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Penny Pitch partners with Mountain Messenger to serve area families

Applications due by November 18

As we approach the holiday season, we are more aware than ever of the many families in our area that have little to look forward to at Christmas and need something positive to happen in their lives. For years, Penny Pitch has helped to fill that need at Christmas and beyond.

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Tales from the Bog: Miller's Farm delivers scary fun another year



By Matthew Young

Everyone in the Greenbrier Valley - and well beyond, for that matter - has heard of Miller's Nightmare Haunted Farm. And those who have been brave enough to face the ghouls and goblins know that Miller's annual Halloween haunt is one of the best that West Virginia has to offer. But, how many of those brave souls have ever stopped and wondered what it's like for the ghouls and goblins who inhabit the attraction

Well, I did.

I would like to say that it started on a warm September Sunday, but that's not entirely accurate. If I'm being honest, I'd have to admit that it started on an even warmer Saturday in April - right around the halfway point between Halloweens. I visited Miller's Farm while

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November 8 Election approaches, early voting begins

By Sarah Richardson

Early voting has begun statewide for the Nov. 8 General Election, with the Greenbrier County Courthouse offering in person early voting now through Nov. 5.

Early voting times at the Courthouse are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday.

Early voting at the Rupert Community Building is 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday.

Candidates on the ballot are:

• U.S. House of Representatives 1st. Congressional District: Carol Miller (R-Incumbent), Mr. Lacy Watson (D), and Belinda Fox-Spencer (I)

• State Senator 10th Senatorial District: Vince

Deeds (R), Stephen Baldwin (D-Incumbent), and Aaron Ransom (I)

• House of Delegates 46th District: Mike Honaker (R-Incumbent), and Paul Detch (D)

• House of Delegates 47th District: Todd Longanacre (R-Incumbent), and Heather Hill (D)

• House of Delegates 48th District: Caleb Hanna (R), and Eric Henson Sebert (D)

• Circuit Clerk: Jamie L. Baker (R), and Louvonne Legg Arbuckle (D-Incumbent)

• County Commissioner: Blaine Phillips (R), and DeEtta King Hunter (D)

• County Clerk: Robin Yates Loudermilk (R-Incumbent), and Kayla M. McCoy (D)

Candidate Heather Hill announced she was discontinuing her candidacy in September, and according to a letter from Greenbrier County Democratic Executive Committee, "What this means is that she is still on the ballot but is not

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City of Lewisburg awarded 5 Bloom Rating by Communities in Bloom

Lewisburg Foundation earns special mention

The City of Lewisburg received a rating of 5 Blooms and a special mention for Lewisburg Foundation during the 2022 National/International Symposium and Awards Ceremonies in Victoria, British Columbia. The City of Lewisburg participated in the International Challenge Small category along with Dauphin MB Canada; Glaslough Ireland; Ingria Italy; Sussex NB Canada and

Velika Polona Slovenia.

Communities are evaluated using a "bloom" rating determined by the total score of the evaluation: 0 to 55 % = 1 Bloom, 56 to 63 % = 2 Blooms, 64 to 72 % = 3 Blooms, 73 to 81 % = 4 Blooms, and 82 % and over = 5 Blooms. There are four levels of 5 Blooms exclusive to

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Greenbrier County Commission approves additional funds for Meadow River Trail

By Adam Pack

The Greenbrier County Commission met for their regularly scheduled meeting Tuesday, Oct. 25 to hear the status of the work remaining to be done to the Meadow River Trail. Roger Kennedy of Chapman Technical Group was on hand to request additional engineering time, and thus funds, associated with FEMA repairs on the trail.

Kennedy stated that his company "recognized possible overruns" in engineering and construction of the trail as far back as June, and said that "[Chapman] is still trying to close out the project." Kennedy relayed that the "Document of Substantial Completion" approved by the Commission in their last meeting on Oct. 11, was "[Chapman's] attempt to nudge the contractor along" who still have "just some punch list items, but that nonetheless have to be completed," and will take extra time than originally planned. However, that DSC has been sent to Court Street Construction with no response as of meeting time. Chapman has notified Court Street Construction that they will be sending the DSC to Court Street's bonding company, in the hopes that it will "coax them along," according to Kennedy. Any extra funds associated with the additional engineering time will be funded by FEMA funds, and the commission approved Kennedy's request.

The Commission also heard from Greenbrier County Sheriff Bruce Sloan on the possible acquisition and deployment of body cameras for "all uniformed officers of the Greenbrier County Sheriff's Department." Sloan quoted an estimate he received from Axon Inc., the same company who already provides tasers to the Sheriff's Department. "That estimate came back at \$352,877.40," he reported. The Commissioners briefly said that they felt that this was a positive development for the Sheriff's Department and law enforcement in the county, and approved the next steps necessary for the purchase of body cameras. Though the contract must still be reviewed by the Sheriff and legal counsel for the county, Sheriff Sloan said officers could be equipped with body cameras "in a couple of months."

The Commission also heard from Ruthana Beezley, Executive Director of the Greenbrier Valley Economic Development Corporation. She was on hand to formally request that the Commission designate the GVEDC as the "lead economic development organization." This would make the receipt of grants possible from the West Virginia Department of Economic Development, who stipulate that an EDC must be designated as a county

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Quilts of Valor presented to eight veterans



Glen Diehl (left), Joe Bogucki, Rolland Cottrill, Jack Nelson, Bobby Dean Mankins, Bradley Cox, Gary Cochran, and Harley Cox (kneeling)

The Renick VFW members were joined by representatives of the Alderson Quilt Guild for Quilts of Valor (QOV) presentations to eight veterans during a special dinner Sunday, Oct. 23, at the Spring Creek Presbyterian Church.

The Quilt Guild President Nan Shetterly provided background information on the QOV Foundation activity, a national program with many states having a local representative. Of interest were the national statistics of record noting for September 2022, 2,647 quilts had been presented, year-to-date 20,862, and a lifetime total of 323,574.

The quilts presented on Sunday were pieced and quilted by local quilters using their own materials or purchasing fabric with the support of local contributions. It was an honor to present quilts to the following veterans in recognition of their service and sacrifice in serving our nation.



Miller's Farm

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working on a story for a different publication, and I was treated to an all-access look behind the scenes of the sprawling attraction. Trap doors, animatronics, multi-chamber hiding places, and the make up room - I was like a kid in a candy store.

But the pièce de résistance was a ramshackle-hut that seemingly grew out of a dusty hole in the ground. This was Miller's newest addition to the haunt, and would, of course come to be known as the "Hag's Hut," nestled deep within the fog of the "Bog." Berkley Miller, the twisted genius behind the attraction, explained his vision for what the hut would be come the spooky season. He said there would be a pond... almost swamp-like, and fog would billow across the water. Guests would

enter and exit the hut via a bridge on either side, and come face-to-face with the witch who dwells within. I saw the potential. And my excitement - like a rotting pumpkin - festered.

So now we can fast forward to a warm September Sunday. It was the day for the ghouls and goblins - new and veteran alike - to descend once more upon Miller's Haunted Farm in preparation of the upcoming haunt. Berkley and his team - who can only be described as elite horror technicians - provided a crash course in all things fun and scary. There was a complete tour of the haunt - From Miller's Manor and the Blood Shed, through the Haunted Cornfield and Demented Forest... all leading to the Hag's Hut, nestled deep within the fog of the Bog.

But more than that, there was an in-depth explanation of what these dedicated actors (the aforementioned "ghouls and goblins") should expect. People visit the attraction to have fun and be scared in a safe environment - and they trade their hard-earned money for the opportunity to do those things. The Miller family takes this responsibility very seriously, and so does every actor.

The attraction opened to the public on Friday, Oct. 7, and I made my "acting" debut one week later. Those of you who were in attendance that evening may remember me as the swamp-monster guy in the yellow raincoat, wandering around the fog of the Bog. And to answer a question I was asked no less than 347 times that night: yes, I was wearing hip waders, and yes, the water was cold.

But that being said, I didn't care how cold the water was. I would have gladly stayed in that bog all night I had a blast scaring you. And If I didn't scare you, I hope you at least had a blast laughing at the guy in the water. But I also had a blast spending time with the most amazingly-talented group of entertainers you'll find anywhere. The make-up artists are on the level with what you see in the movies, and the actors can make the skin crawl right off your body.

If you've been to Miller Nightmare Haunted Farm, then I'm not telling you anything you don't already know. If you've never been, there are still two days left this year for you to check it out. But the next time you feel brave enough to make your way through the haunt, think about the ghouls and goblins who inhabit it.

They are most certainly thinking about you, and they want you to have a scary good time.

There are only two days left this season to experience Miller's Nightmare Haunted Farm, this Friday and Saturday, Oct. 28 and Oct. 29, from 6:30 to 10 p.m. Visit www.millersnightmare.com for more information and to purchase tickets.

Candidates

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actively campaigning. If Heather is successful in winning the election but declines to accept, the Greenbrier County Democratic Executive Committee will have the opportunity, following community input, to select three people to send to Governor Justice to choose as a replacement."

Independent State Senator candidate Harry "Lee" Forbes was removed from the ballot due to residing in Summers County. Since Senator Jack Woodrum already

resides in Summers County, Forbes was ruled ineligible for this position as there cannot be two candidates from the same county and district serving concurrently.

Voters will also be able to vote "for" or "against" the authorization of excess levies for the Greenbrier County Board of Education, and will vote "for" or "against" four proposed constitutional amendments, a summary of each can be read online at <https://tinyurl.com/247j27v9>

Alderson Quilt Guild returns to Visitor's Center



2022 raffle quilt, Mountain Maze

The month of November will find members of the Alderson Quilt Guild busy with their annual holiday quilt show at the Greenbrier Valley Visitors Center. There will be large quilts and wall hangings, some for show and some for sale. Additionally, there will be numerous gift items for sale.

Quilting, piecing and appliqué demonstrations will take place on Friday, Nov. 4 and Saturday, Nov. 19. The 2022 raffle quilt, Mountain Maze, will be on display all month with the final tickets sold by Nov. 30. The winner will be notified on Dec. 5. You won't want to miss this popular show.

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

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

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

Call 304-645-4775 for more information.

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

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Briefly

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.

American Heritage Music Hall, Inc.

located at 496 Island Park, Ronceverte, is open to the public, all welcome, handicap accessible. Listeners and tourists welcome. Admission \$7 Tuesday nights, \$10 Saturday - Audience provides food. Doors open at 7 p.m. Jam & Dance every Tuesday 7 to 10 p.m. The Music Hall is available for weddings and parties. For more information call the Music Hall at 304-645-4667; Bill Evans at 304-392-6079; Grace Poe at 304-992-5852.

Williamsburg Community

Shooting 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. 50/50 splatter match is \$1 per chance between rounds. Cash prizes will be awarded. Delicious hot food and refreshments will be available starting at 6 p.m. Families welcome. Proceeds benefit Williamsburg Community service projects. For more information and directions visit www.williamsburgwv.com

Democratic Executive Committee

will meet Wednesday, Nov. 9, at 5:30 p.m. at the Better Homes and Gardens Real Estate office at the corner of Washington and Jefferson Streets.

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.

Lewisburg Planning Commission

will meet Thursday, Nov. 1, at 7 p.m. in the Paul R. Cooley Council Chambers, 942 Washington Street West. On the agenda:

- Project updates
- Pickleball reservations
- Funding update for Hollowell Park lighting
- Communications from members
- Approval of Minutes - Sept. 6, 2022

Lewisburg Planning Commission

will meet Monday, Nov. 3, at 5:30 p.m. in a working session in the Paul R. Cooley Council Chambers, 942 Washington Street West, to discuss the following agenda:

- Comments from the Public
- Review and discuss the Draft Zoning Ordinance
- Review and discuss the Zoning Map
- Comments from the Commissioners
- Comments from the Zoning Officer

The next scheduled meeting of the Lewisburg Planning Commission will be held on Thursday, Dec. 1, with a working session at 5:30 and a regular meeting at 7 p.m.

