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**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS**  
 Turn clocks BACK 1 hour Saturday night

## 2022 WV State Marching Band Invitational Championship Winners announced

*GEHS Spartan Marching Band lands second runner-up overall, and second place for Class B Band*



The Greenbrier East High School Spartan Marching Band is pictured here after competing at Philip Barbour High School earlier this month and nabbing the following awards for their class: 2nd Place Colorguard, 1st Place Drum Majors, 1st Place Percussion, 1st Place Music, 1st Place Marching, 1st Place General Effect, and 1st Place Band.

Forty-six bands from around the state, including one exhibition band, showcased their talents in the eleventh annual West Virginia State Marching Band Invitational Championship at the University of Charleston Stadium

at Laidley Field on Saturday, Oct. 29. The Milton and Barboursville middle school bands opened the event with the national anthem.

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### Penny Pitch application period continues through November 18

As applications arrive to Penny Pitch from families needing help this year, we are beginning to realize that there is tremendous need in our community. Not only do families need help giving their children something for Christmas, they also need winter clothing and food. Many of these families are trying hard to make ends meet, but are finding themselves behind on utility bills. These are the things Penny Pitch tries to give to our families.

We can only give back according to what we receive from our donors. At this time of year when we are all thinking about helping others, the Mountain Messenger and Penny Pitch hope that you will give generously to this important program which helps others through the holidays and beyond. As an all volunteer not-for-profit organization, 100% of your donation goes directly to the families.

You can send your donation to P.O. Box 494, Lewisburg, WV 24901. Please join us in supporting those in need this holiday season.

- Donations:**  
 Richard & Lillian Posselt - \$50  
 Christen McCormack Clark Life Coaching - \$50  
 Tim Holbrook - \$250

## Contour's first flight touches down at Greenbrier Valley Airport



Contour's first inbound flight to LWB arrived around 12:45 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 1.

**By Adam Pack**  
Greenbrier Valley Airport's lobby was full of citizens, elected officials, and representatives of regional tourism to officially welcome Contour Airlines to Lewisburg and the Greenbrier Valley last Tuesday, Nov. 1.

Chairwoman of the Greenbrier Valley Airport Authority Deborah Phillips was on hand for the ceremony, saying that Contour and the airport have a "good relationship" and that Contour has performed "very well in

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Christmas is nigh in the valley as snowflakes make their appearance

## Lewisburg listed as one of 25 Best Christmas Towns

**By Sarah Richardson**  
Lewisburg was featured this month as one of the "25 Best Christmas Towns in the USA" by Travel and Leisure magazine, placing 7th out of 25 cozy Christmas towns across the United States.

With Aspen, Colorado placing first, the lineup of other festive places to visit included some steep competition, but the article's writer, Katrina Brown Hunt, touted The Greenbrier as an "epicenter of the holidays," and said Lewisburg is "peaceful and quietly lit with seasonal lights and low-key attractions."

To see which other Christmas towns made the cut, visit [www.travelandleisure.com/holiday-travel/american-best-towns-for-the-holidays](http://www.travelandleisure.com/holiday-travel/american-best-towns-for-the-holidays).

As the holiday season begins to kick into full gear, merchants of downtown Lewisburg have begun planning for their annual Magic of Christmas in Lewisburg event, which brings carriage rides, extended shopping hours, and holiday cheer to downtown.

This year will have six weeks of Christmas spirit on See "Christmas Town" \_\_\_\_\_ Page 5

### Nature's Way



By Karen Cohen on page 4

### Fire Captain Midkiff honored for 50 years of service



Captain James Edward "Eddie" Midkiff and his wife Cindy

Members of the Rainelle, Clintonville, Rupert, and Quinwood Fire Departments gathered together on Tuesday evening to celebrate one of their own. Captain James Edward "Eddie" Midkiff, of Rainelle, was honored for 50-years of service to the State of West Virginia as a volunteer firefighter.

Senate Minority Leader Stephen Baldwin was on-hand to present Midkiff with two "proclamations of recognition" for his

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## Drizzly Halloween still a hit

Despite less than ideal weather, Halloween was still a big hit in the Greenbrier Valley this year. The Trunk-or-Treat event held by the Greenbrier Valley Medical Center drew quite the crowd, along with residential neighborhoods and the ever-popular Church Street route in Lewisburg.

(Photo Matthew Young)



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# PICK OF THE LITTER



**BEAUTY**  
Beauty is a six-year-old female lab mix and weighs 56 pounds.



**DIAMOND**  
Diamond is a five-year-old female domestic shorthair.

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

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


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

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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Greenbrier County Circuit Clerk

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# ACA Marketplace opens for enrollment in West Virginia

*New rules have greatly expanded who can qualify*

The Affordable Care Act's annual Open Enrollment period is now open and new rules have made the program stronger than ever. Last year, a record number of people enrolled in healthcare coverage through the Marketplace. In WV, more than 9 in 10 people that got their insurance on the Marketplace were eligible for a monthly subsidy that helps them pay for the plan they selected. New rules for this year's Open Enrollment have strengthened the program even more so that thousands of families in WV will likely qualify to get coverage as well. Open Enrollment began on Nov. 1 and will run until Jan. 15, 2023.

Recently, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) released a record amount of grant funding to organizations that provide free help to consumers requiring health coverage enrollment assistance. In West Virginia, First Choice Services was awarded \$1,050,000 to continue and expand their WV Navigator program. The program provides free assistance to people finding and selecting health care options through the Market-

place, Medicaid and CHIP. They can assist with enrollment applications and help consumers apply for financial assistance through HealthCare.gov. WV Navigator can assist people over the phone or in their offices in Charleston, Martinsburg, Fairmont, and Huntington. In addition, enrollment events will be held in around the state so that people can walk in and receive assistance without an appointment.

"Most people will be able to qualify for substantially lower costs this year if they get their insurance on the Marketplace," said Jeremy Smith, program director for WV Navigator. "We are really urging people to look at the new plans and prices that are being released this year. In a lot of cases, the plans are more affordable than we have ever seen. Even if you have looked into insurance on the Marketplace in past years and were not very happy, you should definitely look into it again this year." Smith says getting help signing up is important, as many people are overwhelmed by the options or may

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Senator

# Stephen Baldwin

## Champion for West Virginia Children

**Senator Baldwin is reforming the WV foster care system**

- A central dashboard for all foster and kinship care information
- Child abuse hotline reform
- Updates to the duties of the foster care ombudsman
- 15% raises for child protective services and social service workers




**"After 5 little children were murdered last year, Senator Baldwin changed the child protective services reporting system."**

Mike Spradlin, WV State Trooper (Ret.)



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# TODD LONGANACRE IS TOO DANGEROUS FOR WEST VIRGINIA!

WANTS TO DEFUND FIREFIGHTERS, EMERGENCY WORKERS, AND TEACHERS

BELIEVES CHILDREN WHO ARE RAPED SHOULD BECOME MOTHERS

WANTS POLITICIANS TO RUN OUR SCHOOLS AND OUR HEALTH DEPARTMENT



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## VOTE FOR HEATHER HILL

**HOUSE OF DELEGATES - DISTRICT 47**

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# Briefly

## Williamsburg Community

### Shooting Match

will be Saturday, Nov. 5, 2022, at the Williamsburg Community Building next door to the fire department starting at 7 p.m. Food concession will open at 6 p.m. The match will be eight rounds, 12-gauge guns only. First seven rounds are \$2 per shot, eighth round 50/50 is \$5 per shot. Shooters must compete in the first seven rounds in order to compete in the eighth round. 50/50 splatter match is \$1 per chance between rounds. Cash prizes will be awarded. You do not need to be a shooter to win! Come early! Come hungry! Delicious hot food and refreshments will be available starting at 6 p.m. Families welcome. Proceeds will benefit Williamsburg Community service projects. Sponsored by a joint effort of the Williamsburg Community Action and the Williamsburg Ruritans. For more information and directions visit [www.williamsburgwv.com](http://www.williamsburgwv.com)

### Holiday Farmers Market

will be held Saturdays beginning Nov. 5 through Dec. 17 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Gus Douglass Building on the WV State Fairgrounds featuring a Market Cafe, special events, food and local crafts.

### 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. Winter Wonderland/Craft & Vendor Show Friday, Nov. 11 from 2 to 6 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 12 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dance on Nov. 26 will feature Walt & Rich's Country Pride, 7 to 10:30 p.m. The Music Hall is available for weddings and parties. For more information call the Music Hall at 304-645-4667; Bill Evans at 304-392-6079; Grace Poe at 304-992-5852.

