funds from the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC), was created to help families struggling to pay for Internet service during the COVID pandemic. The funding has been extended through June 2023 to enable counties to implement the program effectively. The extensive scope of the grant meant a 16-month wait to hear about the award. "We had just about given up hope that the grant would come through," Director of Technology Dr. Vicki Cline said, "and we are so excited that our families will have this opportunity to improve their Internet connections."

GCS applied for all families in Greenbrier County, and those who qualified for specific services will be receiving letters and information soon. GCS prioritized fiber through Optimum (formerly Suddenlink/Altice), followed by DLS/cable through Frontier/Shentel, and then, for the most remote families, satellite through Hughes. Families

who cannot be served by the companies listed above may qualify to receive hotspots that will allow anywhere, anytime connection. Families who receive letters will be able to contact vendors and receive free Internet service through June 30, 2023.

GCS hopes the program will continue beyond June 2023, but if not, the initial connection/hotspots will already be in place for families to continue service should they desire to do so after the June 30, 2023, deadline. Vendors will report to Greenbrier County Schools because all equipment must be inventoried and accounted for by Greenbrier County Schools; however, vendors will be working directly with families to set up, maintain, and repair services/equipment.

Greenbrier County Schools Superintendent Jeff Bryant highlighted the importance of assisting families with Internet connection. "We understand the importance for our families and students to have an internet connection so that the extensive technology resources that the Greenbrier County Board of Education provides for students can be used productively," Bryant said. "This grant will support the extensive curriculum created by teachers for the benefit of all

students, giving them access to educational materials to enhance the learning experience outside the in-school environment."

Bryant continued, "Fortunately, the \$2.8 million Emergency Connectivity Fund Grant Greenbrier County Schools received will provide great opportunities. Qualified families will receive internet connection that will strengthen the inclusion of families as valuable members of Greenbrier County Schools' Community-minded Public School system."

The grant also includes take-home tablets for all students in grades PreK-4, who will receive a device preloaded with educational programs to help them build literacy and numeric skill sets. These devices, for GCS's youngest students, will remain the property of Greenbrier County Schools, but according to Technology Specialist Emily McCourt, "Parents will play an important role in supervising student use, as these devices will be on their home Internet."

Parents will receive information about the devices, which are expected to go home during the fall semester.

Please direct questions about the grant to GCS Technology Department at 304-647-6484.

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# SCHOOL

## School Board signs Resolution of Opposition to Amendment 2

During the regular meeting of the Greenbrier County Board of Education on Tuesday, Oct. 11, board members unanimously approved a resolution in opposition to Amendment 2, the Property Tax Modernization Amendment. The amendment is one of four amendments to the West Virginia Constitution on the upcoming election ballot.

"Voter approval of Amendment 2 would be detrimental to our Public School system and ultimately impact our capacity to maintain the current level of educational programming and critical support services," stated Superintendent Jeff Bryant.

"As set forth in the Resolution, this is not a political issue but an operation and safety issue that directly affects our ability to provide a safe, thorough and efficient system of free schools," Bryant continued.

The resolution signed by Greenbrier County Board of Education members states the following:

During the 2022 General Election, West Virginians will be asked to vote on Amendment 2, which would bring substantial changes to West Virginia's Constitution. It is not the place of the Greenbrier County Board of Education (GCBOE) to tell registered voters how to vote on this issue. However, the GCBOE has a duty, pursuant to Article XII, Sections 1-3, and §18-5-1, of the West Virginia Code to supervise and control the operation of each county school district and maintain a thorough and efficient system of free schools. Therefore, GCBOE believes it crucial to inform the public of

the impact that Amendment 2 could have on the public education system in Greenbrier County.

*WHEREAS*, the passage of Amendment 2 would give the state legislature the ability to exempt the personal property tax for most businesses and an individual's personal property tax on vehicles; and,

*WHEREAS*, the Greenbrier County Board of Education relies greatly on personal property taxes, which provide critical funding for our schools, as well as entities that support the safety of our schools, such as law enforcement, fire protection, emergency medical services, and;

*WHEREAS*, the Greenbrier County Board of Education finds that more than five hundred million dollars in necessary funding for schools in all 55 counties, first responders, and county and city services will be placed at risk and could be stripped away, resulting in fewer teachers and school service personnel, police officers, firefighters, and emergency responders; and,

*WHEREAS*, the Greenbrier County Board of Education finds that according to WV State Tax Department figures, two-thirds of property tax revenue funds K-12 education; and,

*WHEREAS*, the Greenbrier County Board of Education finds that the passage of Amendment 2 could specifically result in the loss of up to \$2.8 million in funding for the GCBOE that would affect both the GCBOE's general budget along with current and future excess levy revenues, resulting in the removal of edu-

cational projects and services; and,

*WHEREAS*, even with our current funding, the GCBOE, along with every other county in the State of West Virginia, is already suffering from a shortage of teachers and service personnel; has some of the lowest paid teachers in the country, second only to Mississippi; and does not have the funding to provide employees with comparable salaries of other surrounding states; and,

*WHEREAS*, the Greenbrier County Board of Education finds there is no public legislative plan for what the legislature intends to do if Amendment 2 is passed, thus, there is no consensus, no agreement, and no state objectives that voters can read to understand the intended impact of Amendment 2 on the educational system and other essential county and city services before they cast their vote.

*NOW, THEREFORE* be it resolved, the Greenbrier County Board of Education, finds that this is not a political issue, but an operation and safety issue that directly affects our ability to provide a safe, thorough, and efficient system of free schools, thus, the Greenbrier County Board of Education cannot offer support for Amendment 2.

School Board President Jeanie Wyatt stated, "This is a statewide ballot measure that will impact school systems in all 55 counties. It is important for the voters of Greenbrier County to know that our board opposes Amendment 2."