For the Record

Deeds

Debra Ann Rose to John Jay Baker, Lots Nos. 17 and 18, Section 1, Graham Addition, City of Lewisburg, Lewisburg Municipality
 Lisbeth L. Cherrington to Herbery A. Trucksess, III and Susan M. Trucksess, Lot No. 33, Howard's Creek Phase Two Neighborhood, Greenbrier Sporting Club, White Sulphur District
 Delon Robert Peck III to Sandra A. Janniro, Lots Nos. 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, and 22, Clear Creek Addition, Town of Rupert, Meadow Bluff District
 Scott D. Clark and Elizabeth Noel Clark to Patrick C. Reidy and Kathryn F. Issacson, Lot No. 17, Phase 2, Overlook at The Greenbrier, White Sulphur District

Suits

In Re: The Marriage of: Nicole Leigh Cary and Shatique Mazumbali Oglesby
 In Re: The Marriage of: Jennifer B. Ward and John E. Ward II

Marriages

Chad Wesley Cochran, Frankford to Jennifer Lynn Long, Frankford
 Derek Ray Hanna, Covington, VA to Trisha Lee Cooke, Lewisburg
 John Michael Moody, Lindside, to Sarah Marie Hoke, Union
 Eric Andres Hicks, Rupert to Taylor Marie Davies, Alderson
 Kenneth Eugene McCoy, Jr., Crawley to Jodi Elizabeth Davis, Lewisburg
 David Wayne McCoy, Frankford to Melissa Renee Dunbar, Lewisburg
 Dennis Joe Patterson, Katy, TX to Nancy J. Bourrillion, Katy, TX
 David William Kidd, Covington, VA to Alisha Leeann Krafft, Covington, VA
 Michael Shane Fisher, Lewisburg to Alexandra Hughes, Lewisburg

Funds for Trail

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or region's "lead economic development organization to receive funds."

The Commission approved the motion to designate the GVEDC as such, and Commissioner Lowell Rose was full of praise for the organization. "I serve on the [EDC] board, and they have been very active as of late, and I would say that all three counties they represent and serve are really pleased with the work they do, and

especially the work that Ruthana does day in and day out."

The Greenbrier County Commission will meet again for their next regular meeting on Monday, Nov. 7 at 10 a.m. in the offices of the County Commission. The public is encouraged to attend.

'Operation Green Light' supports local veterans

In advance of the upcoming Veterans Day holiday, the Greenbrier County Commission announced that the Courthouse and Rupert Sheriff's office will be illuminated green Nov. 7 through Nov. 13 as part of Operation Green Light, a new national collaborative initiative of the National Association of Counties (NACo) to support military veterans, as well as raise awareness about the unique challenges faced by many veterans and the resources that are available at the county, state, and federal level to assist veterans and their families.

The new national collaborative is spearheaded by the National Association of Counties and the National Association of County Veteran Service Officers, building upon the successful efforts of the New York State Association of Counties and the NYS County Veteran Service Officers' Association in 2021.

"Since the tragedy of Sept. 11, 2001, our nation's voluntary military force members, and their families, have made immense sacrifices for our safety and security over a two-decade period," said

Commissioner Tammy Tischer. "Similar to the sacrifices of previous generations of our armed forces, this service to country also often results in significant stress to many of the veterans who served in times of war and conflict. We want to make sure our veterans and their families know that their service mattered, that we are grateful for their sacrifices, and that it is now our turn to make sure they are served by their county government and our community."

In addition to lighting the Courthouse, residents and businesses are encouraged to participate by simply changing one light

bulb in their house to a green bulb. This can be an exterior light that neighbors and passersby see, or an interior light that sparks a conversation with friends.

By shining a green light, we let our veterans know that they are seen, appreciated, and supported. While this event is focused around the week of Veterans Day (Nov. 7-13), participants are encouraged to continue shining the light year-round. Residents can share their participation on social media using the hashtag #OperationGreenLight.

"Operation Green Light is a simple way to express our collective appreciation for the public service of our veterans," said NACo President Denise Winfrey. "We encourage everyone to join us in displaying a green light for our veterans and to also reflect on how we, as a nation and at the county level, assist our military service personal back into civilian life upon completion of their service to our country."

Visit naco.org/operationgreenlight for more information and links to resources available to veterans.

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When the historians measure this election, let them say that true West Virginians came together behind Paul Detch and the Democratic Party to build a better West Virginia.

Paid for by the committee to elect Paul Detch

OPINION

Nature's Way

By Karen Cohen

Master Gardener/Photojournalist/Artist

Nature's Advocate

Here's a question for you gardeners to ponder. You obtain seeds online, from a friend, or in the store. Why don't these seeds sprout inside their packets? They remain dormant until something coaxes them out of their seed coats. What factors initiate the process of seeds sprouting?

Many conditions have to be just right to cause a seed to burst open, send out roots and a shoot. Light, lack of light, moisture, soil temperature and air temperature, and the age of the seeds will all determine a seed's ability to germinate. Some seeds require darkness, some prefer warmth, some need water. What we might consider as a miracle is actually a complex set of elements built into these tiny life packets.

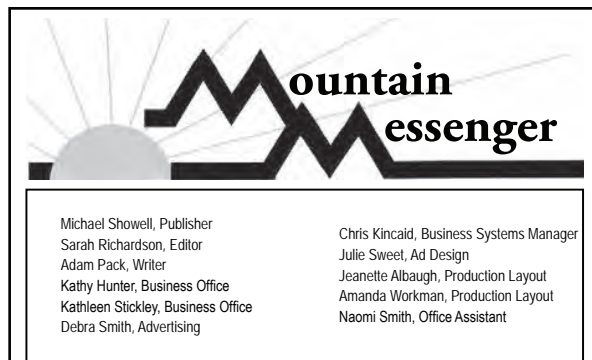
We gardeners have learned how to encourage seeds to sprout in order to speed up the process of growth resulting in flowers or food for our benefit. Let's learn about two processes we can use: stratification and scarification.

Seeds which require stratification will remain in their hard coatings forever if they don't get stratified. What seems to be a mysterious process is very simple. Stratification is the process that imitates natural conditions of temperature and moisture to cause germination. I use the refrigeration method to accomplish this. First dampen a paper towel and then sprinkle on seeds in a row or randomly, it doesn't matter. I decide how many plants I wish to create and then double that amount for seeds set down. Not all seeds are guaranteed to open up. Then I close up the paper towel, place it in a glass jar and pop it in the fridge, not the freezer. 35-41 degrees is perfect for cold stratification. Check daily to see if the seed has cracked open and sent out a little green "tail." If nothing has happened, dampen the towel sparingly and pop back in your fridge. In a few days time, your seeds, if viable, will sprout.

Which seeds require stratification? Sage, lavender, sweet peas, sedums, lettuces, poppies, catmint, and leeks benefit from this process. An even easier method is called winter stratification. Now, in the fall, go to your pre-determined garden spot with whatever stratification seeds you have selected, pull back any leaves or mulch, toss the seeds on the ground and forget about them. Yes, the birds and squirrels will eat some but not all. Seeds have the built in knowledge to sprout when they are supposed to in the spring when the soil and air warms up. You can even toss this type of seed on snow, and lo and behold, they will sprout and grow in the spring. I am a firm practitioner of using marking labels for everything I put into the ground. Helps to keep track of direct seed sowing.

In the natural world, there are wildflowers that do their own thing by dropping their seeds late fall, go through the cold winter process on their own, and then emerge in warm temperatures.

A friend gave me a small plastic baggie filled with



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coneflower dried heads. Last week I crunched them up a bit in my hands and scattered all of them on the spot in my yard where I would love to see some purple flowers next year. Fingers crossed!

Scarification is another process. I remember this one by thinking of "scaring" something with a sharp object. Using a knife or a sewing scissor, nick the edge of a seed's coating. Don't cut into the middle, just the outer edge needs to be opened a little bit. This opening allows moisture to enter and hence, the seed sprouts into action. Plant these immediately in soil so that they don't start to decay. Water a bit and voila! In a few days to a week, you will notice the seed sprouts.

What seeds require scarification? Really hard seeds like morning glory, peas, nasturtiums, lupines, beans, and okra can use help to germinate. This process of nicking each seed one by one can be tedious but it speeds up the process which could normally take a longer amount of time. Try it in the spring next year.

(Karen Cohen is a self proclaimed Mistress of her Organic garden, loves nature and is an avid explorer. Please email your tips and comments to natureswaykaren@gmail.com. Happy gardening!)

Commentary

Gov. Justice announces expanded WV State Parks veteran discounts

As a show of appreciation to veterans and active duty military personnel, Gov. Jim Justice announced today that several discounts for all United States veterans are available. Veterans who stay at a West Virginia state park lodge throughout the month of November are eligible for a 50 percent discount on lodge room stays.

"I truly believe that we owe every single thing we have in this life to these brave men and women, and we should always do everything in our power to show our appreciation," Gov. Justice said. "Providing discounts for trips to our beautiful state parks is just a drop in the bucket, but I believe it's a meaningful way for us to show our gratitude as we approach Veterans Day this year."

To receive the 50 percent off lodging deal, guests can make an online reservation at WVstateparks.com and use offer code "VETSS50" at checkout. When making reservations by calling a park or the West Virginia State Park Customer Call Center at 1-833-WVPARKS, the "Veterans Appreciation" rate should be requested. Presentation of military or veteran status will be requested upon check-in.

The 50 percent off lodging deal begins Tuesday, Nov. 1 and continues through Wednesday, Nov. 30. During this period, the deal can be utilized on lodge rooms booked as far in advance as Mar. 31, 2023.

West Virginia State Parks is also expanding discounts to show appreciation to veterans and active duty military personnel year round. Exclusive, year-round discounts available to veterans and active duty military personnel include the following:

- 10 percent off entire lodge and cabin stays
- 15 percent off greens fees at West Virginia State Parks golf courses with offer code
- 15 percent off dining at lodge park restaurants

Details about these discounts, exclusions and how to redeem them can be found online at WVstateparks.com/deals.

"WV State Parks loves supporting veterans and those men and women currently serving. It's truly a privilege to be able to offer these deals to these individuals who have served and continue to serve our country," West Virginia State Parks Chief Brad Reed said. "When someone has sacrificed so much, it brings our team joy to know we can repay them with these discounts."

West Virginia State Parks is managed by the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources, a division of the West Virginia Department of Commerce.

Deadline for Letters to the Editor is noon Wednesday

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Commentary

Protecting your vote: When officials follow the law, election confidence ensues

By Mac Warner, WV Secretary of State

Midterm elections are upon us. The US Constitution, first ratified in 1787, prescribed means by which we choose our leadership. On Nov. 8, this 235-year tradition continues and West Virginians will cast votes for fellow citizens to represent us at the local, state, and federal levels of government.

Article 1, Section 4 of the US Constitution expressly designates state legislatures as responsible for providing the time, place and manner of holding elections. Our Founding Fathers felt state legislatures – as opposed to governors, judges, attorneys general, or secretaries of state – were best situated to set the rules for holding elections. Thus, when a state legislature writes election laws, it is incumbent on officials to strictly adhere to such laws.

Here in West Virginia (WV), our Legislature has struck an appropriate balance between access to voting and security in the process. For example, eligible voters are allowed to vote absentee by mail provided they meet one of the many reasons the legislature authorizes for voting by mail. Similarly, WV has a voter ID requirement, but there are nearly 20 types of acceptable photo and non-photo identifications, along with several exceptions that make secure voting quite easy.

The checks and balances in place in WV – along with election officials following the law – have led to high voter confidence in our elections. In fact, MIT ranked WV in the top 10 states in voter confidence after the 2020 election. States whose voters have low confidence in election integrity have also found themselves in courts recently addressing procedures that are inconsistent with their state's election laws and rules. Several states have started to legally address the veering away of state law following the 2020 election.

The Wisconsin Supreme Court has now declared the use of drop boxes, as used in the 2020 election, to be unlawful without the Legislature's approval. In Pennsylvania, the General Assembly has laws in place restricting the acceptance of absentee ballots received after an election without a postmark. This law has been challenged and left in place by a very recent U.S. Supreme Court ruling and by the State Supreme Court, but state election officials are still acting in contravention of those rulings.

Specifically, the Acting Pennsylvania Secretary of State has given guidance that such ballots shall be counted. One can see the confusion and resulting lack of confidence in such a situation.

Fortunately, clerks in WV have adhered to state law. Nevertheless, as the Chief Election Officer, I continue to implore county commissions and boards of canvassers to closely follow state law when counting votes. Absentee ballot envelopes must be signed and dated, voters' addresses must match voter registration records, and ballots must arrive on time. At the polls, voters must vote in the proper precinct and they must show identification. When everyone follows election laws, confidence grows in both the election results and the people we elect.

We should be concerned with any potential fraud. I'm bothered when I hear people remark, "Well, there wasn't enough fraud to change the outcome of the election." The remark insinuates that we can tolerate some fraud, or that irregularities are acceptable. In West Virginia's 2022 Primary Election, 23 races were decided by 10 votes or less. No amount of fraud or changing rules at the last minute is acceptable.

This commentary is to issue one final recommendation for every voter to know their rights, and to recognize the extent to which state and local election officials go to uphold laws made by the legislature. Anyone who has concerns regarding their eligibility to cast a ballot—whether in person or absentee by mail—should contact their county clerk immediately. Every vote does count, but only properly cast ballots can be counted.

I wish every voter a great experience with voting this election. And I wish every candidate, their families, and their campaigns the very best on Election Day as I know they have invested a lot of time, work, and financial resources.

You can educate yourself on all things election-related at GoVoteWV.com. By knowing and following the law, confidence in our elections grows, and we all win.