### Democratic 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.

### United Way's Empty Bowls

The United Way of the Greenbrier Valley presents their upcoming Empty Bowls event on Thursday, Nov. 10, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Conference Center room located in the Student Center of the WVSOM campus. Join this event for delicious soup served in bowls made by local artists to support the fight against hunger. The cost per bowl is \$30 in advance, or \$35 at the door. To reserve a bowl, visit [www.unitedwaygreenbrier.org/empty-bowls-2022](http://www.unitedwaygreenbrier.org/empty-bowls-2022)

## 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 City Council

will meet in special session Tuesday, Nov. 8, immediately following the Finance Committee meeting which begins at 7 p.m. in the Paul R. Cooley Council Chamber at City Hall, 942 Washington Street West. The following topics are scheduled for discussion:

- Ordinance 313, Home Rule Amendment, Decrease B&O Tax, 1st reading
- Ordinance 315, Implementation of Sales and Use Tax, 1st reading

### Historical Landmarks Commission

will meet Monday, Nov. 14, at 5 p.m. at City Hall, 942 Washington Street West. Also available via teleconference. For information on participating via ZOOM call 304-645-2080 by 4 p.m. Monday. On the agenda:

- Approval of Minutes - October 2022
- Comments from the public (Al Emch)
- St. James Episcopal Church, 468 Church Street - install Andersen E-Series to replace old, damaged windows
- Lucy Refsland, 650 Court Street - install one (1) wall sign on front of building, left of entrance door
- Catherine Kuliesh DBA Cat & Kate, 937 Washington Street West - hang new sign on existing bracket
- Raymond Stephens & Emil Stalis, 331 Lafayette Street - install Generac Generator on South West side of property
- Christi Hughart, 2122 Washington Street East - replace square corrugated gutter downspouts with copper round downspouts
- Jerry and Paula Janiga, 204 Chestnut Street - landscape in front and back of house, including water feature, deck and garden shed
- Lawrence Smead, 1324 Washington Street East - replace current K-style and Half Round white gutter with white K-style seamless gutter
- Colin Rose, 73 Jefferson Street South - remove portion of existing deck and rebuild as necessary, move and reuse existing windows; attach a 3-car garage to house addition
- Shuck Baptist Church, 841 West Washington Street - placement and building of outdoor stage, and tabled application from prior month

The next meeting of the Lewisburg Historical Landmarks Commission will be Dec. 12, with a deadline at 12 NOON on Nov. 23.

## Greenbrier County Magistrate Court Convictions

Zachary Tyler Adams, Quinwood, driving while license revoked - DUI, NCP, fine \$100, jail 30 days Home Confinement

- Barbara Dawn Flinn, Alderson, speeding, fine \$18
- Jesse Wayne Lewis, Jr., Hillsboro, accidents involving damage to vehicle, fine \$50, jail 10 days, placed on 9 months unsupervised probation
- Ashton K. Smith, Lindside, no seatbelt, GP, fine \$25
- Evelyn Sue Powell, White Sulphur Springs, possession of a controlled substance, NCP, fine \$100
- Levi Tanner Crislip, Gap Mills, providing alcohol to a minor (under 21), GP, fine \$500
- Thomas Allen Hedrick, Ronceverte, alcohol sales under 21, GP, fine \$500
- Kevin Wayne Davis, Lewisburg, driving a vehicle while in an impaired state, NCP, fine \$100, jail 60 days to be served on Home Confinement
- Barack Tyler Vaughan, White Sulphur Springs, possession of a controlled substance, fine \$100, 12 months unsupervised probation
- Kameron Cole Shrewsbury, Spring Dale, WV, speeding, NCP, fine \$18
- Tiffany Alexandria White, Beckley, DUI less than .15, NCP, fine \$100, jail 5 days - suspended and placed on 6 months unsupervised probation
- Wesley W. Coppedge, Etlan, VA, no registration, NCP, fine \$25

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## Contour Airlines

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other similarly sized airports as an ESA [Essential Air Service] provider.” Chairwoman Phillips went on to comment on the process of settling on Contour Airlines as the new provider for the airport, saying that the authority had to be “very diligent with our choice of airline” in order to ensure consistency in flight service.

“There are pilot shortage issues across the board these days, and it wasn’t easy to go away from United [Airlines] but we felt that going with American [Airlines via] Contour was the best choice.”

Airport Director Brian Belcher also discussed his thoughts on the beginning of a new chapter for LWB: “The Authority and I are really excited to start this new service, and service to Charlotte in particular. That’s the hub for American Airlines and so from there passengers can board flights globally, and we’re really excited to open the area that way. We expect more people to be inbound from southern destinations especially to our resorts and everything our wonderful tourism industry has to offer, and we look forward to seeing Contour grow and develop and benefit from this arrangement just as much.”

However, he made it clear that this was no simple business deal. “So many people contributed to this day, whether it was the airport authority members who dealt with the difficult decisions that they had to make, to the county commission, to local business and the CVB supporting us, to all the staff here who made this such an attractive option and had four airlines vying to provide flights for us. It was truly a team effort and will continue to be so and we’re so proud of everyone who helps keep this place up, running, and working great.”

Executive Director of the Greenbrier Convention and Visitors Bureau Kara Dense was present as well, and was “elated” at the “opportunity we have again for that southern connection. When this airport has had connecting flights to major southern ports in the past we’ve done very well and we look forward to that at the CVB and helping transfer that potential into growth for area tourism.”

Mayor Beverly White stated that she “hopes the best for Contour and for Lewisburg. This is a huge opportunity for the town, this community, and the county as whole and we welcome them with open arms.”

Speakers also addressed the crowd, beginning with a representative of U.S. Senator Joe Manchin. His prepared statement applauded the work of the airport, its Authority, county government, and all those staff and personnel who make the airport “such a successful and innovative player in the ever evolving world of aviation.”

Contour Airline CEO Matt Chaeftz then spoke to the crowd, declaring his “deep passion for running airlines and running them in wonderful communities like those in West Virginia that we already serve.” To speak to the quality that Contour is committed to delivering to the Greenbrier Valley, Chaeftz recalled that, “I was the only kid in the world who said he wanted to run an airline at 5 years old ... and no one who does that dreams of running a bad one.” To that end he announced that all seating on

Contour flights to and from Lewisburg will now have 36 inches of clearance between seats, “Which is nearly top of the industry for leg room and is comparable to first class seating across the aviation industry.” While the \$59 dollar fare deal for flights from Lewisburg expired yesterday, Chaeftz was quick to point out “fares have only gone up ten dollars after the expiration of that deal, so we feel that our fares are still priced very competitively and always will be.”

Contour’s new three year deal began life at 3 p.m. with a flight to Charlotte with special guests and airport personnel aboard, and The Greenbrier Valley Airport and Airport Authority encourage everyone to check out the affordable fares and multitude of destinations on offer through Contour Airlines.

## For the Record Deeds

Leo Vernon Fogus and Marsha W. Fogus to Jennifer Leigh White, 13,179 Sq. Ft., White Sulphur Corporate District  
Tiffany Lynn Smith to Jessica J. Gillilan, Lot No. 144, J.M. Alderson Addition, Alderson Municipality  
Lisa C. George to Martha T. Hilton to Malinda Jane Hetrick, Lot No. 6, Oak Branch, Inc., Lewisburg District  
Dixie E. Smith to Aung Win and May Soe, 12,289 Sq. Ft., Lewisburg Municipality  
Eric Garrett and Shannon Garrett to Phillip May Properties, LLC, 1.00 Acres, Meadow Bluff District  
Stewart Lee Cales, Connie Sue Crowe, and Sandra Kollar to Jordan S. Dameron, Lots No. 76 and 77, Lilly Park Addition, Town of Rainelle, Meadow Bluff District

**PAUL S. DETCH**

**HOUSE OF DELEGATES 46TH DISTRICT**

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

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

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

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

I believe:

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

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

**PAUL DETCH**

**Candidate for 46th Delegate District**

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# OPINION

## Nature's Way

By Karen Cohen

Master Gardener/Photojournalist/Artist

### SWEET AND SOUR

Do you grow rhubarb? Maybe you are not sure what rhubarb is. Rhubarb is a vegetable, a plant that sends out large leaves on long stalks. The stalks are what you eat, not the leaves.