## NRCTC Foundation awards record amount of scholarships

The New River CTC Foundation has awarded a record number of scholarships totaling more than \$150,000 to students enrolled for the 2022-2023 academic year.

"I am proud of all of our scholarship recipients, who are dedicated to excellence in their studies at New River CTC and to the pursuit of their academic and career goals," said Michael Green, Executive Director of Institutional Advancement and College Foundation.

"I would like to thank our generous donors and members of the New River CTC Foundation Board of Directors for providing financial support to this year's students. Many of our students are working and raising a family while attending college," Green said.

New River CTC students apply for scholarships to assist with tuition, fees, books, and other college expenses. Scholarships are awarded based on factors such as academic merit, campus, program of study, community service, and financial need. Area scholarship winners include:

Kelly Cales, of Hinton, Hollowell Dawkins Foundation Scholarship, Dr. Richard and Ann Kline Scholarship;

Rita Cash, of White Sulphur Springs, Veronica Blanton Nursing Scholarship;

Elizabeth Cody, of Alderson, George and Helen Aide Scholarship, Judy D. Campbell Scholarship, Jeanne and Lawson Hamilton Scholarship, Horace McGraw Scholarship, David McClung Scholarship, Greenbrier Hospitality Scholarship;

Demetrius Cousins, of Lewisburg, Ron and Lucie Refsland Scholarship, Edward D. Knight, Jr. Scholarship;

Aaron Griffith, of Ronceverte, Hollowell Dawkins Foundation Scholarship, Clarence "Bussie" Allen Scholarship;

Jack Hanna, of Ronceverte, Hollowell Dawkins Foundation Scholarship, Robert Patterson Scholarship;

Elizabeth Hefner, of Marlinton, Helen Virginia Chadwick Irons Scholarship, Dr. Richard and Ann Kline Scholarship;

Debra Hylton, of Sinks Grove, Hollowell Dawkins Foundation Scholarship, Mary Louise and Jim Kilcollin Scholarship;

Julien Keaton, of Hinton, Marie Leist Foundation Scholarship, Donald Runyon Scholarship; Mikenzi McMullen,

of Marlinton, Hollowell Dawkins Foundation Scholarship, Madlyn E. Fort Scholarship;

Brett Mele, of Renick, Carter Hometown Hero Scholarship, John L. Stewart, Jr. Scholarship, Herkness Mathematics Scholarship, Katherine Patterson Scholarship;

Jayden Osborne, of Rupert, McElhenney-Fry-Kirven Scholarship, John L. Stewart, Jr. Scholarship;

Zacheriah Patton, of Lewisburg, New River CTC Invitational Scholarship;

Isabella Ryan, of Union, Benjamin Fort Teacher Scholarship, David and Bertha Mosby Scholarship;

Abigail Tharp, of Rupert, Old Stone Presbyterian Women's Scholarship; and

Hayden Yates, of Lewisburg, Paul and Helen Wheeler Scholarship.

The Foundation scholarship application will be posted online at [www.nrctcf.org](http://www.nrctcf.org) in the spring of 2023 for the fall 2023 and spring 2024 academic year. For more information about scholarships at New River CTC, contact 304-929-6734 or email [foundation@newriver.edu](mailto:foundation@newriver.edu)

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# WV voters to consider four separate amendments to State Constitution in November 8 Election

*Secretary of State Warner urges voters to review and consider each amendment; Proposed changes address impeachment, taxation, religion, education*

## WV Press News Sharing

While West Virginia Governor Jim Justice, State Senate President Craig Blair and numerous organizations and political groups are getting all the attention by debating the value of Amendment 2, which would give the state legislature more control of taxing and exempting property from taxation in West Virginia, voters have four separate amendments to the state Constitution to consider when voting in the general election on Nov. 8.

West Virginia Secretary of State Mac Warner has addressed the amendments and has the four featured on the SOS.WV.Gov website.

Warner explained the amendment process, noting that to become part of the State Constitution an amendment must pass by a majority of voters who cast a vote on the question.

"Voters are being asked to consider four separate amendments to the state constitution," said Secretary Warner. "Amendments to our constitution should be carefully reviewed and considered by every citizen."

During the West Virginia Legislature's regular session earlier this year, the legislature passed resolutions asking voters to consider each proposal. Warned said the legislature agreed to place the proposed amendments on the General Election ballot where voter participation is usually highest.

To assist voters, below are brief summaries and seg-

## Noise Ordinance

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Attorney White added that the penalties for such violations has also increased, giving them more "substance" to deter offenses. Penalties for violating the noise ordinance relating to general noise violations, motor vehicle noise violations, and violations from dwellings or businesses include fines of \$100 for the first offense, \$200 for a second, \$300 for a third, \$400 for a fourth, and \$500 for a fifth offense all within a 24-month period.

Language in the ordinance includes: "All motor vehicles, motorcycles, and motorboats shall be operated as quietly as possible at all times within the city," "no person shall remove or render inoperative [...] any muffler or sound dissipative device on a motor vehicle, motorcycle, or motorboat operated within the city," and "no person shall use a muffler cutout, bypass, or similar device upon a motor vehicle or motorcycle operated within the city."

The ordinance also states: "No person shall keep or harbor any dog, cat, fowl, or other animal, within the municipality which, by frequent and habitual howling, yelping, crying, squalling, crowing, barking, or otherwise, creates unreasonably loud and disturbing noises of such character, intensity, and duration as to disturb the peace, quiet, and good order of the municipality. Such animals are hereby declared a public nuisance." If a call is made regarding nuisance animals, the police will notify the owners of the complaint and advise them to take "whatever steps necessary" to remedy the issue. If that is ineffective, then after a verified complaint from at least two citizens from separate households the police will inform the owners that a petition has been filed with a municipal judge, and may cite the owner for violations of the petition.