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Charlotte Ann Pierson



Charlotte Ann Pierson, 78, who lived her life as a true angel on earth, passed away in the early morning hours of Sunday, Oct. 23, 2022, after a long and courageous battle with dementia, diabetes and breast cancer.

She was born in Nallen, WV, on Mar. 22, 1944, to Velt Hawkins Ramsey and Ollie Mae Ramsey.

Charlotte was raised in the communities of Pool and Runa, Nicholas County, and her humble upbringing focused on faith, family and taking care of neighbors. Her time on earth embodied those very simple characteristics. She instilled these same characteristics in her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, friends and the many band members who had the pleasure of having mama Charlotte as a chaperone.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorial donations in her honor to the Greenbrier East High School Band Boosters. Her children were deeply touched by participation in the Greenbrier East band. She was an exceptional "band mom," a loyal and strict chaperone, active band booster member loved helping support the band with parking cars during the State Fair of WV. Please send donations to: GEHS Band Boosters, P.O. Box 1336, Lewisburg, WV 24901 or by paypal to gehsbandboosters@gmail.com.

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Charlotte is survived by her loving husband and devoted caregiver, Larry L. Pierson, Sr. of Lewisburg. They were married May 12, 1962, in Nestorville, WV, and celebrated 60 years together this year. Surviving family includes three children and their families: Michael E. Pierson and daughter-in-law, Christy Pierson, Winchester, VA, grandsons, Braden Pierson (Kelli) and great-grand daughter, Avery Grace Pierson, Woodbridge, VA and Conner Pierson (Kristen) of Ponte Vedra, FL; Marlene Jolliffe and son-in-law, Frank Jolliffe, Mechanicsville, VA, grandchildren, Danielle Jolliffe Thayer (Chase) and great-grandson, Benjamin Edward Jolliffe Thayer, Sandston, VA; and Jacob A. Jolliffe (Lei Lani), Mechanicsville, VA, Christopher Jolliffe (Justin), Melbourne, FL; and Amy Gray, (Jeff) and Ross Gray, Lewisburg; and Larry L. Pierson, Jr. and daughter-in-

law, Lisa, Swannanoa, NC, grandchildren, Derek Holt, (Macey) and great-grandson, Dustin Alexander Holt (Black Mountain, NC), Quentin Adam Carver, (Amy), Black Mountain, NC, Christopher Andrew Carver, (Grecia) and great-grandson, Grayson Christopher Carver.

She is also survived by older sister, Clara Mae "Jimmie" Collins, Dunbar, WV; sister-in-law, Olive Ramsey, Mt. Nebo; and many beloved nieces, nephews and cousins.

Our family gives special thanks to the Lee Johnson family for the unending neighborly love and helping our father deal with the challenges of Mom's illness. We extend our gratitude to the third-floor nurses and staff of Greenbrier Valley Medical Center, and the staff of Summers Rehabilitation and Nursing, who kept our beloved Charlotte comfortable in her final days.

Services include visitation at Wallace & Wallace Funeral home in Lewisburg on Thursday, Oct. 26, followed by the funeral service.

Burial was in Wallace & Wallace Memorial Cemetery in Clintonville.

Serving as pallbearers were: Bob Graham, Rick Graham, Ron Graham, Ike Wade, Steve Wade and Andrew Graham; Jacob Meadows will serve as honorary pallbearer.

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

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Hayroth Graham



Alvon-Hayroth Graham, 68, passed away on Friday, Oct. 21, 2022, at his home on Whites Draft Road.

He was born July 10, 1954, on Allegheny Mountain near Alvon, the son of the late Acie and Dessie Ann Graham.

Hayroth had worked as custodian with Greenbrier County Schools with over 42 years of service, starting out at Anthony Creek in 1975 then to Frankford Elementary in 1986. He liked the children and they liked him; often coming up and hugging him. Hayroth loved the outdoors

and spending time with his family. He liked west-erns and hunting shows.

Preceding him in death other than his parents, were his brothers and sisters; Acie, Elouise Ramsey, Wava, Ruby, Virginia, Norma, Verena, Gaston (Weber), and Renth.

A loving husband, father and grandfather to his wife of 39 years, Tina Tucker Graham; son, Justin (Delta) Graham of Alvon; grandchildren, Calvin Richardson of Vinton, VA, Hunter Meadows (Lexi Price) of Michigan and Jacob Meadows of Alvon; brothers, Atz Graham of Alvon, Kenwood Graham (Diana) of Lindside and McKimmon (Mac) Graham (Darlene) of Alvon; as well as several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, Oct. 25, at the Alvon Living Word Church where Pastor Buck Caldwell officiated.

Interment was in the Graham Family Cemetery on the family farm on Allegheny Mountain.

The family received family and friends on Tuesday at the church before the service.

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

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Harvey Brown Neel



Lewisburg - Harvey Brown Neel, 76, passed away Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2022, at the Peyton Hospice House, Lewisburg.

Born Jan. 31, 1946, in Union, he was the son of the late Brown Samuel Neel and Agnes Virginia Collins Neel.

Harvey was a surveyor, member of the Ronceverte Presbyterian Church, and the Lions Club. He was also an avid Democrat supporter and cyclist.

Survivors include two daughters, Monique Neel of Rowayton, CT, and Marissa Neel Turner of Knoxville, TN; step-daughters, Jennifer Ervin (Tony) and Brianne Williams-McClintic (Lance) of Lewisburg; grandchild, Jacob Turner; step-grandchildren, Josi, Hailey and Peyton Ervin, Aena, Forest, and Brelan McClintic.

Funeral service will be at 12 noon, Friday, Oct. 28, at the Morgan Funeral Home Chapel, Lewisburg, with Pastor Stephen Baldwin officiating.

Visitation will be one hour prior to the service, Friday at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers donations of sympathy should be made to the Peyton Hospice House, 1265 Maplewood Avenue, Lewisburg. Online guestbook may be signed at www.morganfh.net

Lowell Alvin Fleshman



Smoot-Lowell Alvin Fleshman, 83, passed away on Thursday night, Oct. 20, 2022, after a long battle with Alzheimer's.

Lowell was born on Mar. 9, 1939, in Crawley to the late Lula and William "Bill" Fleshman.

He had five brothers, Leonard, Conrad, Bernard, Delvin and Harold and one sister, Viola, which are deceased.

He was a member of the Smoot Baptist Church and attended Crawley Baptist Church in his later years. Lowell was a resident of the White Sulphur Springs Center and a Veteran of the Air Force, Army and Army Reserves.

He was a former grocery store clerk, barber, school bus driver, federal civil service employee and Wal-Mart Greeter. Lowell enjoyed telling stories, sightseeing and spending time with family and friends.

Those left behind to cherish his memory are his loving wife, Edith; daughter, Sandy; son, Jeff (Marilyn); grandson, Paul; great-granddaughters, Cameron and Taylor; and extended family members.

Service will be at 2 p.m., Friday, Oct. 28, at Wallace & Wallace Chapel of Rainelle with Pastor John Wyatt officiating. Burial will follow in Wallace Memorial Cemetery, Clintonville.

Friends may visit with the family from 12 noon until time of the service.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Alzheimer's Foundation of America in Lowell's memory.

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

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Mary Lou Morgan



Williamsburg-Mary Lou Morgan, 60, passed away Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2022, at Thomas Memorial Hospital in Charleston.

Born July 18, 1962, in Ronceverte, she was the daughter of the late Alta Cleveland Morgan and Louise Kathleen Barton Morgan.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, Jimmy Morgan and a sister, Barbara Napier.

Survivors include her spouse of 37 years, Robert Tincher; son, Levi Gordon Morgan Tincher of Williamsburg; daughters, Tasha Winfrey (Chris) of

Williamsburg, and Kinder Walker (Shawn) of Lewisburg; brothers, Wayne Morgan (Martha) of Ronceverte, Doug Morgan (Dee), of Lewisburg, Dennis Morgan of Ronceverte, and David Morgan of Lewisburg; grandchildren, Lucious Winfrey, Zaidon Winfrey, Waylon and Gracelyn Walker; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral service was held on Monday Oct. 24 at the Morgan Funeral Home Chapel Lewisburg, where Pastor Roger Williams officiated.

Visitation was one hour prior to the service.

Burial followed in Rosewood Cemetery, Lewisburg.

Online guestbook may be signed at www.morganfh.net

Jeffrey Lynn Hanna



Richwood-Jeffrey Lynn Hanna, 72, passed away Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2022, at Lewis Gale Medical Center - Salem, VA.

Born Dec. 30, 1949, in York, PA, he was the son of the late Bernard Hanna and Susie Brown Hanna.

Jeff was a US Army Veteran where he fought in the Vietnam War and was awarded a Purple Heart. He retired as a long-haul truck driver. Jeff was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather.

He was preceded in death by a son, Robbie.

Survivors include the love of his life, Esther L. Hanna; son, Kevin Hanna (Beckie) of Alderson; daughter, Bobbie Hanna (Carr Evans) of Crawley; grandsons, Brandon (Paula) and Lacy (Megan); great-grandchildren,

Emily Ella and his pride and joy Braxton, his best friends in life, his dogs, June and Wee One and his cat, Boots.

Funeral service was held on Monday, Oct. 24 at the Morgan Funeral Home Chapel where Pastor Roger Alder officiated. Visitation was one hour prior to the service.

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Linda Loy Dew



Ronceverte-Linda Loy Dew, 79, passed away Sunday, Oct. 23, 2022, at CAMC Memorial Hospital in Charleston, WV.

She was born Oct. 4, 1943, at Springdale, WV, the daughter of the late Henry Clayton and Ida Virginia Hanshaw Morton.

She is survived by children, Jeanne Holley of Ronceverte, Harold Lane Harrison (Dawn) of Fairchance, PA, Clyde Dean Harrison of Gap Mills, Kelly Anne Harrison of Roseburg, OR, and Andrea Dawn Helms of Weed, CA; 16 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren; sister, Theda Joy Williams (Mar) of Warren, MI; and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be from 4 until 6 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 29, in Hopper Hall at Ronceverte Baptist Church with Speaker Chris Beard officiating.

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A Look Back

By William "Skip" Deegans

In 1923, the Greenbrier County Courthouse was the scene for one of the most sensational trials in West Virginia history. William Blizzard (shown on the left in the undated photo), a union organizer, was charged with treason for his purported organizing of what came to be called the "Armed March."

In an effort to organize the miners in Logan and Mingo County, an army of some 10,000 miners marched from Marmet in Kanawha County to Logan County where they were met by Logan County Sheriff Don Chafin and 2,000 non-union supporters and volunteers. A week-long battle ended when President Harding sent in federal troops to restore order. A Logan County deputy sheriff and two deputized miners were shot to death.

The case against Blizzard began in Logan County, but the defense secured a change to venue to Jefferson County. In the same trial, three other marchers were charged with treason and murder. Miners and their wives moved into Jefferson County to drum up support for the accused. The miners even organized a baseball team to play the local team, but were careful to let the Jefferson boys win. While the jury failed to convict Blizzard, Walter Allen was found guilty of treason and the Rev. J. B. Milburn and one of his sons were convicted of second-degree murder. Witnesses testified Blizzard was not seen at the scene until after the march started, and as far as they knew he had not taken part in the preparations. The Court recognized the right to continue Blizzard's

trial and honored a change of venue to Greenbrier County. In an effort to dampen the publicity around the trial, Lewisburg's newspaper, The Greenbrier Independent, warned the people of Greenbrier County to "keep their hands off the cases" and refused to publish any stories about the trial. Ronceverte's The West Virginia News, however, covered the trial. Howard Harrah, a Clintonville farmer and foreman of the jury, was accused (perhaps unjustly) of receiving \$600 to hang the jury. His wife testified "I've searched his pockets many times unbeknown to him, and if he had any of the money they said he took, I would have found it."

Citing the publicity from The West Virginia News and a circular that had been widely distributed in the county, Greenbrier County Judge S. H. Sharp ordered another change of venue. The case against Blizzard was moved to Fayette County, but in 1924, the State of West Virginia threw in the towel and dropped its indictment against Blizzard who went on to work as a union organizer for many years. Historians have concluded that Blizzard was probably the "general" of the armed march and may have been instrumental in securing arms for the marchers.

Photo from Wikimedia.

Sources: Hinton Daily News, The Independent-Herald (Hinton), The Greenbrier Independent, The West Virginia News.



Dear Recycle Lady

Dear Recycle Lady,

I have a large round cardboard core that is very hard. It came out of a roll of Gorilla Package Tape. There are smaller versions of this core in rolls of scotch tape. Can it be recycled with cardboard?

Packer

Dear Packer,

Cardboard cores and tubes are used as a core by packaging, tape, and storage industries. Cores are made of layers of paper held together by glue. They can be recycled with cardboard, although they are more difficult to recycle than flat cardboard. Essex tube windings are hoping to develop more environmentally friendly materials for making-cores and tubes. They also hope to find ways to reuse cores and tubes in order to lessen the number of trees cut down to make new cores.