I learned just the other day that the best way to harvest some rhubarb stalks is NOT to cut them off with a knife. The suggested method is to rip the stalk off towards the end of it with one hand and hold the base of the plant with your other hand, so it doesn't lift out of the ground and injure the roots. The plant will heal off and send out another stalk.


I believed, falsely, that deer do not eat rhubarb. They ate some of mine. Since they ripped off the leaves, my hope is that more shoots will result. In the meantime, we put a piece of fencing around our rhubarb plants to protect them. My plants are in their first year of growth here. A gardening friend gave me a few small rhubarb "starts" from her plants and these went into the ground early this spring. More research tells me to NOT pick rhubarb for the first whole year in the ground. Now in the fall, the leaves grew large again and I was tempted to harvest some. I decided to wait till next spring. This will give the plant ample time to root firmly and come back again next year since it is a perennial plant.

Rhubarb is generally very hardy and can live up to twenty years! Give the plants room to grow, about 3-4 feet across. Side dress them with composted manure in early spring and again in late fall and you will have a non-ending crop. Mulching with chopped leaves or light straw in the winter will also help it stay above freezing temperatures.

Any vegetable that is red or deep purple, generally, is rich in anthocyanins. This ingredient is what makes blueberries, strawberries, cherries, beets, etc. such healthy choices for adding to your meals. Antioxidants and flavonoids are heart healthy, so don't worry about eating too much of them!

Harvest time for rhubarb is around June/July. You can wait until a few stalks grow long and then break them off. Remove the leaves which are toxic if ingested and add those to your compost pile. The U.S. National Library of Medicine warns against the oxalic acid in the leaves which is much higher than recommended. Ingesting the leaves can result in allergic reactions like difficulty breathing or a burning sensation in your mouth. Dogs and cats should not eat the leaves either. Handling the leaves is ok. I use the large leaves in my garden beds, laid on the soil to suppress weeds, and they will break down in time.

Enemies of rhubarb: rhubarb curculios are red and gray beetles about 1/2 inch long. They eat holes in the stems and leaves and insert their eggs in the spring. The



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eggs hatch in late summer and the process starts again. Look for clear lumps that look like jelly on the stalks. That's your clue that the beetles have begun their destruction. Hand pick them and destroy them. Also, do not plant rhubarb near sunflowers which the beetles also use as homes.

The best recipe for cooking up rhubarb stalks is simple. Combine it with strawberries, sliced, with a bit of sugar or maple syrup to sweeten it. I cook all of this in a pot with a tad of water for about 15 minutes until everything breaks down and is soft. Spices like cinnamon, nutmeg or grated ginger all boost the flavors. Use this syrupy mixture over yogurt, ice cream, granola, or pancakes. If you cook a batch till almost all the liquid is gone, you have an instant jam. Or you can bake a rhubarb crisp, just like you make an apple crisp! The sweet sour blend perks up your taste buds!

*(Karen Cohen is a self declared Mistress of her organic garden, music lover, mountain climbing nature child. Email your tips, comments and questions to: naturewaykaren@gmail.com. Happy Gardening!)*

## Commentary

### The 20% Utility Discount Program

By PSC Chair Charlotte Lane

As winter approaches, it is time to start preparing for heating season. All around the world, the cost of fuel is higher than last year. While the Public Service Commission doesn't control the cost of natural gas, coal or any other fuel source – those prices are determined by the open market – we know heating bills will be higher this year. Sadly, such increases always hit hardest on those who are most vulnerable, so I want to spread the word that help is available.

If you are eligible to receive financial assistance through the Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR), you are probably also eligible for a discounted rate on your heating bill. The Special Reduced Residential Service Rate Program, better known as the 20% Discount Program, is administered by DHHR and is available from all natural gas and electric utilities, except municipal or cooperative service providers. West Virginia American Water Company also participates in the program.

In order to qualify for the rate reduction, you must receive assistance from at least one of the following programs: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), previously called Food Stamps, if the recipient

is at least 60 years old; Social Security Supplemental Security Income (SSI); or WV WORKS, previously called Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) and Temporary Aid to Needy Families (TANF). You must receive these program benefits between November and March to receive the reduced rate for your gas and/or electric bills issued for those months. The discount program for West Virginia American Water runs year round.

While DHHR administers the program, individual utilities are responsible for determining who will be granted the reduced rate. If you qualify to apply for the discount, DHHR will notify you. Then you may contact your utility companies to apply. If you have not been contacted, but feel that you should qualify, contact your local DHHR office to ask for a review.

Last year the 20% Discount Program saved West Virginians more than \$6.5 million on their heating and water bills. If you combine this resource with the federally-funded LIHEAP assistance, it could give you just the edge you need to stay comfortable and warm this winter.

### Midkiff

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half-century of service to the Meadow River Valley – the first from Gov. Jim Justice, and the second from the West Virginia Senate.

"I want to thank Eddie, but I also want to thank everyone here tonight," Baldwin said, before reading the proclamations. "The work that y'all do is done quietly in the community. We don't always see the training and the expertise and resources that go into your work, but the community counts on y'all to do what you do. Thank you for your service to community safety."

As stated in both proclamations, Midkiff spent the first nine-years of his service in the Rupert Volunteer Fire Department, where he eventually rose to the rank of Assistant Fire Chief. After that, Midkiff spent 25-years with the Clintonville Volunteer Fire Department, where he achieved the rank of Chief. From there, Midkiff moved to the Town of Rainelle, where he continues his service as Captain.

The proclamations conclude with: "Therefore, We (Gov. Jim Justice, W.Va. Senate) hereby extend our sincere appreciation and gratitude to James Edward Midkiff for his dedicated service to his community and acknowledge his contributions to the citizens and families of Greenbrier County and the State of West Virginia."

With tears in his eyes, Midkiff expressed appreciation for his wife, Cindy, before adding, "I'm proud to be here to serve."

## Letter to the Editor

### 'I speak for democracy'

Dear Editor:

Recently, I found this piece I wrote as a 15-year-old, senior at Lewisburg High School for the "I Speak for Democracy" speech contest. In the political climate of today, I felt a need to share it.

*Standing on a hill, I gazed down on our serene little town with the setting sun outlining the mountains that nestled it into a beautiful, peaceful valley. The lights began to twinkle making it possible for me to see our church bell that chimes each Sunday. A block away the stately courthouse stood as a silhouette of justice. On each hill there was a building of education - the public school, the girls' college, and a military institute - all a vital part of my life. Next, a dear and familiar scene greeted my eyes, home. These places stood out; the rest of the buildings seemed to play only a minor part in forming our community.*

*The cool October wind blew my hair and gave me a strange, but wonderful sensation. I believe the only word to describe it is free. Yes, I felt as free as a migrating bird; but why should I feel free?*

*The church, the courthouse, the school and my home kept saying something to me. Finally, I grasped the meaning. The church was saying, "You are welcome to worship here, but if you believe differently, there is a place for you, for everyone to sing praises of their faith. In this country your religion will not discriminate against you." I knew this, why had it entered my mind now?*

*The courthouse deeply spoke, "You are free. I give you the right to petition and a free trail no matter to what race, sect, or creed you may belong. I am your symbol of a free government, a free nation." Yes, that is why I felt free.*

*Yet, the school still beckoned to me. "You have learned from me about your community, your state, and your nation. I am here because of your great forefathers. Pay tribute to me for I have provided you understanding and knowledge to guide you through your life." All these thoughts became closer than ever before. What would I be without my education?*

*Last, my home stood as a mighty fortress and called to me through the wind, "Child, here you were given your ideals, your standards, and your courage to face life. I have prepared you to become a citizen of a great country, America. Soon you will be on your own. Uphold these ideals and standards that in this democracy, where freedom and competition make life worth living, you will become a successful citizen.*

*Now I knew why I felt free, why we all are free. Because of our rich heritage, so carefully planned by those who came before. They understood that each was an individual, but we must work together to live most fully. With this thought in mind, they gave us a great nation, but most of all a democratic country run by the people for the people.*

Yes, I was naive. Not all of us were free as I portrayed. Through my life, we had come a long way on that road. Now, too many have turned back, and we are far behind where I describe and felt almost 70 years ago. We need to get back on the path so we can say, as I did then, we live in a "democratic country run by the people for the people." Never have I expressed my view of politics in public, but now I shout, "VOTE FOR DEMOCRACY" which in this election it means "VOTE FOR DEMOCRATS."

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Montgomery Lindquist

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# OBITUARIES

## James Campbell Bennett



**Fairlea-James Campbell Bennett**, 89, passed away peacefully on Sunday, Oct. 23, 2022, at the Greenbrier Health Care Center in Lewisburg.