For those with animal noise violations, it's a steeper fine of not more than \$500, and states that "each day such violation continues shall constitute a separate offense."

The ordinance was approved unanimously by council.

Regarding public parks and other areas downtown, Councilmember John Little reported, "I can't remember there ever being a time when people were so excited about the parks, and the way the city is maintaining them, than they are now. I hear people talk about everything from the new construction of the pickleball courts, which I know were a partnership, to the way they upkeep the park and all of the facilities. It sure makes people proud when they walk around and see our parks like that. When you go to other parks they don't look like that in other cities. It's really wonderful."

In other news:

- Council met in executive session to discuss signing an updated agreement that will now include Allergan, CVS, Rite Aid, Teva, Wal-Mart in the ongoing opioid-related lawsuit. Council agreed to sign the new agreement at the recommendation of legal advisers.

- A proclamation declaring October as Pregnancy Loss and Awareness month within the city was passed unanimously.

- An Arts and Humanities funding request presented by the Lewisburg Downtown Businesses Association was tabled due to an incomplete application, and will be taken up at the next meeting of council upon receiving the necessary information.

- Council approved funding dedicated to annual physicals for members of the fire department that help scan for and catch cancer. The amount will not exceed \$32,900, and was already allotted in the budget.

- At the recommendation of the Finance Committee, a video lottery funding request for \$4,000 was approved for the Greenbrier East High School Marching Band. "This is a great opportunity to afford to these students some travel and some unforgettable life experiences," said Councilmember Arron Seams.

ments of the four amendments, followed by the entire text of all four amendments.

Summaries and segments of the proposed amendments to the WV Constitution to be on the November 8, 2022, General Election Ballot

### Amendment No. 1: Clarification of the Judiciary's Role in Impeachment Proceedings Amendment

Summary of Purpose: "Clarifying that courts have no authority or jurisdiction to intercede or intervene in or interfere with impeachment proceedings of the House of Delegates or the Senate; and specifying that a judgment rendered by the Senate following an impeachment trial is not reviewable by any court of this state. ... Any officer of the state may be impeached for maladministration, corruption, incompetency, gross immorality, neglect of duty, or any high crime or misdemeanor. The House of Delegates has the sole power of impeachment. The Senate has the sole power to try impeachments and no person shall be convicted without the concurrence of two thirds of the members elected thereto. ..."

### Amendment No. 2: Property Tax Modernization Amendment

Summary of Purpose: "To amend the State Constitution by providing the Legislature with authority to exempt tangible machinery and equipment personal property directly used in business activity and tangible inventory personal property directly used in business ac-

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home. "Listen very carefully and tell your friends, if this amendment passes, you are still legally obligated to pay your car tax until the legislature gets rid of it. Do not be on the delinquent tax list because you think the car tax is gone because Amendment 2 passed. It will not immediately get rid of your car tax." As far as possible shortfalls in county budgets may be remedies, Adler informed the crowd of the most likely answer: "An increase in your real estate property tax, and the increase and implementation of new and higher consumption taxes. And folks, that's on top of record high inflation."

Music spoke for all of the speakers there that "if passed and these taxes are removed, local levying bodies, the counties and the municipalities, will have to annually compete with other entities around the state for a cut of the state's general revenue fund. I have no problem with the legislature trying to make West Virginia more business friendly, but this just isn't the way to do it, and we want to work together with them to come up with something better."

Adler followed up with conciliatory words of his own for the legislature, "The provision that this amendment changes is from 1932, and West Virginia is now ranked ninth in the overall business climate, so I think they have done well and worked hard up there and they are trying to make

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creative and fresh ideas to meet modern challenges and times. But I think my colleague Mark, the county commissioners all over West Virginia, and your wonderful commission here in Greenbrier all have some great ideas and would be able to come together and keep making West Virginia even better."

Amendment 2 was also a topic of discussion at this month's meetings of Lewisburg City Council and Alderson Town Council, with both municipalities voicing opposition to the amendment.

A resolution passed by Alderson states, "The town of Alderson realizes the ramifications of the removal of associated taxes from the county and local level has a detrimental effect on those local government units" and "the state legislature has no plan ... to offset this loss of revenue."

Treasurer Susan Honaker with the City of Lewisburg estimates that roughly \$220,000 to \$230,000 of Lewisburg's budget is secured through resources that could be destabilized in the future should Amendment 2 pass. Councilmembers are concerned that the plan is not "fully developed."

Lewisburg City Manager Misty Hill said, "It's not that this just came about, this was first presented to our municipal league in 2017, so it's not that it didn't have time to come out of the plan, we just don't have a plan."

tivity and personal property tax on motor vehicles from ad valorem property taxation by general law. ... The Legislature shall have authority to tax privileges, franchises, and incomes of persons and corporations and to classify and graduate the tax on all incomes according to the amount thereof and to exempt from taxation incomes below a minimum to be fixed from time to time, and such revenues as may be derived from such tax may be appropriated as the Legislature may provide."

### Amendment No. 3: Incorporation of Churches or Religious Denominations Amendment

Summary of Purpose: "To authorize the incorporation of churches or religious denominations. ... Provisions may be made by general laws for securing the title to church property, and for the sale and transfer thereof, so that it shall be held, used, or transferred for the purposes of such church or religious denomination. ..."

### Amendment No. 4: Education Accountability Amendment

Summary of Purpose: "The purpose of this amendment is to clarify that the rules and policies promulgated by the State Board of Education, are subject to legislative review, approval, amendment, or rejection ... the general supervision of the free schools of the State is vested in the West Virginia Board of Education which shall perform the duties prescribed by law. ..."