Dear Recycle Lady,

I read that "ugly foods" are thrown out by growers and grocery stores. How much of the food grown in the U.S is wasted in this way?

Waste Not, Want Not

Dear Waste Not, Want Not,

According to the EPA, 31% of food that is grown, shipped or sold in the U.S. is wasted. As much as 70% to 90% of that wasted food is edible, enough food to feed more than a billion people according to the United Nations' Food and Agriculture. An NPR report states that food waste is one of the largest categories of materials sent to landfills and incinerators in the U.S. and worldwide. When food waste rots in the landfill it produces methane gas that contributes to greenhouse gas and global warming. Kudos to the Raleigh County Landfill that collects methane gas and converts it into energy that provides electricity for more than 1900 homes in Beckley. ReFED estimates that food waste emissions, from farm to fork to landfill, are equivalent to 72 coal-burning power plants. If California's new state laws requiring cities and counties to reduce organic waste by 75% by 2025 are successful, CalRecycle estimates that emissions could be reduced by the equivalent of taking three million cars off the road. For additional information see <https://news.thehungersite.greatergood.com/global-food-waste>.



Dear Recycle Lady,

I have an all-metal rocking chair that has rusted on one place and is no longer safe to sit in. Is it recyclable?

Miss My Rocking

Dear Miss My Rocking,

Yes, your all metal rocking chair can be recycled with metal at the Recycling Center. Go to the door marked Aluminum Cans and ring the bell. Someone will come to assist you.

Kudos to the newly opened Summer's County Recycle Center. Under the direction of Cheryl Flanagan, it is located on the way to the hospital, close to Twin State Beauty Supply. The Center is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon.

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.



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(2021-S-00000011 - Greenbrier County - MICHAEL BENNETT IRR. TRUST)

To: ESTATE OF RYAN AUSTIN COATS, ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN HEIRS OF RYAN AUSTIN COATS, RYAN AUSTIN COATS, RYAN AUSTIN COATS, SHERIFF OF GREENBRIER COUNTY, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have any interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT ANTHONY CREEK MAP 48 PARCEL 0009 0000

You will take notice that MICHAEL BENNETT IRR. TRUST, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2021-S-00000011, ACREAGE 2.853 (FEE) WAIDS DRAFT N SIDE OF DRAFT R, located in ANTHONY CREEK, which was returned delinquent in the name of COATS RYAN AUSTIN, and for which the tax lien(s) thereon was sold by the sheriff of Greenbrier County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on the 17th day of November, 2021, has requested that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made to him or her on or after April 1, 2023, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount you will have to pay on the last day, March 31, 2023, will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to March 31, 2023.	\$	535.78
Amount of subsequent years' taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to March 31, 2023.	\$	798.32
Amount paid for the Title Examination and preparation of the list to be served and for preparation and service of notice with interest from January 1, 2022, following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2023.	\$	1,042.54
Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2023.	\$	130.71
Total Amount Payable to Sheriff - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to the The Honorable Bruce Sloan, Sheriff and Treasurer of Greenbrier County.	\$	2,507.35
Cost of Certification of Redemption - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to the The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor.	\$	35.00

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(2021-S-00000012 - Greenbrier County - MICHAEL BENNETT IRR. TRUST)

To: ALL KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HEIRS OF SHIRLEY BIRCHFIELD, ALL KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HEIRS OF JOHNNIE O BIRCHFIELD, LISA BIRCHFIELD, PATRICIA THOMAS, HEIRS OF JOHNNIE O BIRCHFIELD, RICKY SHAFER, ESTATE OF SHIRLEY BIRCHFIELD, ESTATE OF JOHNNIE O. BIRCHFIELD, SHERIFF OF GREENBRIER COUNTY, STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have any interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT BLUE SULPHUR MAP 8 PARCEL 0038 0000

You will take notice that MICHAEL BENNETT IRR. TRUST, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2021-S-00000012, AC 1.00 (D) FROM SHAFER SOUGHER KNOB S/W OF SMOOT, located in BLUE SULPHUR, which was returned delinquent in the name of SHAFER RICKY, and for which the tax lien(s) thereon was sold by the sheriff of Greenbrier County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on the 17th day of November, 2021, has requested that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made to him or her on or after April 1, 2023, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount you will have to pay on the last day, March 31, 2023, will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to March 31, 2023.	\$	518.62
Amount of subsequent years' taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to March 31, 2023.	\$	779.37
Amount paid for the Title Examination and preparation of the list to be served and for preparation and service of notice with interest from January 1, 2022, following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2023.	\$	1,074.03
Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2023.	\$	217.85
Total Amount Payable to Sheriff - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to the The Honorable Bruce Sloan, Sheriff and Treasurer of Greenbrier County.	\$	2,589.87
Cost of Certification of Redemption - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to the The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor.	\$	35.00

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(2021-S-00000014 - Greenbrier County - MICHAEL BENNETT IRR. TRUST)

To: GARY D HAYNIE, CARLA M HAYNIE, GAR D HAYNIE, BANK OF MARLINTON, STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA TAX DIVISION, SHERIFF OF RALEIGH COUNTY, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have any interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT FALLING SPRINGS MAP 41 PARCEL 0025 0001

You will take notice that MICHAEL BENNETT IRR. TRUST, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2021-S-00000014, 10.22 AC HALL, located in FALLING SPRINGS, which was returned delinquent in the name of HAYNIE GARY D & CARLA M, and for which the tax lien(s) thereon was sold by the sheriff of Greenbrier County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on the 17th day of November, 2021, has requested that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made to him or her on or after April 1, 2023, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount you will have to pay on the last day, March 31, 2023, will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to March 31, 2023.	\$	518.62
Amount of subsequent years' taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to March 31, 2023.	\$	779.37
Amount paid for the Title Examination and preparation of the list to be served and for preparation and service of notice with interest from January 1, 2022, following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2023.	\$	1,074.03
Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2023.	\$	217.85
Total Amount Payable to Sheriff - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to the The Honorable Bruce Sloan, Sheriff and Treasurer of Greenbrier County.	\$	2,589.87
Cost of Certification of Redemption - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to the The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor.	\$	35.00

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(2021-S-00000015 - Greenbrier County - MICHAEL BENNETT IRR. TRUST)

To: OCCUPANT, EVERETTE MCMILLION, MARIO (AKA MARION MCMILLION) MCMILLION, SHERIFF OF GREENBRIER COUNTY, STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA TAX DIVISION, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have any interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT FALLING SPRINGS MAP 48 PARCEL 0018 00016002

You will take notice that MICHAEL BENNETT IRR. TRUST, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2021-S-00000015, 6.18 AC STEP-DAUGHTER (HOUSE), located in FALLING SPRINGS, which was returned delinquent in the name of MCMILLION EVERETTE & MARION, and for which the tax lien(s) thereon was sold by the sheriff of Greenbrier County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on the 17th day of November, 2021, has requested that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made to him or her on or after April 1, 2023, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount you will have to pay on the last day, March 31, 2023, will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to March 31, 2023.	\$	673.94
Amount of subsequent years' taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to March 31, 2023.	\$	1,082.63
Amount paid for the Title Examination and preparation of the list to be served and for preparation and service of notice with interest from January 1, 2022, following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2023.	\$	1,063.04
Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2023.	\$	174.28
Total Amount Payable to Sheriff - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to the The Honorable Bruce Sloan, Sheriff and Treasurer of Greenbrier County.	\$	2,993.89
Cost of Certification of Redemption - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to the The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor.	\$	35.00

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(2021-S-00000016 - Greenbrier County - MICHAEL BENNETT IRR. TRUST)

To: OCCUPANT, JOHN ED FISHER, JOHN ED FISHER, BETTY J FISHER, BETTY J FISHER, STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA TAX DIVISION, SHERIFF OF GREENBRIER COUNTY, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have any interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT FORT SPRING MAP 6R PARCEL 0001 0000

You will take notice that MICHAEL BENNETT IRR. TRUST, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2021-S-00000016, LOT 40, located in FORT SPRING, which was returned delinquent in the name of FISHER JOHN ED & BETTY J, and for which the tax lien(s) thereon was sold by the sheriff of Greenbrier County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on the 17th day of November, 2021, has requested that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made to him or her on or after April 1, 2023, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount you will have to pay on the last day, March 31, 2023, will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to March 31, 2023.	\$	204.75
Amount of subsequent years' taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to March 31, 2023.	\$	235.28
Amount paid for the Title Examination and preparation of the list to be served and for preparation and service of notice with interest from January 1, 2022, following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2023.	\$	1,094.53
Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2023.	\$	411.42
Total Amount Payable to Sheriff - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to the The Honorable Bruce Sloan, Sheriff and Treasurer of Greenbrier County.	\$	1,945.98
Cost of Certification of Redemption - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to the The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor.	\$	35.00

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(2021-S-00000017 - Greenbrier County - MICHAEL BENNETT IRR. TRUST)

To: OCCUPANT, BETTY J FISHER, STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA TAX DIVISION, SHERIFF OF GREENBRIER COUNTY, JOHN ED FISHER, JOHN ED FISHER, BETTY J FISHER, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have any interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT FORT SPRING MAP 6R PARCEL 0002 0000

You will take notice that MICHAEL BENNETT IRR. TRUST, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2021-S-00000017, LOT 41, located in FORT SPRING, which was returned delinquent in the name of FISHER JOHN ED & BETTY J, and for which the tax lien(s) thereon was sold by the sheriff of Greenbrier County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on the 17th day of November, 2021, has requested that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made to him or her on or after April 1, 2023, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount you will have to pay on the last day, March 31, 2023, will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to March 31, 2023.	\$	224.41
Amount of subsequent years' taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to March 31, 2023.	\$	272.39
Amount paid for the Title Examination and preparation of the list to be served and for preparation and service of notice with interest from January 1, 2022, following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2023.	\$	1,094.53
Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2023.	\$	411.42
Total Amount Payable to Sheriff - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to the The Honorable Bruce Sloan, Sheriff and Treasurer of Greenbrier County.	\$	2,002.75
Cost of Certification of Redemption - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to the The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor.	\$	35.00

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(2021-S-00000018 - Greenbrier County - MICHAEL BENNETT IRR. TRUST)

To: OCCUPANT, PAUL R LILLY, II, PAUL R LILLY, II, SHERIFF OF GREENBRIER COUNTY, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have any interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT LEWISBURG MAP 4 PARCEL 0002 0001

You will take notice that MICHAEL BENNETT IRR. TRUST, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2021-S-00000018, 2.8713 A. & R/W LILLY, located in LEWISBURG, which was returned delinquent in the name of LILLY PAUL R II, and for which the tax lien(s) thereon was sold by the sheriff of Greenbrier County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on the 17th day of November, 2021, has requested that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made to him or her on or after April 1, 2023, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount you will have to pay on the last day, March 31, 2023, will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to March 31, 2023.	\$	147.26
Amount of subsequent years' taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to March 31, 2023.	\$	71.73
Amount paid for the Title Examination and preparation of the list to be served and for preparation and service of notice with interest from January 1, 2022, following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2023.	\$	1,047.30
Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2023.	\$	130.71
Total Amount Payable to Sheriff - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to the The Honorable Bruce Sloan, Sheriff and Treasurer of Greenbrier County.	\$	1,397.00
Cost of Certification of Redemption - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to the The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor.	\$	35.00

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(2021-S-00000019 - Greenbrier County - MICHAEL BENNETT IRR. TRUST)

To: ALL KNOWN OR UNKNOWN HEIRS OF ARLESS L. THOMAS, THOMAS DEREK (AKA DEREK THOMAS), DEREK THOMAS, ESTATE OF ARLESS L. THOMAS, SHERIFF OF GREENBRIER COUNTY, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have any interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT LEWISBURG MAP 20 PARCEL 0027 0000

You will take notice that MICHAEL BENNETT IRR. TRUST, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2021-S-00000019, ACREAGE .46 (D) LOT 2 HARPER ROAD, located in LEWISBURG, which was returned delinquent in the name of THOMAS DEREK, and for which the tax lien(s) thereon was sold by the sheriff of Greenbrier County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on the 17th day of November, 2021, has requested that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made to him or her on or after April 1, 2023, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount you will have to pay on the last day, March 31, 2023, will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to March 31, 2023.	\$	475.79
Amount of subsequent years' taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to March 31, 2023.	\$	703.79
Amount paid for the Title Examination and preparation of the list to be served and for preparation and service of notice with interest from January 1, 2022, following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2023.	\$	1,058.29
Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2023.	\$	174.28
Total Amount Payable to Sheriff - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to the The Honorable Bruce Sloan, Sheriff and Treasurer of Greenbrier County.	\$	2,412.15
Cost of Certification of Redemption - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to the The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor.	\$	35.00