He was born Jan. 23, 1933, in Blue Sulphur Springs, a son to the late Emma Bennett Parker.

After attending High School, James proudly served his country during the Korean Conflict in the United States Army, where he was awarded two bronze stars for his valor. He later went on to work as a truck driver until his retirement. James enjoyed watching westerns and politics on television. He will be remembered as a hard worker, and his devotion to his family, especially his granddaughter and great-grandsons.

He is survived by his daughter, Patricia Ann Wheeler and husband Jimmy of Alderson; his granddaughter, Rachel Kelly and husband Jason, of Alderson; his great-grandsons, Jack and Owen Kelly both of Alderson; his sister, Margaret Hamrick of Springdale, WV; as well as several loving nieces and nephews.

James was preceded in death by his brothers, Oliver "Earl" Bennett, and Raymond Parker.

James' family would like to extend a special thank you to the caregivers at the Greenbrier Health Care Center.

Graveside services and burial were held Wednesday, Oct. 26, at the Maude Chapel Cemetery in Dawson, where Pastor Audie Sorg officiated. Full military honors were accorded by the U.S Army Reserve Camp Dawson.

Family and friends served as pallbearers.

Online condolences and memories may be shared with the Bennett family at [www.lobbanfh.com](http://www.lobbanfh.com)

## Hank C. Vaughan



**White Sulphur Springs** -Hank C. Vaughan, 38, of White Sulphur Springs passed away suddenly on Thursday, Oct. 27, 2022 at his residence.

Hank was born Mar. 14, 1984, in Low Moor, VA, to Tamra Young Vaughan Humphreys and the late Ronald Wayne Vaughan.

Hank loved his children with all his heart. They were his pride and joy, wanting to be with them every second he could. Hank enjoyed the outdoors, hunting, fishing, and camping on the river. He had a servant's heart and truly enjoyed helping others. He was also quite the joker, making people laugh with his funny sense of humor.

Hank was the maintenance director for Seasons Place, where he loved being able to care and assist

the residents and their families. He was also a member of Rhema Christian Center.

Other than his father he was preceded in death by his sister, Syna Jean Vaughan; maternal grandparents, Ira and Doris Young and paternal grandparents, Donald and Gwendolyn Vaughan.

Surviving Hank are his children, Lilly Caiten Vaughan, Asher Wayne Vaughan and River Jean Vaughan; mother, Tamra Vaughan Humphreys and her husband Larry "Schultz" Humphreys; brother, Chavis Vaughan and his children, Garrett, Ty and Isabell; brother, Myron (Jennifer) and their children Hunter, Rylan and Trac; son of his late sister, Syna Vaughan, Charles Echo Carpenter; sister, Ari Vaughan (Dave Barron) and their son Vaughan Bodhi Barron; brother, and best friend since birth Barack Vaughan; step-sister, Meta Linkenhoker and her daughter Cheyenne Lowe; Special "Sis," Stella Chau; the mother of his children, Amy Yates; special family friends, the Farleys and best school buddy, Patrick McClintic; as well as a host of extended family.

The family will be receiving family and friends from 12 noon until 2 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 4, at Rhema Christian Center. A Celebration of Life will immediately follow at 2 p.m. with Pastor Stewart Farley and Pastor Bobby McClintic officiating.

Interment service will follow in the Mapledale Cemetery, White Sulphur Springs.

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

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

## Carolyn Winlock Arbuckle

**Harrisonburg, VA**-Carolyn Winlock Arbuckle, 77, passed away on Apr. 9, 2020, at the Sunnyside Presbyterian Retirement Community.

She was born May 25, 1942, in Lexington, KY, the eldest child of the Rev. J. D. Arbuckle and Mattie Winlock Harrison Arbuckle.

Carolyn was a graduate of King College (University), Bristol, TN, and the Presbyterian School of Christian Education (now Union Presbyterian Seminary), Richmond, VA. She worked for 22 years in children's homes in Virginia, first at the Presbyterian Home, Lynchburg, VA, and then at the Children's Home of the Highlands, Wytheville, VA. In 1988, she returned to the home of her parents, who were in fragile health, and worked for the next 22 years on staff of the Presbytery of West Virginia as Hunger Action Enabler with the Presbyterian Hunger Program. In 2010 she retired to the Sunnyside Presbyterian Retirement Community, Harrisonburg, VA.

In addition to the passion she had for her work, Carolyn loved the State Fair of West Virginia in Lewisburg, which she attended every year from the age of 5. She was on staff of the Fair for 34 years followed by serving on the Board of Directors for 18 years. In 2012 she was elected Director

Emeritus and served until her death.

Carolyn was preceded in death by her parents, her sister, Margaret Arbuckle Watts Pauley, infant brother Matthew Brown Arbuckle, and infant sister, Harriet Elaine Arbuckle.

She is survived by her nieces, Maria Watts Taylor (Curtis) of Bridgewater, VA, Margaret Jane (Meg) Miller (David) of Lubbock, TX, and Mattie John Watts of Knightdale, NC; great-nieces and nephews, Clint Taylor (Gabriell), Cassie Taylor, Taylor Miller, Alex Cefalu (Joey), and Matthew Miller. She is additionally survived by many cousins who she cherished, especially Houston Arbuckle, who was like her brother, and Shirley McCue. Beyond her biological family, Carolyn was closely connected to the children and their families from the children's homes in Lynchburg and Wytheville.

A memorial remembrance service will be held Saturday, Nov. 5 at 2 p.m. at the gravesite at Clifton Presbyterian Church, 16512 Seneca Trail N, Maxwelton, WV. Family visitation in the Fellowship Hall to follow.

Condolences may be shared at [kygers.com](http://kygers.com)

## Harold Lee Bland



**Sinks Grove**-Harold Lee Bland, 77, passed away Wednesday, Oct. 26, 2022, at Greenbrier Valley Medical Center in Fairlea following an extended illness.

He was born June 29, 1945, at Ronceverte to the late Wilbur W. and Macie Erskine Bland.

Harold was a hard-working and dedicated farmer nearly all his life. As a young boy, Harold worked doing odd jobs for local farmers. In his mid-teens not liking to be confined to a classroom and loving the outdoors Harold started working full time as a farm hand for Howard Miller. Soon Harold earned the trust of Mr. Miller and started managing the duties of the farm. After several years of working for Mr. Miller and yearning to own his own farm Harold purchased a farm and thus continued farming until his health kept him from doing so.

In addition to his parents, Harold was preceded in death by four brothers, Jim Erskine, Walter "Bud" Bland, Oscar Bland, and William "Billy" Bland, and step-grandson, Brent Carper.

Left to cherish Harold's memory are: son, Jeff Bland and wife Stephanie Carper Bland of Fort Spring; daughter, Jeannie Bland of Sinks Grove; former spouse and mother of his children, Shirley Wilson Bland of Sinks Grove; granddaughter, Martha Bland Compton and husband Ryan of Peterstown; grandsons, Joshua Bland and Andrew Bland both of Organ Cave; step-great-grandson, Zayne Carper of Ronceverte; sisters, Sue Fritz of Baltimore, MD, Joyce Hoke of Sinks Grove and Charlotte

Clarkson of Gap Mills; brothers, John Bland of Sinks Grove, Jerry Grove of Sinks Grove, Albert Bland of Fort Spring and Ernest Bland of Sinks Grove; special friends, John and Fred Lephew, and lifelong special friend, Freddy Longanacre; as well as several nieces, nephews, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, cousins, and many other friends.

Funeral service was held on Monday, Oct. 31, at Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Ronceverte where Pastor Gene Fullen officiated. Burial followed in the James Memorial Cemetery on Hoke's Mill Road, Ronceverte.

Visitation was on Sunday evening, Oct. 30, at the Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Ronceverte.

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

## Robert Lee Ralston, Sr.

**Fairlea**-Robert Lee Ralston, Sr., 89, passed away Friday, Oct. 28, 2022, after a long illness.

Bob was born July 8, 1933, in Pickaway, a son of the late Clyde and Myrtle Bostic Ralston.

Bob was a Custodian at Ronceverte Elementary School for 30 years - 1965-1995. Bob was a proud US Army Veteran.

Other than his parents, Bob was preceded in death by a brother, William J. Ralston.