## Vampire Energy

### By PSC Chair Charlotte Lane

There are vampires in my house! I'll bet there are some in yours, too. There's no danger that they will turn into bats or drain our blood. These vampires are much more subtle. They feed on your electricity, drive up your power bill and drain your wallet. That's pretty scary! No tricks here, the Public Service Commission wants to treat you to some ideas that will help you save money on your utility bills.

Vampire energy, also known as ghost energy or phantom load, is consumed by electric appliances that draw power even when turned off. This power drain is pretty easy to eliminate once you find it. What makes it troublesome is that it hides in places where you wouldn't normally think to look, so let me help.

Turn off the lights tonight. You can tell ghost stories if you want, but first look for anything that glows in the dark. You'll probably spot the clocks on the microwave and coffee maker right away. Depending on your setup, small appliances can be unplugged when not in use. If that's inconvenient, try plugging them into a surge protector that can be turned on and off with a switch. It's impractical to cut the electric supply to large appliances, such as the stove and dishwasher when they aren't being used, but smaller appliances don't need to be turning the meter 24 hours a day.

The biggest culprits are electronics. Are you guilty of leaving chargers plugged in when you aren't charging your phones or other devices? If you do, it's costing you money. Do you have a voice-activated assistant that is constantly in standby mode, listening for your voice commands? Hey, Alexa, how much electricity do you consume every day?

Other devices that go into standby mode include computer monitors, printers, TVs, or cable/satellite systems. Leaving your DVR in standby mode can cost upwards of \$50 a year. Are the kids leaving the video games on? They draw electricity from the wall, which draws money from your pocket.

This Halloween, don't get tricked by vampire energy. Invest in surge protectors and plug-in timers. Turn those electronics all the way off and treat yourself to some energy savings.



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First, on Thursday, Oct.

27, at 7:30 p.m. is "Nightmare on Court Street." The night will include short old horror films, a video production of Poe's "The Cask of Amontillado" by Devin Preston, a Scream Queen costume contest, and more. Cash concessions will include beer and wine. \$10 admission at the door. Cash only. So come to the Lewis Theatre in your favorite costume, if you wish, for a great fright of a night!

So you think you know

who killed Zona Shue in

1897? Was it her husband Trout? Maybe it was her mother or the doctor. How about Mothman or Batboy? Ol' Randl?

"Zona's Revenge Returns" is an interactive murder mystery co-sponsored by Greenbrier Valley Brewing Company. Be a part of the grand jury, and judge for yourself who done it. For more fun come dressed as if it were the 1890's.

"Zona" will be at the Greenbrier Valley Brewing Company near the airport on Sundays, Oct. 30 and Nov. 6, starting at 6 p.m. There will be new beers along with your old favorites, a food

vendor, and some non-alcoholic drinks. Tickets are \$15 (not including food or drink) and can be purchased in advance at GVBC, from a Trillium board member, or at trilliumperformingarts.org.



Zona will be at GVBC on Oct. 30 and Nov. 6, starting at 6 p.m.

each. Let us know if you are in a group. For more information call 304-645-3003.

So whether you like film or live production, let Trillium Performing Arts put the scare in your Halloween. Tables seat eight guests

## Greenbrier Artists presents annual exhibit at Greenbrier County Visitor's Bureau

The Greenbrier Artists currently have an art show at the Greenbrier County Convention and Visitors' Bureau at 905 Washington Street West in Lewisburg. The art show will continue through Oct. 30.

The exhibit has a variety of work including fiber art, photography, wall art in all mediums, and woodworking. Most of the art is for sale. Please stop by to see their work and support local art.

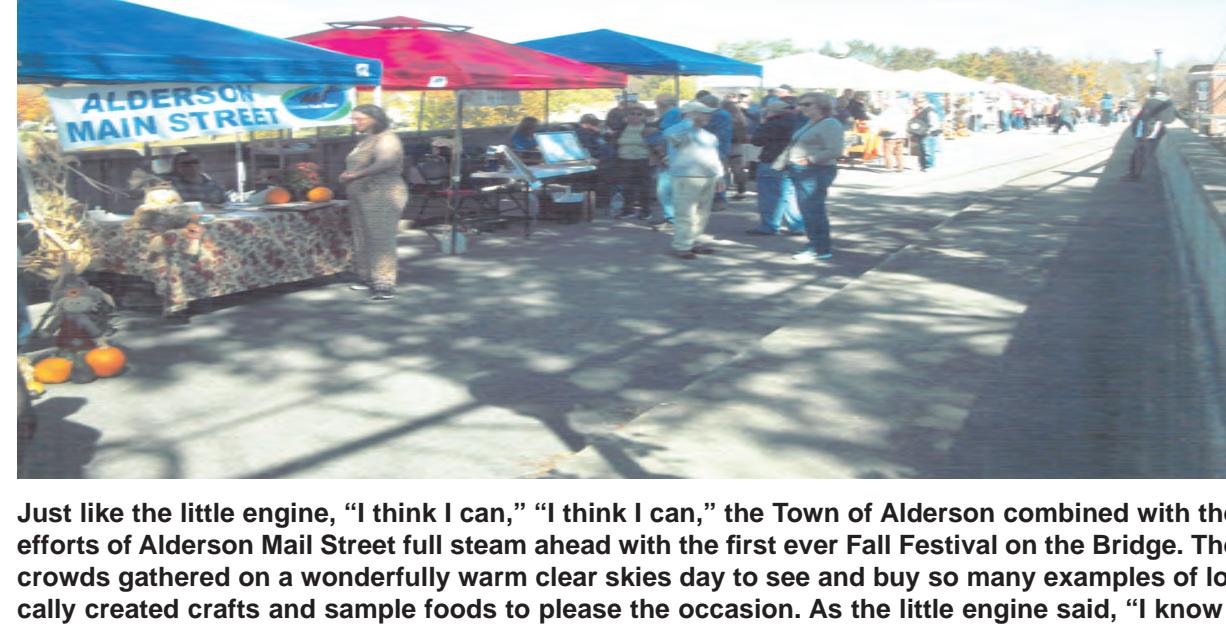
Greenbrier Artists is a nonprofit group that meets to paint each week at Carnegie Hall. They are committed to promoting education and local art in the community. They hold mini-workshops, field trips, and exhibit in several local venues including the Lewisburg library, Greenbrier Physicians, the Rainelle library, and the Visitors' Center. New members are always welcome.