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(2021-S-0000020 - Greenbrier County - MICHAEL BENNETT IRR. TRUST)

To: ESTATE OF ELLEN CHAMBERS, ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN HEIRS OF ELLEN CHAMBERS, BONEY CHAMBERS, FRANK CHAMBERS, EVERETT CHAMBERS, FANNIE CLARK, WILLIAM CLARK, ALICE CHAMBERS, ANNA SWANN, JAMES N SWANN, ED WILLIAMSON, EMMA WILLIAMSON, THE HEIRS OF ELLEN CHAMBERS, ELLEN CHAMBERS, SHERIFF OF GREENBRIER COUNTY, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have any interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT WHITE SULPHUR MAP 25 PARCEL 0049 0000

You will take notice that MICHAEL BENNETT IRR. TRUST, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2021-S-0000020, ACREAGE 11.10 (C) 7.18 (D ADJOINS C&O RAILR, located in WHITE SULPHUR, which was returned delinquent in the name of CHAMBERS ELLEN, and for which the tax lien(s) thereon was sold by the sheriff of Greenbrier County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on the 17th day of November, 2021, has requested that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made to him or her on or after April 1, 2023, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount you will have to pay on the last day, March 31, 2023, will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to March 31, 2023.	\$ 149.28
Amount of subsequent years' taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to March 31, 2023.	\$ 139.04
Amount paid for the Title Examination and preparation of the list to be served and for preparation and service of notice with interest from January 1, 2022, following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2023.	\$ 1,026.80
Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2023.	\$ 87.14
Total Amount Payable to Sheriff - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to the The Honorable Bruce Sloan, Sheriff and Treasurer of Greenbrier County.	\$ 1,402.26
Cost of Certification of Redemption - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to the The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor.	\$ 35.00

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that default having been made under the terms of a Deed of Trust dated April 14, 2015, and of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Greenbrier County, West Virginia, in Trust Deed Book 746, at page 76, executed by Aaron Roberts to J. Michael Anderson, Trustee, securing Jerry Williams, which was given to secure the payment of the note therein described, and by Substitution of Trustee of record in the aforesaid Clerk's Office in Book 874 at Page 550 and demand having been made upon the undersigned so to do, the undersigned Substitute Trustee, Carl W. Roof, will, on the 17th day of November, 2022, at the front door of the Greenbrier County Courthouse, in the City of Lewisburg, West Virginia, at 10:00 a.m., sell the property hereinafter described, which property was conveyed in said Deed of Trust, and being more particularly described as follows:

That certain tract of land located in Meadow Bluff District, Greenbrier County, West Virginia, bounded and described as follows:

PARCEL NO. ONE:

All of the following tract or parcel of land situate in Meadow Bluff Tax District, Western Magisterial District, Greenbrier County, West Virginia, with the improvements thereon and the appurtenances thereto appertaining, and more particularly bounded and described as follows: In what is known as the Charmco Heights Subdivision, being Lot 68 of said Charmco Heights Subdivision as shown on a Map of said subdivision recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Greenbrier County, West Virginia in Map Book 2, at Page 52 in which Lot No. 68 is more particularly described as follows:

Lot Number Sixty-Eight (68) - beginning at the corner of Lot No. 67, fronting on Deegans Drive, due West 60 feet to Lot No. 69, thence North 310 feet to the subdivision line, thence East 60 feet to Lot No. 67, and with said Lot No. 67 South 340 feet to the beginning.

PARCEL NO. TWO:

All of those two (2) certain lots or parcels of land, being Lots Numbers Sixty-Nine (69) and Seventy (70) in what is known as the Subdivision of Charmco Heights, situate in Meadow Bluff District, Greenbrier County, West Virginia, and more particularly bounded and described as follows:

Lot Number Sixty-Nine (69), beginning at a corner of Lot No. 68 on Deegans Drive, thence West 60 feet, to Lot No. 70 thence North 295 feet thence West 60 feet to Lot No. 68, thence South 295 feet to the beginning.

Lot Number Seventy (70), beginning at a corner of Lot No. 69 on Deegans Drive, thence West 60 feet to Lot No. 71, thence North 265 feet, thence West 60 feet to Lot No. 69, thence South 265 feet to the beginning.

And being the same property conveyed to Aaron Roberts, by Deed dated the 9th day of April, 2015 from Jerry Williams, which said Deed is of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Greenbrier County, West Virginia in Deed Book 572 at page 655.

Said property will be sold upon the following terms and conditions:

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- The property will be conveyed in an "AS IS" condition by Deed containing Special Warranty of Title, subject to the Internal Revenue Service right of redemption, all property taxes, prior Deeds, validly enforceable prior liens, reservations, encumbrances, restrictions, right-of-ways, easements, covenants, conveyances and conditions of record in the Clerk's office or affecting the subject property.
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- The purchaser(s) at the sale shall be responsible for paying the recording costs and also the tax on the privilege of transferring real property.
- In the event there are Federal Tax Liens against the property, the United States would have the right to redeem the property within a period of 120 days from the date of such sale or the period allowable for redemption under local law, whichever is longer.

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TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE

Pursuant to the authority vested in the undersigned by deed of trust dated the 9th day of February, 2016, signed by Martha Marrinan, an unmarried woman, to Gary Furbee, Trustee, which said deed of trust is of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Greenbrier County, West Virginia, in Trust Deed Book 761 at page 281, and Golden & Amos, PLLC, Trustee having been requested to do so by the Secured Creditor, and default having been made under the terms and conditions of said deed of trust, and the provisions in said deed of trust concerning acceleration having been complied with by the Secured Creditor and present holder of the note, said Trustee will sell at public auction at 2:30 o'clock p.m. on the

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at the front doors of the Courthouse in Greenbrier County in Lewisburg, West Virginia, the following described real estate:

Beginning at a 3/4-inch rebar on the southern edge of the road (home drive), corner to 1.72-acre tract of Eric White (Deed Book 418, page 725) and with said White line S 00-27 W 726.98 feet to a 3/4-inch rebar set on the original outside line of original 10.0-acre tract and with same and leaving said White tract S 87-20-44 E 115.00 feet to a fence post (found), an original corner to said 10.0-acre tract, and with same fence line N 00-27-19 E 675.36 feet to a fence post (found) on the southern edge of road (home drive), thence with southern edge of said road N 63-35-00 W 127.80 feet to the point of beginning, containing 1.95 acres, more or less. This conveyance is subject to all restrictions and reservations contained in prior deed of record. Also included is the following manufactured home: Year - 2011; Manufacturer - Schult; Model No. -1324; Serial No. - RIC245112NCAB

It is the intention of this notice to sell the secured property by proper description as was intended to be transferred and conveyed in the aforesaid deed of trust.

The above described real estate is reported to have a mailing address of:

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TERMS OF SALE: Cash in hand on day of sale or within 30 days of date of sale upon terms to be agreed upon between Trustee and successful bidder, time being of the essence; payment for unpaid real estate taxes to be assumed by the purchaser. The Trustee does not warrant title or fitness to this property; it is being purchased as is; this is a buyer beware sale and any buyer is advised to retain counsel before the sale. If there is any part of the process of sale which is found to be objectionable, the Trustee reserves the right to cancel the sale. No purchaser should take possession or make improvements in the premises until the Trustee deed is delivered or recorded. A third party purchaser at sale will be required to pay the purchase price plus all recording and transfer fees.

Trustee at sale is under no duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying the subject property to vacate said property.

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The party(ies) secured by the Deed of Trust reserve the right to purchase the property at such sale. If the purchaser at sale is unable to complete the terms of purchase within 30 days, the Trustee reserves the right to transfer the property to the next highest bidder.

Any sale hereunder may be adjourned from time to time without any notice other than oral proclamation at the time and place appointed for this sale or by posting a notice of same. Should the Trustee not appear at the time appointed for the sale and there is no notice posted of a continuance please contact the office of the Trustee to make further inquiry. Any sale may be conducted or adjourned by the designated agent or attorney of the Trustee. The undersigned is fully vested with the authority to sell said property as Trustee by instrument of record. Some Trustee sales may be conducted by a servicer required Auction Company. In that event, the auctioneer will be acting under an "Auction Services Agreement."

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The West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex or national origin in consideration for an award.

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Halloween marks the first stop on the holiday season highway. It is a time of great excitement and fun for young and old, with costumes, tricks and treats brightening up an autumn day. Hard core Halloween enthusiasts may spend hundreds of dollars each year on decor, costumes and other accessories. But what if there were a way to save on favorite Halloween items?

You don't have to break the bank to enjoy Halloween hijinks. With some innovative and cost-saving ideas, it's possible to save money, which is always helpful with Thanksgiving and Christmas festivities on the horizon.

Use online resources. There's a good chance you can find do-it-yourself project ideas for any number of tasks on your Halloween to-do list. Want to craft an authentic-looking witch's broom? Need a free pumpkin-carving template? Want to create a haunted house tableau with items you already have in your shed or garage? Do a quick online search to find ways to achieve all of these ideas and more.

Borrow what you need. Each year many parents purchase new costumes for their children that are easily outgrown by the time the next Halloween rolls around. That leads to a surplus of Halloween costumes with little wear and tear. Parents can set up a costume swap with other parents to find high-quality costumes for their children and often themselves. If a friend is doing a 'Grease'-in-



spired 1950s party and you're in possession of a 'Pink Lady' jacket, offer to lend it out for the party.
Rely on e-vites. Spread the word about your Halloween party or trunk-or-treat event via digital invitations. Many services offer free invitations that don't require a subscription to their services. Another no-cost idea is to download an image from a copyright-free clip-art service and modify it using available phone applications to include party details. Then simply text out your invitation to friends.
Buy in bulk. Pool your spending resources with other people and utilize wholesale or bulk-buying services to meet your Halloween needs. Consumers can save on the per-item cost when items are purchased in bulk. This can be applied to decorations, food, candy, and more.
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Halloween is a magical time of year. Homes are adorned with festive fall accoutrements, including hay bails, pumpkins and mums as well as the black, purple and orange decorations that are unique to a season of ghouls and goblins.

Although decorating is a large part of the fun of Halloween, the sweet treats that are distributed to trick-or-treaters and presented at Halloween parties are arguably the most popular component of this beloved holiday. Candy is everywhere come Halloween. The National Confectioners' Association reports that Halloween is the largest confectionary holiday, followed by Easter and Christmas. The National Retail Federation and NCA indicate the average American consumes 3.4 pounds of candy around Halloween, and 600 million pounds of candy are purchased across the country for the holiday.

Is it possible to escape the Halloween sugar overload? For those who want to enjoy some healthier options than candy corns and

other sweet staples, these ideas are not so frightening.
Pizza mummy: Use slices of toasted sandwich bread or English muffins to make some spooktacular fare. Coat the bread with pizza sauce. Then place thin vertical slices of mozzarella cheese in a haphazard pattern to replicate the look of gauze on a mummy. Two pieces of sliced black olives serve as the eyes.
White, orange and yellow platter: Simulate the look of candy corns' white, orange and yellow color palette with healthier offerings. Stack cauliflower, or another white food like monterey jack cheese, baby carrots and yellow bell peppers on a platter. Serve with your favorite dip.
Deviled brains: Turn

regular deviled into something more sinister for Halloween buffet tables. Simply add food coloring to the filling to create a pinkish-brown hue that resembles a human brain. Then use a piping bag fitted with a thin icing tip to pipe the shape of brains onto the hardboiled egg halves.
Veggie skeleton: Use assorted vegetable slices, cheese sticks, fruits, nuts, and more to inspire a Halloween-inspired charcuterie board. Arrange everything to resemble a skeleton on the platter.
Ghostly bananas: Insert popsicle sticks into the bottoms of bananas and freeze until solid. Prepare white melting chocolate according to directions, then dip the frozen bananas into it. While wet, stick on two mini chocolate chips to make the eyes of the ghosts. Place in the refrigerator to harden.
Spider crackers: Use buttery Ritz crackers or something similar for this recipe. Spread a relatively thick layer of cream cheese (or peanut butter if allergies are not a concern) on one cracker. Cut thin pretzel sticks in half and use four on each side to make spider legs, sticking them into the cream cheese. Top with another cracker and secure to the cream cheese. Raisins connected with more cream cheese complete the eyes of the spiders.
 Anyone can use his or her imagination to make delectable and healthy Halloween offerings in lieu of more sweets.

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Happy Halloween

A Look at the Oldest Halloween Traditions



fire pits in their yards that are reminiscent of ancient celebrations.

Trick-or-treating

Christianity spread throughout Celtic regions and blended with other rituals. Pope Gregory III expanded on a holiday Pope Boniface IV established to honor Christian martyrs to include all saints and martyrs. All Saints Day on November 1 commemorates the venerable saints, and All Souls Day on November 2 celebrates loved ones who went on to eternal rest. All-Hallows Eve (Halloween) was a time to pay homage to the dead. Poor children would go door to door in more affluent neighborhoods offering to say prayers for residents' deceased loved ones in exchange for some food or money. This was known as 'souling,' which became the basis for trick-or-treat-

ing. Later the tradition became known as 'guising' in areas of Scotland, where children would go around in costumes.