He is survived by his loving wife of 58 years, Mary Ralston; son, Robert "Bobby" L. Ralston, Jr. and wife Carrie of Fairlea; six grandchildren, Alexis McCoy and husband Adam, Hunter Ralston, Sean Ralston, Meaghan Ward, Emily Dove, and Wyatt Dove; three great-grandchildren, Mackenzie Boone, Colton Boone and River McCoy; nieces, Carol Ralston and Patty Douma; plus other relatives and lots of friends.

A Memorial Service was held Monday evening, Oct. 31, at Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Ronceverte where Pastor Keith Raznick officiated. Military Honors were conducted by the American Legion Post 26 Honor Guard.

The family received friends Monday evening before the service at the funeral home.

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

## Frankie Helen Walkup

Frankie Helen Walkup was born on Butler Mountain, Renick, Greenbrier County, WV, on Apr. 15, 1931, the only child of Christina Elizabeth Paulin Poe and Ellis Marshall Poe.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husband, Christopher Rusk Walkup (Renick/WSS).

She is survived by her daughter, Victoria (Vikki) Rusk Walkup-Pierce and son-in-law, Eric Pierce (Orlando, FL) and grandson, Christopher Rusk

Pierce (Alexandria, VA); step-daughter, Sadie Ann Walkup Prichard (Richmond, VA) and husband Allan Prichard and their two sons, Christopher Allan and Franklin Scott.

Frankie graduated from Lewisburg High School in 1949. She was an avid reader and loved playing basketball. She was short but fast! She was an active member of St. Catherine's of Sienna Catholic Church in Ronceverte. After graduating high school, she attended Greenbrier College for Women, St. Mary's School of Nursing, and West Virginia Business College in Clarksburg. Upon returning home, she worked for Bluegrass Dairy as a bookkeeper before starting at the First National Bank of Ronceverte. She left the workforce to become a full time mother.

She was very active in the White Sulphur Springs Garden Club for many years. She served in all offices and coordinated many Tastes of the Town. She graciously served along side her husband when he was President of the West Virginia Bankers

Association in 1977. She immensely enjoyed being a member of the Greenbrier Golf and Tennis Club.

She left WSS after the passing of her husband to live in assisted living in Orlando, FL, to be closer to her daughter. Although she lived the last of her years in Florida, not a day or minute went by that she didn't miss her West Virginia home. On Sunday Oct. 30, 2022, Frankie passed away peacefully with her daughter at her side. Frankie's wish is now fulfilled as she returns to WV to be buried along side her mother and father.

Viewing is Monday, Nov. 7th from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. at Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Lewisburg. Internment in Rosewood Cemetery will immediately follow the viewing. Family and friends are welcomed.

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

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

## Christmas Town Continued from Front Page

Main Street from Nov. 19 through Dec. 24 with holiday wonderland decorations in storefronts and in the Green Space, along with the annual Christmas parade on Saturday, Dec. 3 at noon. Visitors can vote for their favorite Christmas window for a chance to win a \$100 gift certificate to your favorite shop or restaurant, and there will be extended shopping hours for most businesses leading up to Christmas Day. Horse drawn carriage rides will begin on Nov. 19, and will include more days to ride than ever, and a mailbox to send your special letters to Santa will be at the Green Space for everyone to send their lists to the North Pole. Santa himself will also be making stops in town!

With so many holiday happenings, make sure to stay up-to-date by following The Magic of Christmas in Lewisburg on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/shop-downtownlewisburg](http://www.facebook.com/shop-downtownlewisburg).

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# CLUB & CHURCH

## Drs. Kim and Stephen McBride present to DAR

The General Andrew Lewis Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) met for their monthly meeting on Oct. 20 at the Dutch Haus Restaurant. Regent Deborah Phillips presided. Judy Deegans and Sandra Cowan were the hostesses.

The program was a presentation by Drs. Kim and Stephen McBride. The McBrides are Greenbrier County natives who are retired archeologists from



Drs. Kim and Stephen McBride



Excavation at frontier Thompson Fort in Pickaway

the University of Kentucky. They have returned to live in the McBride home on Washington Street. The program was on their research of the sites of early frontier forts in the Greenbrier Valley. Using a slide show they gave an excellent presentation of what they search for and the methods they use in that search. The McBrides just finished, for the season, a dig at the Thompson Fort in Pickaway.

Skip Deegans gave a brief report on his work to identify the graves of those patriots who fought in the American Revolution and are buried in the Cemetery at Old Stone Church. At this point, he has found and verified nine of those patriots. It is the intention of the General Andrew Lewis Chapter of the DAR to identify those graves with an appropriate marker.

The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution is a nonprofit, non-political women's service organization whose main objectives are historic preservation, education, and patriotism. Members are all lineal descendants of those who supported the cause of independence in the Revolutionary War in 1776. If you are interested in the Daughters of the American Revolution, call former Regent Sandra Cowan at 304-497-3553.

## Lewisburg Rotary Club supports Food Locker and Penny Pitch

At the regular service meeting of the Lewisburg Rotary Club on Thursday, Oct. 27, Club members participated in a food and hygiene products drive to benefit the Lewisburg Food Locker. Gloria Martin, director of the Food Locker, attended the meeting and informed Club members about the work done by the Food Locker in the community. In addition, Rotarian Cathey Sawyer spoke to Club members about the Penny Pitch drive for this year. As they have done for many years, Lewisburg Rotarians will assist Penny Pitch with client interviews and distribution of food.

The Club's next meeting will be held on Monday, Nov. 14, at noon at Lewisburg Elks Club. All individuals who are interested in serving their community are invited to attend.



Gloria Martin (left), Lewisburg Food Locker; and President David Hammond, Lewisburg Rotary Club

## VFW members attend Alderson's Women's Club meeting



Alderson Women's Club met on Nov. 1 and was honored to be joined by 12 members of the Alderson Chapter of VFW. There were various branches of the military represented and many years of service. Each individual was recognized and they enjoyed a delicious meal afterwards. Our next meeting will be on Dec. 6, at which time the club will be presenting our annual Emma B Alderson Scholarships.

## Register for Lewisburg Christmas Parade

The Lewisburg Christmas Parade will be held on Saturday, Dec. 3, at noon. Lineup will begin at 11 a.m. on Lee Street. Clubs, local groups, individuals, and more are invited to participate in this fun holiday tradition. Please complete the form below and return to Lewisburg Christmas Parade, 942 Washington Street West no later than Nov. 28.

If you have questions please call 304-645-3776 ext. 122. Pre-registration is appreciated but not necessary to participate.

### LEWISBURG CHRISTMAS PARADE December 3, 2022 ENTRY FORM

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Category: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Band, Float, Equestrian, Walker, Club/Organization, Other - Describe)

Please complete this form and return to: Lewisburg Christmas Parade, 942 Washington Street West, Lewisburg WV 24901 no later than Nov. 28, 2022

## Carnegie Hall Guild to meet November 8

The Carnegie Hall Guild will hold its November meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 8, at 4:30 p.m. at Carnegie Hall in the Old Stone Room. The mission of the Guild is to promote interest in Carnegie Hall and to provide financial and volunteer support.

Liz Wickline, president of the Carnegie Hall Board, will be our guest speaker. She will explain the operation and the responsibilities of the Carnegie Hall Board. We will also plan for our December meal honoring the Carnegie Hall staff. In addition, plans for purchases and assistance to Carnegie Hall will be discussed.

There will be an opportunity to socialize and meet new members at 4:15 p.m. There will be wine and light refreshments served, courtesy of member Lee Anne.



### ANNOUNCEMENT OF APPRENTICESHIP OPPORTUNITIES

**The International Union of Operating Engineers Local #132 JATC proposes to select additional Apprentices for the trade of Heavy Duty Equipment Operators.**

- Applications will be accepted January 2-20, 2023.
- Applications will be available online at [www.iuoe132.org](http://www.iuoe132.org) or by calling 304-273-4852.

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# A Look Back

By William "Skip" Deegans

Derrick Evans, the former West Virginia legislator who was convicted for his role in the January 6 insurrection, was not the first West Virginian who wanted to overthrow the government. MSNBC's Rachel Maddow, in her recent podcast Ultra, talks about the subversive efforts of St. Albans construction engineer George Deatherage (shown in this 1939 photo).

In 1935, Deatherage became Grand Commander of the Knights of the White Camellia (KOWC), a racist and anti-Semitic organization. The KOWC was originally founded in 1867 in Franklin, Tennessee, by former Confederate Army Colonel Alebiades DeBlanc. Its members pledged to support the supremacy of the white race.