## Free BYOP Pumpkin Parade and Carving Party



Together with the staff of Carnegie Hall, on Thursday, Oct. 27, from 5:30 to 7 p.m., bring your finished jack-o'-lantern or your carving tools and your own pumpkin to decorate and participate in a fun candlelit pumpkin parade on the Ivy Terrace. Stencil patterns and votive candles provided. We will enjoy themed treats and spooky decorations before we stroll along the Ivy Terrace to view the gory gallery of gourds. Prizes will be awarded and Halloween costumes are encouraged. Enjoy a Candlelit Cemetery Tour after the parade for more Halloween fun for the whole family, all ages welcome!

## Alderson Fall Festival on the Bridge



Just like the little engine, "I think I can," "I think I can," the Town of Alderson combined with the efforts of Alderson Main Street full steam ahead with the first ever Fall Festival on the Bridge. The crowds gathered on a wonderfully warm clear skies day to see and buy so many examples of locally created crafts and sample foods to please the occasion. As the little engine said, "I know I can," "I know I can," and they did.

## Carnegie Hall Calendar of Events

### Fall 2022 Classes & Workshops:

Carnege Hall offers learning opportunities starting in September and continuing through December. Classes and workshops include pottery, painting, cooking, music, weaving, writing, singing, stained glass, and movement. To register or for more information visit carnegiehallwv.org.

### Saturday, Oct. 29:

#### Halloween SurRuralism

- Special Performance by Ann Magnuson presented by the West Virginia Music Hall of Fame on Saturday, Oct. 29, at 7:30 p.m. Join Carnegie Hall for a very special Halloween event that will feature Magnuson performing spooky songs and stories. Tickets are \$15. A free preshow reception in the Museum Gallery will open at 6:30 p.m. A cash bar and snacks will be available.

### Friday, Nov. 4: Mainstage Lounge

- Join Carnegie Hall for the

Mainstage Lounge pre-show reception in the Museum Gallery at 6:30 p.m., Friday, Nov. 4. Free admission. Cash bar available.

**Friday, Nov. 4: Special Consensus** - Mainstage Performance on Friday, Nov. 4, at 7:30 p.m. Join Carnegie Hall for an evening with bluegrass group Special Consensus. Tickets start at \$28.

**Friday, Nov. 11: Second Stage Lounge** - Join Carnegie Hall for the Smooth Ambler Second Stage Lounge Deni Bonet preshow reception in the Museum Gallery at 6:30 p.m., Friday, Nov. 11. Free admission. Cash bar available.

**Friday, Nov. 11: Deni Bonet** - The Smooth Ambler Second Stage Series presents Deni Bonet on Friday, Nov. 11, at 7:30 p.m. Join Carnegie Hall for an evening with the pop/rock singer/songwriter and classically trained violinist. Tickets start at \$20.

**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 through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, please visit carnegiehallwv.org, call 304-645-7917, or stop by 611 Church Street, Lewisburg.

## Halloween SurRURALism with Ann Magnuson October 29

Charleston native Ann Magnuson will host a very special Halloween event at Carnegie Hall in Lewisburg on Saturday, Oct. 29, at 7:30 p.m. Halloween "SurRURALism" will feature Magnuson performing spooky songs and stories. A free pre-show reception in the Museum Gallery will open at 6:30 p.m. and during intermission. A cash bar and snacks will be available.

Produced by Magnuson and The West Virginia Music Hall of Fame, the event mixes the oddball glamour of Salvador Dali's Surrealism with the woodsy weirdness of Appalachian folklore. Magnuson has teamed up with West Virginia Music Hall of Fame Director Michael Lipton and local musicians to conjure up songs and spoken word dreamscapes from her extensive musical and theatrical catalogue.

In addition to tunes from her former bands Bongwater and Vulcan Death Grip - as well as her many solo albums - Magnuson will premiere a brand-new song, "Ghost Cat," which features shout outs to beloved West Virginia apparitions such as Mothman and The Flatwoods Monster.

Magnuson said that, growing up in Charleston, Halloween was always her favorite holiday. "My grandma often handmade my costumes," she said. "I suppose it was inevitable I would



Ann Magnuson

get involved in the theater because I loved dressing up and becoming different characters."

Obsessed with the late-night TV show "Chiller Theater," she looked forward to seeing sci-fi and monster movies at the beautiful, old movie palaces in downtown Charleston.

"Part of the fun was being with hundreds of other kids all reacting together in fear and raucous fun," she said. "I'm going to encourage audience participation in these Halloween shows as we conjure up ghostly memories of West Virginia during this spooky season."

"I've always loved the weirder aspects lurking in the wild and wonderful woods of West Virginia," she added, "especially at night when you can feel a special kind of nocturnal magic - not to mention Moonshine - in them thar hills. And I was always entranced by the spine-tingling ghost stories told around the campfire."

Magnuson said that all those things influenced her work as a creative artist.

"Whether it be in musical song, spoken word or visual art, it's all a form of storytelling and I was always encouraged during my upbringing in West Virginia to tell stories in fun, imaginative ways."