Witches

Images of witches riding broomsticks are everywhere come Halloween, and witch costumes remain a standard. Almanac.com indicates that, during the Middle Ages, women who practiced divination were dubbed "witches," from the Anglo-Saxon word "wicce," or "wise one." It was believed the witches could go into a trance-like state, and would do so in front of their fireplaces. Superstitious people believed the witches could fly out of their chimneys on broomsticks and terrorize others with magical deeds.

Bobbing for apples

Bobbing for apples is not quite as popular as it once was, as more people

have become concerned about spreading germs. During the Roman festival for Pomona, which occurred around November 1, Pomona, the goddess of fruit and orchards, was celebrated. Romans believed the first person to catch a bobbing apple with his or her teeth would be the first to marry. It also was believed apple peels contained the secrets to true love.

Carving pumpkins

Removing the insides of pumpkins and carving them into funny or fearsome faces may be messy work, but it's tradition on Halloween. Turnips were the material of choice in ancient Ireland, but were replaced by pumpkins when immigrants came to America. The "lanterns" were made with scary faces and lit to frighten away spirits.

Halloween is full of traditions, many of which have lengthy histories.

As with many celebrations, Halloween is steeped in traditions, many of which can be traced back quite some time. Since Halloween is believed to have originated from Celtic pagan, ancient Roman and early Christian events, its traditions are varied. The following is a deep look at some old traditions associated with Halloween.

Bonfires

Historians trace many traditions of Halloween to a Celtic holiday known as Samhain (pronounced sow-in). The Celts lived 2,000 years ago in parts of what is now Northern France, Great Britain and Ireland.

During Samhain, people believed that the door between the worlds of the living and the dead was

blurred. On Samhain, Celts believed the ghosts of the dead returned. Also, Druids made predictions about the future at this time of year. It was customary to build large, sacred bonfires and burn crops and other sacrifices to the Celtic deities.

While large bonfires are not typically part of Halloween celebrations today, revelers can light

on Halloween as they are on any other day of the year. Data published in the Wall Street Journal indicated children between the ages of four and eight are 10 times more likely to be fatally injured by a car on Halloween than any other day of the year.

While no one wants to put a damper on Halloween festivities, it's important that everyone celebrate safely.

Halloween Safety Facts

Even though fun may be foremost on the brain, it is important for everyone keep safety in mind as well.

According to the Florida Law Group, Halloween is a time of heightened injuries and fatalities, and is actually the deadliest day of the year for children. A State Farm insurance study that analyzed four million fatalities between 1990 and 2010 discovered children are twice as likely to die



on Halloween as they are on any other day of the year. Data published in the Wall Street Journal indicated children between the ages of four and eight are 10 times more likely to be fatally injured by a car on Halloween than any other day of the year.

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L'burg In Bloom ————— **Cont. From Front**

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Over the summer, trained volunteer judges travelled to participating communities to evaluate the overall contributions of municipal council and departments; industry; businesses and the private sector - including volunteer efforts - regarding the following criteria: Community Appearance, Environmental Action, Heritage Conservation, Tree Management, Landscape and Plant & Floral Displays.

Following their evaluation, volunteer judges Susan Ellis and Alex Pearl wrote, "The Lewisburg Foundation, community volunteers and the three garden clubs have worked together for many years, shaping the lovely look and feel of the town. First time visitors are greeted with a clean, well-kept community with cheerful

floral displays, and plantings, and honour paid to preserving its past. The streets are very walkable, clean and cared for, and the eclectic mix of shops, services and restaurants that are in the downtown contribute to the busy, friendly vibe that draws both visitors and residents into the core."

Lewisburg in Bloom coordinator Shannon Beatty added, "The Lewisburg in Bloom Committee had fun getting ready for the Communities in Bloom judges and enjoyed showing them our favorite place to live. Our Public Works crews and volunteers worked so hard to get ready. They were so proud to show off their hometown."

All those involved in the Communities in Bloom program can be proud of their efforts, benefitting all of society by providing real and meaningful ways to mitigate climate change

For a complete list of the results, please visit www.communitiesinbloom.ca

Greenbrier County Solid Waste Authority wins Make It Shine Clean County Award

The Greenbrier County Solid Waste Authority (GCSWA) received the West Virginia Make It Shine Clean County Award at the 2022 WV Educational Conference on Litter Control & Solid Waste Management. The 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.



The Greenbrier County Solid Waste Authority's Director of Recycling Todd Riggs and Board of Directors members Mike Eltzroth and Lucie Refsland accepted the West Virginia Make It Shine Clean County Award presented by Chris Cartwright.

Greenbrier County resident honored for recycling efforts

Lucie Refsland of Lewisburg was honored as a Recycling Champion by the Recycling Coalition of West Virginia. Refsland has been recycling for decades and currently is serving as a board member of the Greenbrier County Solid Waste Authority.

Her passion for recycling is contagious. She volunteers her time supporting the efforts at the Greenbrier Recycling Center and once a month holds a question-and-answer workshop at the center. She also writes a newspaper column called "The Recycle Lady" which appears in five different newspapers. She uses the column to answer questions, update recycling news, and provide interesting insight to the industry. Refsland's impact is evident as her community strives to recycle more material and to do it correctly. She has inspired new programs to collect toothbrushes, empty toothpaste tubes and empty dental floss containers for recycling.

Refsland was honored for her efforts on Oct. 17 during the West Virginia Educational Conference on Litter Control and Solid Waste Management at Glade Springs Resort.

The Recycling Coalition of West Virginia is non-profit environmental organization whose mission is to promote the effective and sustainable reduction, reuse and recycling of materials otherwise destined for disposal. The Recycling coalition pursues these goals by

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Lucie Refsland (left) accepts the Volunteer of the Year Award

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spring in Rupert, at the Greenbrier County Convention and Visitor's Bureau, at food banks, or by contacting Penny Pitch online or by phone.

On Facebook, find us at Penny Pitch - Greenbrier County. You can email us atpennypitchwv@gmail.com or call 681-318-6985. All applications are due by Nov. 18 and should be mailed to P.O. Box 494, Lewisburg, WV 24901.

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By Dan Lawton
for Mountain State Spotlight

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A Beckley man was held in jail for littering and missing a court date, dying last year without a chance to post bail. Since his death, five more men have died in the troubled Southern Regional Jail where conditions have prompted a class action lawsuit and federal investigation.

When Kyle Steven Robinson died last year in Southern Regional Jail, the West Virginia Department of Corrections didn't offer many details besides his name, time of death, and that foul play wasn't suspected.

The agency didn't say the reason he was there in the first place: charges of littering and a missed court date. Or that he had languished in jail for 81 days without a chance to post bail. Or that he died of a drug overdose, according to his mother.

Robinson's death wasn't an isolated incident. Over the past year, West Virginians have seen headline after headline about deaths in Southern and the state's other regional jails. Since Robinson's death in September 2021, five more men have died in the same facility. The correctional system is one of the nation's most deadly, with inmates dying at rates far above the norm. And the challenges that marked Robinson's life and death are common for many poor West Virginians, including those who are dying in our state's jails.

Robinson grew up in Beckley and lived there most of his life. His mother remembers him as loving hunting, NASCAR, and pit bulls. But Robinson also used legal painkillers and then moved on to street drugs. Before he died at 55, he had been in and out of jail and homeless.

Through it all, it was Robinson's mother Annell Payne, 82 years old and on oxygen, who fired off desperate missives to judges, forked over money for jail care packages and still fights for her son.

On a recent afternoon, she sat in her fifth-floor apartment in Beckley and recalled the highs and

lows of Robinson's life.

"I'm going to be honest, he wasn't an angel," Payne said. But she also remembered: "He helped me every time I needed it."

And Payne still bristles with anger when she describes the characters and peculiarities of a criminal justice system she alleges was an accomplice in her son's sudden death.

Debunking a 'myth' about why people miss court

Something happened on April 1, 2021, that led Robinson to miss court. He might have just forgotten, or maybe he didn't have a ride or money for bus fare. He might not have received a notice from his lawyer, since he rarely had a permanent mailing address. Perhaps he was using drugs, or maybe he woke up in the tiny, unheated shed where he often slept - and one night almost froze to death - and felt so depressed that he decided not to go.

It wasn't the first time he had missed a court date, though. That fall, he failed to show up on two occasions, both related to allegations that he had used a man's credit card to withdraw \$700 at two local banks. Each time, he was arrested and soon released on bail.

His mom said Robinson missed the first two dates because of confusion around the pandemic.

"We thought they were only doing murders," she said.

But it was the third missed court date that would ultimately lead to Robinson going to jail for the final time.

In 46 states, including West Virginia, failing to appear in court is a crime. A warrant is issued, called a "capias," which is Latin for "you shall seize." The penalty in West Virginia for failing to appear is up to five years in jail, but rarely are defendants prosecuted. More often, they spend additional time awaiting trial.

It's a capias - not selling drugs, shooting people, stealing, setting things on fire, breaking into houses, beating people up, or any other form of mayhem - that was the most common charge for inmates in

West Virginia jails during the last fiscal year. More than 4,700 of the 38,490 jail admissions during that time period had a capias charge, according to a report by the Department of Corrections. This likely includes missed court appearances, as well as bail violations.

"There's a myth that people fail to appear because they've skipped town," said Sara Whitaker, who spent nine years as a public defender in Kanawha County and now works as an analyst for the West Virginia Center on Budget and Policy. "The truth is that people miss court for the same reason they miss a doctor's appointment. In fact, studies show that people miss medical appointments at roughly the same rate as court hearings."

Whitaker said there are many solutions to decrease the number of people in jail for missing court. Text message reminders, online portals to view upcoming court dates or grace periods all could save taxpayers the \$54 daily tab the state says it costs to keep someone in jail.

Another solution she suggested - mandating judges set bail within three days of a capias arrest - might have made the difference for Robinson, who never had a bail set.

"Mr. Robinson's case is a grotesque reminder that the liberty of the poorest West Virginians comes cheap," Whitaker said.

A kind man with a difficult path

Robinson's life was hard. Like about half of people incarcerated in West Virginia, Robinson didn't graduate from high school, but did eventually receive his GED.

Annell Payne remembers her son, whom she calls by his middle name Steven but was known to some as Kyle, as kind, generous and loving.

She said he would rescue mistreated dogs and recalled how Robinson once snatched a white pit bull puppy from a drunk man who had thrown the animal against the wall.

"The guy said, 'hey, that's my dog,' and Steven said, 'now, he's not.' He didn't like people who mistreated animals. He didn't have any use for it."

Robinson worked in the construction industry, until back and neck injuries and a lung condition made it difficult for him to hold a job.

"He was just in so much pain," Payne said.

She said her son started taking pain medications for relief, prescribed at one of the clinics in the area. But eventually he turned to street drugs like heroin and fentanyl. Soon his only income was a disability check - and he began to pile up arrests for drug offenses and charges like petty theft. A court document from 2020 shows that he had nine previous incarcerations.

While most of those charges were minor and resulted in fines, probation or short sentences, Robinson was arrested in 2020 on felony device fraud charges for the incident with the credit card withdrawals.

While out on bail, Robinson began living in a tiny tool shed next to his mother's mobile home. The shed had no power, plumbing or heat, but it was the only shelter he could find.

During that time, neighbors began complaining about trash on Payne's property. Court documents describe an open dump "that contained household garbage, tires, old luggage, buckets and more." A litter control officer came out twice over five months and told Robinson to clean up the trash and stop living in the shed.

Payne said it was her property and the trash was her responsibility. But at her age and with Robinson's disabilities, they couldn't clear the refuse.

Nevertheless, a magistrate judge issued an arrest warrant for Robinson on March 25, 2021, on charges of unlawful disposal of litter, open dumps and proof of disposal.

Three months later, on June 15, Robinson was arrested by Beckley Police on littering charges and for missing the April court date.

Another magistrate judge, Tomi Peck, set a bail of \$2,500 on the misdemeanor littering charges. In an interview, Peck said she chose that bail because it was 10% of the maximum penalty of \$25,000.

Annell Payne was ready to pay it - but she couldn't. The capias meant that Robinson had a "hold" and couldn't get out of jail.

His booking picture shows a pair of crutches leaning against the wall. Payne said Robinson had broken his femur weeks

early and was in agonizing pain.

Jail conditions prompt lawsuit, federal investigation

What was it like for Robinson in Southern Regional Jail?

Russell Williams, a plaintiff's attorney suing the Department of Corrections over poor conditions, said he has a pretty good idea.

"You'd be better off in an animal shelter," he said.

The jail is packed far beyond capacity. It is intended to hold a maximum of 468 inmates but had an average jail population of 717 in 2021, according to reports from the department.