It was organized much like the Ku Klux Klan. Where the Klan drew its membership from lower class southerners, the KOWC consisted of upper class members and was better organized than the KKK. The KOWC's tactics included harassment, floggings, and sometimes murder. The KOWC opposed "scallawags" or white men who believed that all men are born equal and entitled to equal rights and privileges in the United States. It imposed a reign of terror in the south, but eventually disappeared until Deatherage resurrected it in West Virginia.

In an effort to unify various American fascist organizations, Deatherage also founded the American Nationalist Confederation that described itself as the "official organ of the fascist party in America" and used a swastika as its emblem on press releases. He described fascism as a "patriotic revolt such as the revolt of the White Russians against Jewocracy." Deatherage opposed the Roosevelt administration and wrote, "I believe it will take military action to get (Roosevelt) out," and proposed persuading officers in the U.S. Army reserve to take key positions in a fascist army.

Deatherage was investigated by the FBI, brought before a Congressional committee investigating un-American activities in 1939, and indicted in 1943 for organizing a nationwide conspiracy to undermine the loyalty of American troops. He slid into obscurity but popped up again in the 1960s in support of the John Birch Society and for promoting conspiracy theories. He died in 1965.

The Knights of the White Camellia also faded into history until the 1990s when a Texas Ku Klux Klan chapter adopted the name.



Photo from The Library of Congress.

Sources: The Evening Star, Time, Saturday Evening Post, Nashville Banner, Texas State Historical Assn., California State University, FOIA documents.

## Dear Recycle Lady

**Dear Recycle Lady,**

Can Halloween jack-o-lanterns be composted?

Loves Halloween

**Dear Loves Halloween,**

Yes, used or cut Halloween pumpkins can be composted. Be sure to remove any candles, paint, or wax that you may have used for the jack-o-lantern. Smash or chop up your pumpkin into smaller pieces as they will compost faster. Pumpkin pieces add green waste to your compost. Roasted pumpkin seeds are a healthy snack for both humans and birds as they are high in protein, fiber, and healthy fats. For complete instructions for roasting pumpkin seeds, see [www.tasteofhome.com/article/roast-pumpkin-seeds/](http://www.tasteofhome.com/article/roast-pumpkin-seeds/). Raw, dried, or slightly roasted pumpkin seeds can be put in a dish, feeder, or mixed with suet for a healthy bird snack. Be sure there is no salt, seasoning, flavoring, or candy on the seeds as they are not healthy for birds. The website, [www.thespruce.com/pumpkin-seeds-for-birds-4104651](http://www.thespruce.com/pumpkin-seeds-for-birds-4104651), has great ideas for preparing pumpkin seeds for birds. Deer and other wildlife also like pumpkins. Just put them out in a field or lightly forested area. One word of caution: break open your pumpkins so a hungry deer won't get its head stuck inside the pumpkin! Each year, landfills around the country receive about 900,000 tons of pumpkins that add to the yearly 13 billion tons of global food waste, according to the World Economic Forum. Food waste emits a potent greenhouse gas, methane, that generates Carbon Dioxide (CO2) and contributes to climate change. Finding a sustainable way to dispose of a Halloween pumpkin is one small way we can make Halloween activities more environmentally friendly.

Did you know that the name jack o'lantern was used in the 1600s as the name for a lantern-carrying night watchman. At that time, "Jack" was a name used for a man whose name was not known, thus jack o'lantern. According to Merriam-Webster, by the 1800s, jack o'lantern meant "a carved pumpkin used as a lantern." The name may have come from ancient rituals or folk tales about lantern carrying spirits. It also may have come from young pranksters who carved scary faces into pumpkins.

**Dear Recycle Lady,**

What can be done with leaves? I have two truckloads of leaves and don't own a single tree!

Tired of Raking Leaves

**Dear Tired of Raking Leaves,**

Leaves are an excellent soil fertilizer, so hopefully, some of your leaves can be mulched for your lawn with a mower. If you have a composter or compost pile, bag

some of the dry leaves to use later during winter. Dry leaves are brown waste and are a good source of carbon. Some of the leaves could be raked or blown into your plant beds as a protective cover and for overwintering insects and small wildlife. Please do not rake or blow leaves into the road, curb or ditch line. They will clog drains and injection wells. If you live within the city limits of Lewisburg, bagged leaves can be put out for curbside pickup on your normal trash day. They will be picked up by the city and taken to the composting pile at the city shop located on Feamster Road. Bulk or bagged leaves may also be dropped off at the city shop Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Be sure there is no other debris or trash mixed in as the leaves will be used for compost. Sign in at the new Public Works office across from Dorie Miller Park at 396 Feamster Road prior to dumping leaves. This bulk leaf drop-off service is not available to commercial lawn services. Call Julie Teubert at 304-645-1833 if you have questions.

**Go to bat for bats:** Bats are one of the best sources for natural pest control, and their habitats are disappearing. Bats roost during the day in caves, hollow trees, and old buildings. They also like bat houses that can be purchased if you have place for one. For an online education about bats, go to [www.batworld.org](http://www.batworld.org). It has great

information on bat rescue, rehab, and education. There is also a rescue network that extends to several countries, and it provides training for others as well.

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

### Sobriety Checkpoint scheduled in Charmco area

The West Virginia State Police will conduct a sobriety checkpoint on US Rt. 60 and WV Rt. 20 in the Charmco area of Greenbrier County on Thursday, Nov. 3. The checkpoint will be in operation between 6 p.m. and 12 Midnight. The purpose of the checkpoint is to detect and deter impaired drivers, as well as to educate the public about the dangers of driving an automobile while impaired by alcohol and/or drugs.

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**LEGAL**

**PRE-ADOPTION NOTICE  
CITY OF WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, WEST VIRGINIA  
A MUNICIPALITY**

Notice is hereby given that the City of White Sulphur Springs, a municipal corporation, will hold a public hearing before the final vote on a proposed ordinance, the principal object of which is the increase of sewer and water rates for customers of sewer and water systems operated by the City of White Sulphur Springs. The title of such ordinance is "An Ordinance to Increase Sewer and Water Rates."

The City is proposing the following rates, fees and/or charges:

**Sewer Rates \$1.25 (25% increase)**

Each customer shall pay a minimum customer charge of \$20.10 per month, for 2,000 gallons usage; this represents a \$4.02 increase from the March 1, 2009 rates.

Each customer shall pay \$10.05 per 1,000 gallons used; this represents a \$2.01 increase from the March 1, 2009 rates.

First 1000 gallons:	\$10.05
Next 1000 gallons:	\$10.05
Minimum Bill of 2000 gallons:	\$20.10
Usage Above 2,000 gallons:	\$10.05

**Delayed payment penalty:**

Ten percent (10%) shall be added to the net current amount unpaid on all current usage billings not paid in full by the latest pay date, which shall be no sooner than the twentieth day of the month. The delayed payment penalty is not interest and is to be collected only once for each bill where it is appropriate.

Sewer connection fee: \$600.00 per tap. This represents a \$450.00 increase from the March 1, 2009 rates.

**Water Rates \$ 52.35 (28.8% increase)**

Each customer shall pay a minimum customer charge of \$25.48 per month, for 2,000 gallons usage; this represents a \$5.70 increase from the June 4, 2010 rates.

Each customer shall pay \$12.74 per 1,000 gallons used; this represents a \$2.85 increase from the June 4, 2010 rates.

First 1000 gallons:	\$12.74
Next 1000 gallons:	\$12.74
Minimum Bill of 2000 gallons:	\$25.48
Usage Above 2,000 gallons:	\$12.74

**Water connection fees by size of connection line:**

5/8"-1"	\$600 which represents a \$300 increase from the June 4, 2010 rates.
1.5"	\$700 which represents a \$400 increase from the June 4, 2010 rates.
2"	\$800 which represents a \$500 increase from the June 4, 2010 rates.

**Delayed payment penalty:**

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Reconnect fee: \$40 which represents a \$20 increase from the June 4, 2010 rates.

The final vote on adoption of said proposed ordinance shall be held in the Council

Chambers of the City of White Sulphur Springs, 589 W. Main Street, White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia on November 14, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. Interested parties may appear and be heard, at 6:00 p.m. with respect to the passage of the proposed ordinance. Copies of the proposed ordinance are available at the office of the Clerk, City Hall, City of White Sulphur Springs and will be posted outside of City Hall.