In addition to the spooky songs and stories about ghosts, aliens and Ouija Boards, the evening will also include a Q&A. Moderated by Michael Lipton, the discussion will trace Magnuson's roots from West Virginia to New York City (where she ran the now infamous Club 57 and rubbed elbows with Keith Haring, Jean-Michel Basquiat and Andy Warhol) to London (where she co-starred with David Bowie in the horror classic "The Hunger") and eventually to Hollywood where she's enjoyed a long career as a film and TV actress (recently appearing in STAR TREK: PICARD as Star Fleet Commander Admiral Kirsten Clancy.)

Tickets are \$15 and may be purchased by calling Carnegie Hall Box Office at 304-645-7917, visiting www.carnegiehallwv.org, or stopping by at 611 Church Street, Lewisburg. Carnegie Hall Box Office is open Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Admission to the Mainstage Lounge Pre-show Reception is free. A cash bar and snacks will be available.

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# SCHOOL

## Carnegie Hall's Spotlight on Schools serves over 900 Greenbrier County students



The Bright Siders entertain Greenbrier County students at Carnegie Hall.

Greenbrier County Elementary School Students attended performances by The Bright Siders at Carnegie Hall in Lewisburg as part of their partnership program, Spotlight on Schools. On Oct. 13 and 14, Carnegie Hall presented four performances to nine elementary schools.

The Bright Siders is a unique musical collaboration between Nashville-based Americana songwriter Kristin Andreassen and Brooklyn-based child psychiatrist Kari Groff, MD. Together, they create music with the purpose of helping children connect to their emotions.

Kari Groff, MD is an accomplished physician running a child psychiatry practice in Brooklyn, New York. Her side passion has always been as a fiddler and songwriter. Through her clinical work as a child psychiatrist, Dr. Groff has seen first-hand how powerful music can be in helping children to process emotions. As a young doctor, she started writing her own material based on the issues brought to her by her patients, weaving psychiatric advice within her catchy lyrics.

Kristin Andreassen has toured world stages as a singer, clogger, square dance caller and educator, first with the Maryland-based Footworks Percussive Dance Ensemble, and then with old time string band Uncle Earl (Abigail Washburn, Rayna Gellert, KC Groves) and "folk noir" trio Sometymes Why (Ruth Ungar, Aoife O'Donovan). As a songwriter, Andreassen's achievements include the kids' radio hit "Crayola Doesn't Make a Color for Your Eyes."

It was a chance meeting between Andreassen and Dr. Groff that launched The Bright Siders as a shared musical endeavor. The songs and skits are all intended to set

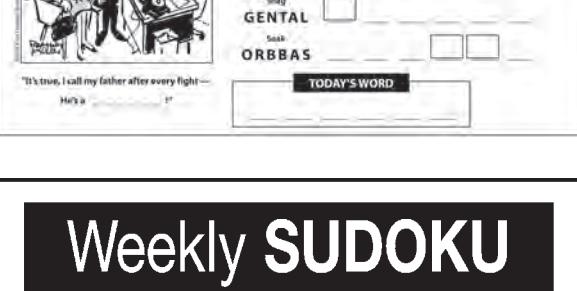
the stage for conversations with children about common emotional themes and experiences they're likely to have while growing up.

"More than anything, we encourage parents, educators, and caregivers to listen to this music with their children. Where does the real magic of this album happen? It's in actively listening to the music with children and then talking about what they experience in response to the music," says Dr. Groff.

"Children should understand that their feelings are valid and important to the adults around them," she continues. "And parents can help children live rich and meaningful lives by helping them accept and understand their emotional experiences with compassion – even if they, as parents, cannot directly fix a problem that is making them anxious or sad."

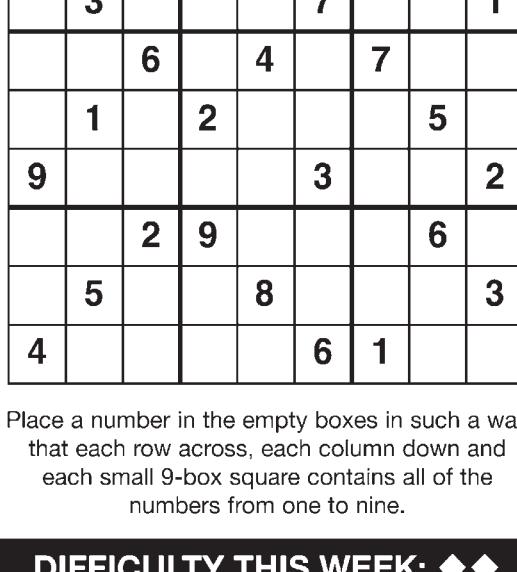
Students from Alderson, Crichton, Frankford, Lewisburg, Rainelle, Ronceverte, Rupert, Smoot, and White Sulphur Springs elementary schools attended this year's performances.

Spotlight on Schools features a different performance medium each year, giving the students in Greenbrier County unique opportunities to realize the power of live performance. By bringing inspiring performers, artists, and musicians to the area, Carnegie Hall strives to present experiences that broaden our students' understanding of the world outside southeastern West Virginia. Money from the Greenbrier County School levy helps fund programs like Spotlight on Schools. For more information on this program, contact Harmony Flora, Education Director, at 304-645-7917.



## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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### DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

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### HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



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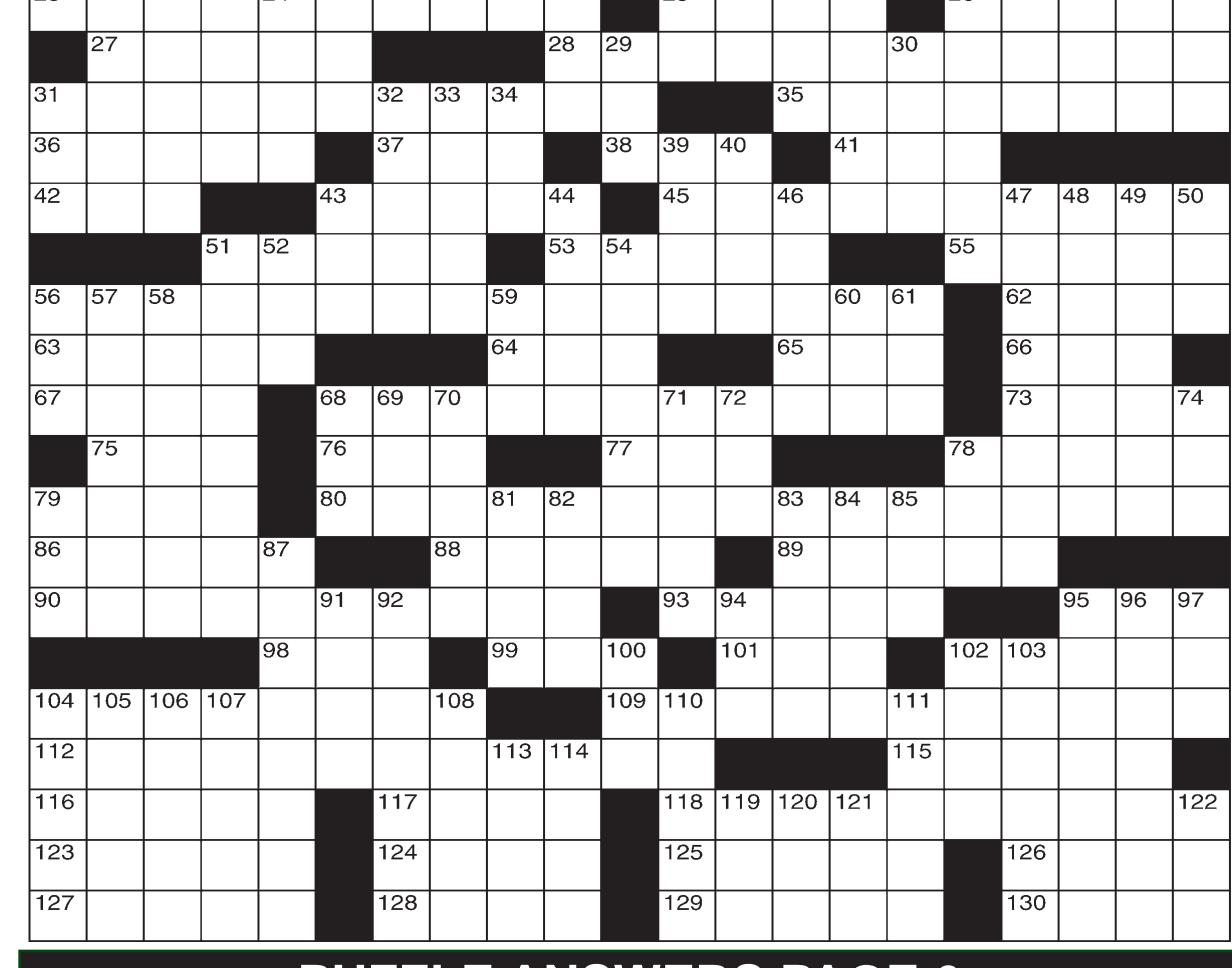
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## Super Crossword

### BEST OF BREED

ACROSS	43 Tiny flash of light	88 Gorbachev's wife	129 Playwright Clifford	40 Ark builder	74 Chair piece
1 Agents, informally	45 Light classical orchestra	89 "Count" of jazz	130 Eve's garden	43 Moo goo — pan	78 Roman 1,501
5 Wombs	51 Flips out	90 "The Simpsons" ainer		44 Lovers' get-together	79 Brit. mil. fliers
10 Soccer great Mia	53 Met again, as a legislature	93 "Lorna —"		46 "You can't — train"	81 Go— (kid's racer)
14 Warms up	55 Painful spots	95 —cone		47 Sports drink brand	82 Certain Indian believer
19 Fix up copy	56 Mendelssohn	98 U.S. spy org.		48 Art of paper folding	83 Kindle buy
20 Condor claw	orchestral piece in A minor	99 Part of OTC		49 Waddling bird	84 Violet variety
21 Emollient plant juice	62 Merlot, e.g.	101 Platform for iDevices		50 Opposite of NNW	85 Purpose
22 Incandescent	63 "Yentl" actress Feldshuh	102 Entr'— (interludes)		51 Didn't leave the house	87 Podiums
23 Good occasion to buy securities	64 Paranormal gift, for short	104 Dispute go-betweens		52 To the — degree	91 Stadium part
25 After-hours	65 Prankster's messy missile	109 Very sleek		54 Ones who can sense others' feelings, in sci-fi	92 Frigate, e.g.
26 Youngest of Chekhov's "Three Sisters"	66 Prankster's messy missile	112 Maine and Montana, to Canada		56 Engine additive	94 Engine additive
27 Davenport, e.g.	67 Hunt quarry	115 Fact fudgers		57 Jockey Angel or baseballer Wil	95 Really raged
28 Dish of melted cheese on toast	68 Pack animals around Lhasa	116 Firefighter Red		58 Burden too heavily	96 Web location
31 Small marsupial with long hind limbs	73 Actor Julia	117 Residence apropos to this puzzle (hint: see the starts of 10 long answers)		59 Lay eyes on	97 —Kosh B'gosh
35 Doubters	75 "Dr." of rap	123 Resolved to accomplish		60 Suffix with neat	100 Suffix with Vietnam
36 Dutch painter Jan	76 Lean red meat source	124 Fairway club		61 "Absolutely!"	102 Luc's gal pal
37 Actress Thurman	77 — Bo	125 At the zenith		68 Novelist	103 Vulgar
38 Depot: Abbr.	78 Eisenhower's wife	126 Org. looking for aliens		59 Josephine	104 Embarrass
41 Financier Onassis	79 On Soc. Security, say	127 Party givers		69 "I believe ..." in texts	105 Calf-roping competition
42 Rocker Nugent	80 Popover served with roast beef	86 Thin as —	128 Annoyer	70 Small donkey	106 Little umps
				71 Water nymph	107 —-proof
				72 — darn tootin!"	108 Place to shop
					110 Retort to "it ain't so!"
					111 Ice mishaps
					113 "Famous" cookie guy
					114 Tepee
					119 Purpose
					120 No. on a road sign
					121 Decay
					122 Mark, as a ballot square