Media reports published this year alleged that inmates at Southern Regional were being deprived of water and drinking from toilets. Governor Jim Justice commissioned an investigation in April that found those allegations false, but they've led to a class action lawsuit.

In an affidavit filed as part of that lawsuit, a former correctional guard alleged that sometimes up to 16 inmates would be forced to sleep on the floor. The lawsuit also alleges that two-person cells often house three or four people, and includes images of leaking toilets, broken sinks and an inmate sleeping on the floor. Some pictures are even more graphic, including blood splattered across a mattress, the floor and a toilet.

Payne said that guards confiscated Robinson's crutches because they were deemed a weapon. He told his mother that he had to hobble on one leg and occasionally crawl, a grueling task in the chaotic facility.

Affidavits from deputies in the lawsuit also describe sexual and physical assaults. Just last week, the West Virginia Department of Homeland Security confirmed federal investigators are also probing conditions at the jail - a fact that only came to light because reporters at the Beckley Register-Herald were denied a tour of the facility.

State officials haven't yet responded to the allegations in the lawsuit, but the deadly nature of West Virginia's prisons and jails has been widely documented. An investigation by Reuters found that West Virginia had the highest per capita death

rate of the 45 states examined, with at least 115 people dying between 2009 and 2019.

According to the West Virginia chapter of the ACLU, an inmate is about twice as likely to die in West Virginia than in Kentucky.

The West Virginia Department of Corrections denied a public records request for records related to Robinson's death and didn't respond to a series of questions about it. So while it's unclear exactly how Robinson got his hands on fentanyl, drug overdoses in the state's jails are not uncommon. At least 18 occurred between 2009 and 2019, according to the Reuter's investigation.

Earlier this month, authorities in Barboursville intercepted a trove of narcotics - including 123 individually wrapped suboxone strips - just before they reached the doors of Western Regional Jail.

A mother adjusts to a life without her son

On the day he died, Robinson's mother received an anonymous call from a woman who said her son had been sick and not allowed to see the doctor.

About a week later, the woman called back and told her Robinson was yelling for help the night he died.

"Nobody heard him hollering for help?" Payne said, when talking about the call. "What were they doing, sleeping?"

She said she's received no additional information from the prison about her son's death, including whether or not he received the overdose-treatment drug naloxone, which she thinks could have saved his life.

Payne said she and her son planned to leave West Virginia after he cleared his legal problems and join Robinson's ex-wife and daughter in Nevada.

"We both wanted to go out there and see if we could find a place to live," she said.

She's now trying to adjust to life without her son. Payne said that she wanted to bury Robinson in a plot with his grandfather and other family members but it was too expensive.

Instead, she had him cremated. His ashes sit in an urn in her bedroom closet, and for now, she has no plans to move them anywhere else.

Improve Gut Health with Simple Lifestyle Habits

Maintaining a healthy digestive system, or gut, could be the key to better health. When healthy, the gut absorbs nutrients from food, eliminates waste, communicates with the brain and supports a healthy immune system and nervous system function. If the gut is unhealthy, it can cause digestive diseases which affect 60 - 70 million Americans according to the National Institute of Health.

Signs of an unhealthy gut include an upset stomach, sudden weight gain or loss without changes in lifestyle, disrupted sleep and constant fatigue. If left untreated, an unhealthy gut can lead to chronic conditions like irritable bowel syndrome (IBS) and gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD).

Optimal gut health is achieved when the bacteria inside of the gastrointestinal tract, made up of the esophagus, stomach and intestines, work together without causing discomfort.

"Gut health is a popular and complex topic that can seem overwhelming," says Lori

Gledhill, M.D. with Greenbrier Valley Primary Care. "Luckily, maintaining a healthy gut can be easily achieved through simple lifestyle habits."

Dr. Gledhill recommends these lifestyle habits to maintain a healthy gut:

- **Consume probiotics:** Eat probiotics from naturally fermented foods like yogurt and sauerkraut to help create a healthy balance of gut bacteria.
- **Eat well:** Avoid highly processed foods and eat more fruits, vegetables, lean protein and fiber like apples, broccoli, salmon and quinoa.
- **Exercise regularly:** Regular exercise can help improve gut health by increasing beneficial microbial species and helping to reduce stress.
- **Hydrate:** Drinking enough water is a simple way to improve gut health and prevent constipation.
- **Reduce stress:** Try walking, meditating and spending time with

loved ones to help reduce stress and decrease inflammation in the gut.

"More than 70% of our immune cells reside in the gut. Therefore, maintaining proper gut health is important for your immune system to function properly" says Dr. Gledhill. "If you are experiencing signs of an unhealthy gut, schedule an appointment with your physician for further evaluation."

For more information on how to maintain a healthy gut or to find a primary care doctor, visit gvmedicalgroup.com or call 304-645-3207.

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Back Down Country Roads

These Haunted Hills

By Nancy Richmond

By day, the Greenbrier Valley is a peaceful and pleasant place to visit, nestled deep within the heart of the massive Appalachian mountain range. Lewisburg, the County Seat, was voted the Coolest Small Town in America for 2011. The town boasts numerous tourist attractions, including an original Carnegie Hall, the Greenbrier Valley Theater, Lost World Caverns and the North House Museum. But as the sun sinks slowly behind the looming mountain tops, and long shadows are cast over the centuries old habitations, many people in the area believe that the other residents of the Valley begin to make their appearance. Lewisburg has rightfully earned the reputation of being one of the most haunted places on the East Coast, and many of its ghost sightings have been well documented. Scores of people have reported ghostly encounters in and around the town over the years. But only Carnegie Hall, which is located on Church Street, has ever been investigated for ghosts by an international paranormal group. Historical records show that the creation of Carnegie Hall in Lewisburg was funded by the American steel tycoon Andrew Carnegie in 1902. It was one of only four Carnegie Hall's ever built in the

world. In 1983, the structure came into the hands of a nonprofit organization, Carnegie Hall, Inc., and has been used as an arts and education center since that time. In addition to its popularity as a cultural hub, Carnegie Hall is also well known for its more ethereal inhabitants. The 200 year old building has always been rumored to be haunted.

One chilling tale was reported by Melinda Ford, who was the finance officer for Carnegie Hall from 2000 until 2007. Melinda was convinced that the building was inhabited by ghosts. One of her duties at the time was to lock up each evening. She reported that one night as she made her tour of the rooms on the third floor; turning off lights, shutting doors and making sure everyone had left, she began to feel uneasy. As she headed back down the stairwell, she heard footsteps behind her. Turning around, she saw a young woman with long dark hair. The girl was wearing a floor length white dress that seemed to be from an earlier time period. Startled, Melinda looked away for a moment. When she turned back, the woman was gone.

As a result of this and other strange reports, an international paranormal investigation group was invited to Carnegie Hall in October of 2007 to research the unsettling oc-

currences that were taking place there. The 'Adventure-Myths' team consisted of five members: Jonathan Ness, Mike Gray, Victoria Rickett, Dusty Cassidy, and group President Frank Polievka. The Maryland-based operation has conducted paranormal investigations around the world and has produced six documentary films on their findings.

In reference to their investigation of Carnegie Hall, Jonathan Ness stated, "In October of 2007, Adventure-Myths had the honor of being the first team to conduct a paranormal investigation at the Carnegie Hall in Lewisburg. There are many ghost stories surrounding this site, spanning many years. The Adventure-Myths team was told of accounts of employees hearing footsteps when no one else was in the building, doors opening or closing by themselves, the feeling of being watched, and sightings of a ghostly lady in a white dress." These reports piqued the paranormal group's interest. Ness later told reporters, "Once the team arrived at Carnegie Hall, they had a tour of the building and conducted interviews with current and former staff members. They were advised that many of the staff believed some of the paranormal activity in the building was from the spirit of Charles Goddard.

Reports had been made of seeing a man in the building that, when described, matched the description of Mr. Goddard, who had died in the early 1990's."

After finishing the interviews, the team began their investigation by taking baseline temperature and Electro Magnetic Field (EMF) measurements. Next, they conducted Electronic Voice Phenomenon (EVP) sessions throughout the building. Several readings pointed to paranormal activity and the atmosphere in the building seemed to darken. During the course of the investigation, the team chose the most active area, the Old Stone Room, in which to try and make contact with any of the resident spirits. They addressed the ghosts, saying "To any spirits that may be in this room, can you give us a sign? Is the Lady in White here now?" A loud tapping was immediately heard and recorded by the audio equipment. The investigators then asked, "Are you trying to communicate - are you happy having people inside this building?" Once again, the tapping was heard. No natural explanation was ever found for the tapping noises or the reactions of the EMF and EVP sessions that were recorded that night by the Adventure-Myths team, and the reports of strange events continue to this day.

Mon Forest Towns receives 2022 Award for Regional Cooperation

Monongahela National Forest is pleased to announce that the Mon Forest Towns Partnership received the Governor's Award for Regional Cooperation at a ceremony during the 2022 Governor's Conference on Tourism in Huntington. The award is presented to a group of individuals, communities or organizations that have initiated regional tourism development efforts involving two or more parties and have demonstrated cooperation or collaboration across county lines to strengthen the region's identity as a travel destination.

The Mon Forest Towns Partnership was first conceived in 2017, formalized in April 2020, and now includes twelve communities in eight counties. The organization's mission is to collaboratively grow a strong sustainable recreation economy that enhances the quality of life for residents and visitors by providing the best outdoor experience. By working together, the towns have already seen amazing results and widespread support.

The partnership includes West Virginia University, USDA Rural Development, Monongahela National Forest, Woodlands Development Group and twelve gateway communities: Thomas, Davis, Parsons, Seneca Rocks, Elkins, Durbin, Petersburg, Franklin, Cowen, Richwood, Marlinton, and White Sulphur Springs.

Since the initiative began, the partnership has developed a strategic plan, each community has outlined priority projects supporting the recreation economy customized to each community and a marketing plan has been implemented. The partnership and its communities are working with WVU Extension and other WVU schools including the arts & design and landscape architecture, Region 4 Planning & Development, Benedum Foundation, Woodlands Development Group, Downstream Strategies, West Virginia Community Development Hub, and DARRE in collaboration to create a unified brand for the Mon Forest Towns.

In 2020, the partnership finalized the branding with a primary logo and each community has customized the elements of the logo to complement their own unique assets. In 2022, the partnership engaged 84 Agency to draft a marketing plan and implement a 2022 summer/fall advertising campaign. Sustainability planning of the partnership is underway and includes a retail strategy and stewardship programming. An executive director is expected to be hired this winter.

Learn all about the Mon Forest towns partnership and recreational opportunities at <https://monforesttowns.com>. Be sure to check out the most recent newsletter for all the latest happenings and follow along on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/monforesttowns>.

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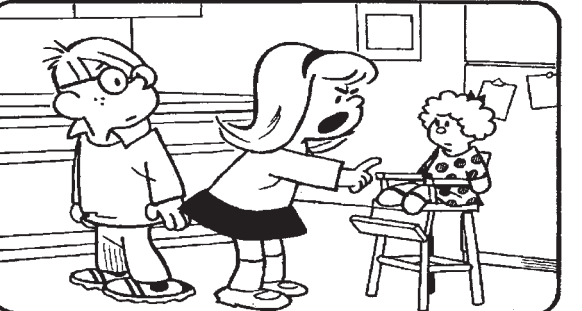
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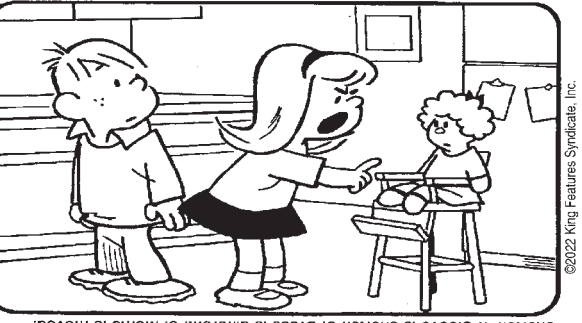
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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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by Linda Thistle

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PUZZLE ANSWERS PAGE 6

SCHOOL

Mavericks are Harvard-bound (again!)

The James Monroe High School (JMHS) Model United Nations (MUN) Debate Team has again earned the privilege of representing the state of West Virginia at the Harvard University MUN Conference in Boston, Massachusetts on Jan. 26-29, 2023. Participation in this prestigious event is by application only, and this is the third time JMHS has earned the right to participate. This invitation is a distinct honor for the Mavericks and the entire community.

It will also require significant financial support, so we are soliciting donations in any amount from the community and hope to raise \$20,000 to take 12 students this year. If you wish to make a contribution, please make checks out to James Monroe High School and mail them to 142 James Monroe Drive, Lindside, WV 24951, Attn: Dr. Scott Womack.