**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. Roop, 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:

1. Cash in hand on day of sale.
2. 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.
3. The Beneficiary and/or the Servicer of the Deed of Trust and Note reserve the right to submit a bid for the property at sale.
4. The Trustee reserves the right to continue sale of the subject property from time to time by written or oral proclamation, which continuance shall be in the sole discretion of the Trustee.
5. The Trustee shall be under no duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying the property to vacate said property, or remove any personal property and/or belongings remaining at the property.
6. 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.
7. 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

**18th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2022**

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:

239 Home Drive, Quinwood, WV 25981

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.

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Should any party have any inquiries, objections to the sale or protests regarding the sale, or requests regarding the sale, please notify the trustee below by one of the means of communications set forth below.

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# Courthouse illuminated green in support of Veterans during 'Operation Green Light'

The Greenbrier County Commission announced that the Greenbrier County Courthouse and Rupert Sheriff's office are being illuminated green as part of Operation Green Light, a new initiative between the Greenbrier County Commission, the County Commissioners Association of West Virginia, the National Association of Counties and the National Association of County Veteran Service Officers.

Operation Green Light's mission is to show support for veterans of all military conflicts, as well as raise awareness about the unique challenges faced by many veterans (and their families) and the resources that are available at the county, state, and federal level to

assist veterans and their families.

"By shining the green light, we're expressing our profound gratitude for the sacrifices and contributions our veterans and their families made on the battlefield, at home," said Commissioner Tammy Tinch. "At a time when our country is faced with some many issues, we can all agree that those individuals who risked, and sacrificed their lives fighting to protect our country and our way of life deserve our support. I encourage everyone to join with us in displaying a green light for our veterans and their families."

Residents 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 are letting 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. Participants are encouraged to share their participation on social media using the hashtag #OperationGreenLight.

Visit [naco.org/operationgreenlight](http://naco.org/operationgreenlight) for more information and links to resources available to veterans.

# WSS Elementary Tooth Fairy Race held for Halloween

The 13th annual Tooth Fairy 200 meter foot race was held in conjunction with the Halloween carnival, and drug awareness and fire safety month at White Sulphur Springs Elementary school. One hundred and seventy-three runners in K-2nd grade ran a 200m course around the playground, racing against the clock for sprinters glory.

Categories for racers were by grade level with the fastest times for boys and girls being crowned Tooth Fairy Grand Champions.

"This was an idea that was cooked up 13 years ago to get the younger students involved with fitness, hygiene and to tie their own shoes," said Physical Education teacher Tracy Asbury. "It worked too as several kids learned to tie shoes during the week. That's a lot less bending over for faculty and parents, less tripping too."

The trail of runners have shown up to compete on the XC and Track teams at EGMS and GEHS over the years. Several runners have gone on to compete at the collegiate level as well. "Of course, this makes ole Coach pretty proud," stated Asbury. "It's also nice to see the

students learn how to train and compete in sports and recreation too."

This year's titles were won by second graders Braxton Honaker, winning for the third time in three tries to take the Boys Grand Champion with a lap of 32.70 seconds. Second grade girl Athena Marshall recorded a lap of 35.14 seconds to win the Girl's Grand Champion trophy. Grand Champions were awarded a special certificate and some gifts while grade level champions received recognition at a school assembly and prizes.

"With good running times being turned in each year, either the course is shrinking or my students are getting faster," said Asbury. "There were no new records set this year, but there were probably more teeth missing than in years past. The thing about this race is that we will have new qualifiers all of the time. The Tooth Fairy is the busiest dude I know of, even busier than Santa and Easter Bunny. There isn't a recession with the Tooth Fairy."

This has become quite the prestigious award for K-2nd grade students, adding to the saying "The will to win must be accompanied by the will to prepare."

"All of the excitement and anticipation for the race encourages the younger students to work harder in PE class," said Asbury.

WSSes would like to dedicate this year's Tooth Fairy 200 contest to Ronald Edward Asbury, a wonderful father and youth sports coach that guided 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!

Winners of the 2022 WSSes Tooth Fairy 200 are as follows:

**Grand Champions:**

- Boy: Braxton Honaker, 32.70, 2nd grade
- Girl: Athena Marshall, 35.14, 2nd grade

**Kindergarten Champs:**

- Boy: A-Damion Thompson, 43.06
- Girl: Paisley Masters, 43.60


**1st Grade Champions:**

- Boy: Ryker Hill, 36.16
- Girl: Joella Craft, 38.02

**2nd Grade Champions:**

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## Carnegie Hall Classes & Workshops Nov. 5

Carnegie Hall Classes & Workshops Series offers many new opportunities for artists of all levels of experience and this Saturday, Nov. 5, they have a full-day of options.

At 10 a.m. Carnegie Hall officially kicks-off the Christmas holiday season with Saturday Clay for Kids with Amie Durman making Holiday Ornaments. This the first class in a three-part series with the following classes on Saturday, Nov. 5 and 12, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Students age 6 to 12 years old explore various hand building techniques while creating functional and unique one-of-a-kind pieces that can be displayed over the holidays or given away as gifts. Demonstrations will include slab construction, coil building, and pinching. Decorating with applied textures and underglazes will also be explored. Cost is \$99 for members and \$110 for nonmembers.

Learn Basic Drawing with John Coffey from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. This class, designed for beginners and the more experienced wanting to refresh their basic drawing skills, will focus on drawing and sketching techniques, materials, and methods of drawing. The class will include instruction in drawing and sketching simple still life, landscapes, and people. Although different materials will be introduced, most of the class will focus on pencil and charcoal drawing. Bring a pad of drawing paper, all other materials provided. Cost is \$125 for members and \$140 for nonmembers. Students must be at least 14 years of age.

Luke Davis teaches students how to make a Fringed Slouch Handbag or Crossbody Purse from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. This is a two-class series with the second class on Nov. 12. Choose from two gorgeous colors of supple suede to create a fringed slouch purse or go with more structure and stamp your own design into a hard-shell cross body bag. This is an amazing opportunity to add a custom item to your fall wardrobe or make an heirloom gift for a good friend. All materials provided. Prior leather craft experience would be helpful but not required. Registration is \$155 for members and \$175 for



nonmembers. Students must be at least 14 years of age.

Get a Feel for the Wheel from 12 to 2 p.m. with teaching artist Kelsie Tyson. In these single-day wheel experiences students will spend two hours learning the basics of throwing on the potter's wheel. Students will make two/three pieces, picking their best for firing. Students will also have the choice of one glaze option. Price of the workshop is \$65 for members and \$75 for nonmembers and includes clay, glaze, and firing. Students must be 6 years of age or older.

Jesse Thornton teaches an Introduction to Digital Landscape Photography from 1 to 4 p.m. This course will cover all the basic knowledge of how to operate your camera and take better landscape photos with any camera, with a brief introduction into long exposure photography. Students need to bring a digital camera that is capable of shooting in Manual mode (M); this

will include any dSLR, mirrorless and most point and shoot cameras. A tripod is recommended but not at all necessary. Cost is \$75 for members; \$80 for nonmembers. Students must be at least 16 years of age.

At 2 p.m. Tyson teaches students to make Ceramic Earrings and Pendants. This workshop is fun and perfect for all ages. Students 12 years of age and older learn basic hand building and glazing techniques to make custom earrings and pendants from clay. Handmade jewelry makes amazing gifts - bring a friend and explore the possibilities. Projects will be fired by Carnegie Hall and available for pick up later. Cost is \$45 for members and \$55 for nonmembers. All materials are provided.

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

## When Pigs Fly to host annual Free Thanksgiving Dinner

*Volunteers sought for Nov. 23, 24, and 25*

When Pigs Fly Barbeque is happy to announce that they will be having their eighth annual Day of Giving Back, Free Thanksgiving Dinner on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 24.

According to their announcement: We served about 450 dinners last year, and we have already had a lot of people calling to ask about it, leading to our belief that the need is greater than ever this year! We're proud to be partnering once again with the State Fair of West Virginia to hold the event at the Blue Ribbon Center on the Fairgrounds in Fairlea.

The first seven events were a great success. "With the help of an amazing 90+ volunteers, and tremendous community support, we served about 450 free Thanksgiving dinners in 2021," said Kellen Leef, co-owner of the popular local caterer and event provider.

"So many people are alone, or just struggling to get by," her partner Mike Sheridan said. "We try to give a little something back to the community which has been so good to us, and feeding people is a great way to do it."

As always, we will be providing a traditional Thanksgiving meal, including smoked turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, sweet potatoes, cranberry salad, pumpkin pie, and all the rest of the trimmings absolutely free to anyone who shows up.