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# STEPPIN' OUT



Special Consensus

## Carnegie Hall presents Special Consensus

Carnegie Hall Mainstage Performance Series continues with Grammy nominee Special Consensus on Friday, Nov. 4, at 7:30 p.m. Guests are invited to come early for the Mainstage Lounge Preshow Reception from 6:30 to 7:15 p.m. in the Museum Gallery.

The Special Consensus is a bluegrass band that has achieved a contemporary sound in their four decades of performing, making their music a modern classic.

Band leader and founder Greg Cahill is a recipient of the prestigious Distinguished Achievement Award from the International Bluegrass Music Association (IBMA) and was inducted into the Society for the Preservation of Bluegrass Music in America (SPBGMA) Hall of Greats.

Special Consensus has released 20 band recordings and received six awards from the IBMA and two Grammy nominations.

Special Consensus' sound is grounded in a deep appreciation and understanding of bluegrass music; the infectious band sound reminds people of the past while utilizing the innovations of today.

With the foundation of Greg's unique banjo playing style, Greg Blake (guitar), Dan Eubanks (bass) and Michael Prewitt (mandolin)

effortlessly support each other and consistently maintain their bluegrass center whether they're playing a jazz-tinged instrumental or a song from any of their award-winning recordings. These four talented vocalists and instrumentalists follow their creative desires without straying too far from their roots.

Rivers and Roads, the band's 19th recording, was nominated for a 2018 Grammy, received five 2018 IBMA nominations and was awarded Album of the Year. The tune "Squirrel Hunters" from that recording received the Instrumental Recorded Performance of the Year award.

International tours have brought the band to Australia, Canada, Europe, South America, Ireland and the United Kingdom. The band has also appeared on National Public Radio, The Nashville Network, the Grand Ole Opry at the historic Ryman Auditorium in Nashville, Tennessee, and in concert with symphony orchestras nationwide.

Dedicated to preserving their craft as well as keeping it fresh, in 1984 Special Consensus initiated the Traditional American Music (TAM) Program to introduce bluegrass mu-

sic to students in schools across the country and in several foreign lands.

The band records for Compass Records and proudly celebrated its 45th anniversary in 2020 with the release of Chicago Barn Dance. This recording also celebrates the long-standing connection of country and bluegrass music with Chicago from the time of the WLS "National Barn Dance" that was a precursor to the Grand Ole Opry. The songs on this recording either relate to Chicago and/or are written by artists who once lived in Chicago. The album received five 2020 IBMA nominations and the title song "Chicago Barn Dance" received the 2020 IBMA Song of the Year Award.

Tickets to the performance start at \$28, and discounts are available for Carnegie Hall members, students, senior citizens, and military.

Admission to the Mainstage Lounge Preshow Reception is free. A cash bar and snacks will be available.

To purchase tickets, call Carnegie Hall Box Office at 304-645-7917, visit [www.carnegiehallwv.org](http://www.carnegiehallwv.org), or stop by at 611 Church Street, Lewisburg. Carnegie Hall Box Office is open Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

## State Fair announces 12th Annual Christmas Barn Decorating Contest

The State Fair of West Virginia is excited to announce its 12th Annual Christmas Barn Decorating Contest at the State Fairgrounds in Lewisburg. This year, businesses, non-profits, school-based, and other civic organizations will have the opportunity to decorate one of ten harness racing barns located adjacent to Route 219 North.

"This is always an exciting competition for us, and it has become a great tradition for the community," State Fair CEO Kelly Collins stated. "Make sure to check out the barns when you attend Christmas at the Fair this year!"

Judged by a private panel of individuals from around the community, the winning entry will receive \$300, with second and third place receiving \$200 and \$100, respectively. Only the east end of the barns will be decorated, and work must be completed by 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19.

For more information or for an application, please call 304-645-1090, or email [kellyt@statefairofwv.com](mailto:kellyt@statefairofwv.com).



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## Lions Club Trunk or Treat and other events upcoming



**Lion Betty Gillespie (left) delivers school supplies contributed by Lions members to Principal Tina Campbell at the WSS Elementary School.**

The White Sulphur Lions have been very active during September and October. Several members of the group were on hand for the annual 9/11 Tribute on three area bridges as other members were busy selling raffle tickets. Ticket sales will continue through Nov. 27. They have also participated in Adopt a Highway, the local food pantry, and buying school supplies for the elementary school.

Next on the agenda is the community blood drive scheduled for Oct. 20 at the library beginning at 12:45 p.m. (please donate!) and participating in the Trunk or Treat Event at the Battleground Shopping Center. Leo the Lion will be there to help hand out treats.

Please bring any used eyeglasses to the Trunk or Treat celebration from 6 to 8 p.m. on Halloween; they will be recycled and put to good use. Lions also provide eye exams and eyeglasses to locals who cannot afford them.

The White Sulphur Lions Club meets at 7 p.m. each second and fourth Monday at the St. Thomas Episcopal Church on Main Street. They always welcome new members.



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