The trip will span six days, four of which will be debate sessions with over 3,000 students from around the world on topics of global concern such as weaponization of space, unexploded ordnance, cyber warfare and cyber-crime, global impact of economic sanctions, the spread of genetically modified organisms, and the future of globalization. It will also include a visit to the Harvard campus and tours of historic sites in the greater Boston area such as the John F. Kennedy Presidential

Library, the Freedom Trail, Bunker Hill, the USS Constitution, and the Boston Museum of Fine Arts. It is the opportunity of a lifetime for twelve Mavericks, who will be selected via a rigorous process involving a written position paper and interview session.

As with most things in 2022 flight, hotel, and food prices have risen significantly, and the cost of the trip is approximately \$20,000, not including some meals and incidental expenses. Needless to say, this is a large sum, but the payoff for the participants and the community is beyond price. The Mavericks will begin to raise funds for this project immediately via multiple avenues: look for us at one of these events or feel free to make a donation at any time.

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. As the only school from West Virginia to participate in HMUN since its inception in 1953, Monroe County should be proud of the success of these students. Anyone interested in making a contribution should contact Dr. Scott Womack, Lieutenant Colonel (Retired), U.S. Army at swomack@k12.wv.us, via Facebook Messenger, or via phone at 304-753-5182.

WSS Elementary PE crowns Punt, Pass and Kick Champions



Front Row: Aiden Hambrick (left), Emil Applegate, Henley Anderson, Ryker Adwell, Karsen Counts, and Addie Miller; Back Row: Henderson Bostic (left), Korynn Huffman, Caleb Clendennin, Colton Anderson, Caitlynn McMillion, and Kayleigh Golden

Winners of the 13th annual Punt, Pass and Kick championships were crowned recently at White Sulphur Springs Elementary School during the first 9 weeks awards. One hundred and thirty-five (135) students in grades three through five competed during PE classes for school championships in Boys and Girls grade and overall categories.

Students were allowed three tries each in punting, passing and kicking a football for distance and accuracy, with the highest total of all three winning the Grand Champion prize. Winners of the individual events were the longest and most accurate in each grade and sex category.

"The two-week contest followed a teaching unit on football," said WSSES PE teacher Tracy Asbury. "As you would expect, younger children do not know much about the game of football, but what amazed me most were the number of students that didn't even know which end of the ball to hold onto when throwing a football," he said. This was our 13th year for the contest and there were seven new school records set.

The PE classes are now involved in 7-on-7 flag football games where each student is assigned a pass pattern to run. "Playing the games at the end of the unit really helped me evaluate how well the students grasped the instruction," Asbury said. "I believe that most students are stigmatized by the perceived violence of football. Once we broke the game down into small chunks of information for them, they understood the finer points of football, not just the collisions. We are having some very competitive games in class, fun to watch."

Notable performances were third grader Addie Miller winning four events and setting three girls school records, including the Pass at 56' topping the previous record from 2011! Henderson Bostic won three events in boys 4th grade, Kayleigh Golden set a new mark for 4th grade girls Punting 64'2" and 173 total points, and Karsen Counts kicked 76' to break an 11-year-old third grade record! All students gave their very best effort and that is what the challenges at WSSES are all about. Whether you fall short or climb high, your effort tells the truth.

WSSES would like to dedicate this year's Punt Pass and Kick contest to Ronald Edward Asbury a wonderful father and youth sports coach that led many youth down

the right path of life, and instilling a passion for sports and personal discipline, coaching for 57 years and parenting for 63 years!

2022 WSSE Punt Pass & Kick - Boys

Third Grade

Grand Champion: Karsen Counts, 143'

Punt Champion: Aiden Hambrick, 57'

Pass Champion: Henley Anderson, 52'

Kick Champion: Karsen Counts, 76'

(new school record)

Fourth Grade

Grand Champion: Henderson Bostic, 222'

Punt Champion: Henderson Bostic, 71'

Pass Champion: Henderson Bostic, 79'

(new school record)

Kick Champion: Ryker Adwell, 72'

Fifth Grade

Grand Champion: Colton Anderson, 204'9"

Punt Champion: Emil Applegate, 59'

Pass Champion: Caleb Clendennin, 69'

Kick Champion: Colton Anderson, 91'3"

2022 WSSE Punt Pass & Kick - Girls

Third Grade

Grand Champion: Addie Miller, 165'

(new school record)

Punt Champion: Addie Miller, 45'

Pass Champion: Addie Miller, 56'

(new school record)

Kick Champion: Addie Miller, 64'

(new school record)

Fourth Grade

Grand Champion: Kayleigh Golden, 173'

(new school record)

Punt Champion: Kayleigh Golden, 64'2"

(new school record)

Pass Champion: Kayleigh Golden, 59'

Kick Champion: Kayleigh Golden, 50'

Fifth Grade

Grand Champion: Korynn Huffman, 179'

Punt Champion: Caitlynn McMillion, 54'

Pass Champion: Korynn Huffman, 77'4"

Kick Champion: Caitlynn McMillion, 61'

EGMS Veterans Day Program Announcement

Eastern Greenbrier Middle School is pleased to announce our Veterans Day Program to honor all of our Veterans. The program will be held on Nov. 9, at 9 a.m. at Eastern Greenbrier Middle School. We would like to invite the Veterans to come early and enjoy the breakfast provided at 8:30 a.m. We look forward to seeing you!

WVSOM Board of Governors meetings November 4

The West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine (WVSOM) Board of Governors will meet Nov. 4 in the Roland P. Sharp Alumni Conference Center on the WVSOM campus at 400 Lee Street North, Lewisburg, and via teleconference.

The Finance and Audit Committee will meet at 8:45 a.m. in the center's North Wing. The Institutional Policy Committee will meet at 8:45 a.m. in the center's South Wing. The Academic Committee will meet at 9 a.m. in the center's Boardroom.

The Board of Governors' regular meeting will begin at 10 a.m. in the center's Boardroom.

The number and codes to attend by phone can be found at www.wvsom.edu/about/bog-2022-2023-meetings

A copy of the agendas for all meetings are posted on the WVSOM website prior to the meetings and are available in the president's office.

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Saturday, November 5, 2022

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Jackson River Scenic Trail—Intervale Trailhead
1903 Dressler Drive, Covington, VA 24426

Half-Marathon
9:30 a.m.
\$50

10K

9:45 a.m.
\$35

5K

10:00 a.m.
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STEPPIN' OUT

Carnegie Hall's November/December Exhibits



Art by Trey Bryan (left), Sandra Schmocker (center), and Frederick Hayes (right)

Carnegie Hall's November/December Exhibits open Friday, Nov. 4. Carnegie Hall features three rotating galleries, which display the works of regional artists. The upcoming exhibits feature works by artists Trey Bryan (Old Stone Room), Sandra Schmocker (Lobby Gallery), and Frederick Hayes (Museum Gallery). The exhibits will open in conjunction with Lewisburg's First Fridays after 5.

Old Stone Room, located on the ground floor of Carnegie Hall, will feature works by Trey Bryan. An artist and illustrator living in West Virginia where he paints and draws for galleries and exhibitions, Bryan has a studio and gallery open to the public, located in the historic downtown Lewisburg on Court Street. He was also a featured artist at the Carnegie Hall Gala, capturing the scene in a live

painting during the event. Lewisburg artist Sandra Schmocker will exhibit her works in the Auditorium Lobby Gallery. Proficient in pen and ink, pencil, watercolor, and acrylic, Schmocker has been a member of the Greenbrier Artists Guild since 2001 and is a teaching artist for Carnegie Hall Kids' College, to name a few. Award-winning con-

temporary realist painter Frederick Hayes will be featured in the Museum Gallery (adjacent to the Hamilton Auditorium). A native of West Virginia, his masterful paintings reflect the history, culture and values of his rural Appalachian roots and the dynamics of nature and life's experiences. The exhibits are free and open to the public, Monday through Friday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and run

through Dec. 30. For more information, please visit carnegiehallwv.org, call 304-645-7917, or stop by the Hall at 611 Church Street, Lewisburg. Carnegie Hall programs are presented with financial assistance through a grant from the West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History and the National Endowment for the Arts, with approval from the West Virginia Commission on the Arts.

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Smooth Ambler Second Stage Series presents Deni Bonet



"Engaging, multi-talented violinist Deni Bonet, unlike most violinists, is not nailed to the floor. And she doesn't shy away from going head-to-head with the guitar player, having fun and breaking an erstwhile-stodgy image of the grand old instrument." —*Forbes Magazine*

Carnegie Hall's Second Stage Series continues with Deni Bonet in the Hamilton Auditorium on Friday, Nov. 11, at 7:30 p.m. Guests are invited to come early for a Preshow Reception from 6:30 to 7:15 p.m. in the Museum Gallery. The Second Stage Series is sponsored by Smooth Ambler.

Deni Bonet is a singer/songwriter and virtuoso violinist playing quirky, melodic, and fun folk-rock. It's no secret that Deni Bonet can rock a violin like nobody's business. Or that she writes memorable songs that make you want to listen again and again.

For years, Deni has been honing her craft as a violinist, singer, songwriter, and performer. Her style ranges from pop to roots-rock to new folk. Although classically trained, Deni quit the classical world because she hated having to wear black and sit still.

She has a stellar resume, having performed, and recorded with Cyndi Lauper, R.E.M., Sarah McLachlan and many others. Her previous appearances include four sold-out concerts at Carnegie Hall, NPR's Mountain Stage, The Great Wall of China, the United Nations, and the White House for President Obama. For the past several years, Deni has been touring in the US and Europe headlining festivals, performing arts centers, clubs, colleges, and concert halls soloing with symphonies. Her music has been featured on HBO, NBC, American Airlines, and several films.

She was recently honored to be awarded a grant through the Arts Envoy Program of the US Government to spend a month on a residency in Africa teaching violin, songwriting, and rock 'n roll at a music college in Zanzibar.

Deni Bonet has released several CDs of her own original music, including the critically acclaimed "Bright Shiny Objects" on Zip Records/Sony-RED. She is currently putting the finishing touches on a new album that will be released in early 2023.

Chris Flynn will join Bonet on stage. Flynn is a guitarist and singer who has accompanied Rock and Roll Hall

of Famers Ronnie Spector and Dennis Dunaway (Alice Cooper) along with Simon Kirke (Free, Bad Company), Chris Collingwood (Fountains of Wayne), Garland Jeffreys, Willie Nile, and many others. He has performed at Carnegie Hall and Lincoln Center and served for many years as the musical director of the All-Star Irish Rock Revue in New York City featuring Irish luminaries such as Cait O'Riordan (The Pogues), Joanie Madden (Cherish The Ladies), and raconteurs Alphonse and Malachy McCourt. He has been performing and touring with Deni Bonet for the past four years.

Tickets are \$20 and may be purchased by visiting www.carnegiehallwv.org, calling 304-645-7917, or stopping by 611 Church Street, Lewisburg. The Preshow Reception is free. A cash bar and snacks will be available.

Tony Nalker comes to GVT

GVT will be filled with Sounds from the Silver Screen



Tony Nalker will be performing "And the Oscar Goes To" at Greenbrier Valley Theatre for one night only on Nov. 5.

Hollywood and cinema would most likely not be what it is today without the help of iconic songs that help set the tone, emotion, and pace of the films we watch.

Songs such as "You've Got a Friend in Me," "Rainbow Connection," and "Moon River" have all been iconic in the industry and enhanced our watching experience in ways we may not even realize.

Tony Nalker, who traces roots back to Lewisburg and Greenbrier Valley Theatre (GVT), will be performing a concert that pays homage to the those film composers and their songs in a fundraiser concert "And the Oscar Goes to."

Nalker, a member of The Smithsonian Jazz Masterworks Orchestra and The National Symphony Orchestra Pops, worked in multiple capacities with GVT for two decades. Joining him will be vocalist Bob McDonald and saxophonist Scott Silbert to take listeners back to their favorite movie moments.

"Iconic songs from movies bring back memories of seeing the film," said Nalker. "We have chosen a program of mostly familiar movie songs with maybe a few that are less so. Music is said to be an international language and has the

ability to touch people in ways that words do not."

In addition, making special appearances in the concert are Barbara Wygal Lutz, who performed with Nalker during his GVT career, along with Lewisburg musical mainstay Jeff Bryant.

Now entering its 55th season, Greenbrier Valley Theatre, is a mainstay and theatre destination located in Lewisburg. The arts organization has been further recognized as a "West Virginia Jewel of the Hills," awarded the Living the Dream Service Organization Honor Roll by The Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission, and is a multi-year recipient of Non-Profit Business of the Year. GVT boasts a robust series of year-round programming and educational offers with the goal to enlighten, enrich, and enliven throughout the region.

"And the Oscar Goes to" is a one night only event at GVT on Nov. 5. Tickets are \$45. All proceeds of the concert will go towards theatre project funding. For more information on tickets, shows, and the organization's history, visit the theatre's website: www.gvtheatre.org or call the box office at 304-645-3838.

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