"There are many people in our community who are either alone, or unable to prepare themselves a traditional Thanksgiving

meal," said Leef. "We want them to share this joyful and thankful occasion with us. So, if you know of such people, ask them to come by and join us for good food and fellowship." Or come yourself. All are welcome.

There is absolutely no charge and no catch. People can throw a donation in the jar if they want to. We do not check ID's, and no paperwork is required. Just show up and eat. (If we have volunteer drivers, we will also deliver to the elderly and shut-ins, as needed.) Doors open from 12 noon to 4 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day (or until we run out).

Over the years, the event has evolved into a community-sponsored event. Sheridan says, "We are hoping for even more community support this year. In the past, we've been fortunate to have donations of both food and cash from a number of individuals and organizations in the community."

For 2022, we've already received pledges of support from several local businesses, and will respectfully ask all local restaurants, other businesses and organizations to step up and participate. "We realize that times are hard right now," said Leef, "so we all need to do what we can to help each other."

Individuals may also donate cash or food. We'll be getting our "wish list" for food items, and verify the drop-off points within the next couple of days. We'll take cash, check or plastic, and will let you know where to donate shortly.

Unused food, if any, will

go to the local food bank. Any excess donations will go to Penny Pitch (we have donated almost \$400 at times in the past).

We need volunteers on Wednesday, Nov. 23, Thanksgiving Day, and Friday, Nov. 25, to help prep, cook, serve and clean up. Shifts will be set up so that nobody has to work all day. People will get to spend time with their families while donating two or three hours to the community on Thanksgiving Day.

Cathey Sawyer has kindly volunteered to coordinate volunteers this year. Please call her at 304-645-5041. Call Kellen at 304-249-8124 to pledge a contribution. We ask that all communication go through these numbers, via voice, as it is impossible to keep up with messages coming in from multiple streams, and we're sure to lose yours.

When Pigs Fly will be publishing a wish list of needed food items and other details in a few days, meanwhile, just think of this as a "save the date" announcement.

When Pigs Fly Barbeque has been cooking and selling real pit barbeque since 2006. We are currently focused on catering, events such as fairs and festivals, and concessionaire services for sporting and other events. We recently added fresh cooked donuts to our menu. Give us a call for all your catering needs, including your company or organization's Christmas party. Call Kellen at 304-249-8124 for more information.

## Holiday Farmers Market open Saturdays through December 17

There will be a Holiday Farmers Market on Saturdays from Nov. 5 through Dec. 17 in the Gus Douglass Building at the WV State Fairgrounds from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. We will be offering winter farm products including pork, beef, chicken, eggs and maple syrup, as well as vendors offering baked goods, arts, crafts, jams, cornmeal, maple syrup, local coffee, and more!

The Market Cafe will be open and selling breakfast sandwiches on locally made bagels and breads using local sausage and eggs, as well.

Various soups will be available for lunch in the Cafe. There will be kid's activities, live music, and lots of opportunity to support local farmers and craftspeople. It will be a great place to visit and meet your local food providers as well as purchase some food, crafts and gifts for the holiday season.

We all look forward to meeting you and visiting with you at the Holiday Farmers Market!

For more information contact Anne Brown at 304-445-7068, Julian Arbaugh at [julian.arbaugh33@gmail.com](mailto:julian.arbaugh33@gmail.com), or Lisa Carter at 304-661-4306 or [bluemoonbagelswv@gmail.com](mailto:bluemoonbagelswv@gmail.com)

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# SCHOOL

## Salute to Veterans and First Responders at JMHS

American Legion Post 100 in Union and Rowe-Jones Post 145 in Peterstown teamed up with the James Monroe High School (JMHS) Student Government Association (SGA) and Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC) Cadets to salute veterans and first responders at the home football game on Monday, Oct. 3.

The salute consisted of a brief ceremony before the game that included patriotic music, distribution of lapel pins and U.S. flags to local veterans and first responders, a moment of silence that ended with "Taps," and the singing of the National Anthem. Marvin Dixon narrated the event, the JMHS SGA distributed mementos and provided ushers, and the Maverick Battalion's JROTC Cadets provided the color guard. AL Post 100's Vice Commander, Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) Scott Womack, led Junior the riderless horse with boots reversed in the stirrups, to honor those who have



**Maverick Battalion Color Guard renders honors during the ceremony** (Photo courtesy of John Turner and JMHS)

fallen in the service of their country and community. Veterans of any era and first responders were admitted to the game free of charge and appreciate the gesture of respect made by JMHS.

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



**Mavericks stampeding onto the field** (Photo courtesy of John Turner and JMHS)



**Junior, the riderless horse with reversed boots, in honor of our fallen** (Photo courtesy of John Turner and JMHS)

## 'Holiday Memories Writing' workshop planned through New River CTC

Author Belinda Anderson is offering a new workshop, "Holiday Memories Writing," through New River Community and Technical College starting Dec. 3.

"This is a time of year that brings so many memories to the surface," Anderson said. "And it's a perfect time to write about those memories."

The three-week Holiday Memories Writing Workshop will meet on Saturday mornings at 10 a.m. for one hour. Students can attend the audio-only class either by phone, including land lines, or through an internet conference call connection. (High-speed internet is not required.) Class meetings will include lecture, time for questions and participant sharing, and group e-mail follow-up as needed.

"The convenience of an audio conference call class means students can attend and still keep an eye on the oven if holiday baking is underway," Anderson added.

While Christmas, Hanukkah and Kwanzaa are timely topics, students can respond to prompts as they choose and write about other holidays, too.

The workshop is scheduled so that students will conclude the course with writing that can be given as gifts and tips for using holiday gatherings as a way of collecting more memories.

Several of Anderson's short story collections, published by Mountain State Press, feature holiday memories. Her remembrance from childhood about the family tradition of a cedar Christmas tree is included in the anthology, "True Christmas Stories from the Heart of Appalachia," published by the Jesse Stuart Foundation.

Tuition for the class is \$75, and registration is required by Nov. 17. Participants will be emailed the conference call number and access code after registering and paying for the class.

Visit [www.newriver.edu/community](http://www.newriver.edu/community) for information on upcoming classes or to register for the course or contact Gloria Kincaid (304-793-6101, [gkincaid@newriver.edu](mailto:gkincaid@newriver.edu)).

Learn more about Anderson and her work online at <http://www.BelindaAnderson.com>.

## STEPPIN' OUT

## Carnegie Hall Calendar of Events

**Fall 2022 Classes & Workshops:** Carnegie Hall offers learning opportunities continuing through December. Classes and workshops include pottery, painting, cooking, music, weaving, writing, singing, stained glass, and movement. To register or for more information visit [carnegiehallwv.org](http://carnegiehallwv.org).

**Friday, Nov. 4: Mainstage Lounge** - Join Carnegie Hall for the Mainstage Lounge preshow reception in the Museum Gallery at 6:30 p.m., Friday, Nov. 4. Free admission. Cash bar and snacks available.

**Friday, Nov. 4: Special Consensus** - Mainstage Performance on Friday,

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

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

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

and classically trained violinist. Tickets start at \$20.

**Rotating Galleries: Old Stone Room Gallery - Works by Trey Bryan.** An opening reception on Friday, Nov. 4, from 5 to 6:30 p.m., in conjunction with Lewisburg's First Fridays after 5. Runs through Dec. 30.

**Museum Gallery - Works by Frederick Hayes.** An opening reception on Friday, Nov. 4, from 5 to 6:30 p.m., in conjunction with Lewisburg's First Fridays after 5. Runs through Dec. 30.

**Lobby Gallery - Works by Sandra Schmocker.** An opening reception on

Friday, Nov. 4, from 5 to 6:30 p.m., in conjunction with Lewisburg's First Fridays after 5. Runs through Dec. 30.

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

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

## Ronceverte Annual Holiday Open House set for December 9

### Business Scavenger Hunt Highlights Local Businesses and Festive Holiday Spirit

Join the Ronceverte Development Corporation (RDC) in celebrating the 2022 Ronceverte Annual Holiday Open House on Dec. 9 from 5 to 9 p.m. Businesses in Ronceverte will be opened late for the event and are busy preparing special treats for everyone to enjoy and get into the holiday spirit. Visitors will get to participate in a business scavenger hunt from Martin and Jones to the armory on Main Street and Edgar Avenue. If people collect all of the items on the scavenger hunt, they will be eligible to be entered into a raffle to win prizes.

"I am thrilled to see the Ronceverte Annual Holiday Open House coming together for another year," says Kathy King, president of the RDC. "It's always a fun family night with something for everyone! Come explore some new things along with taking in the return of treasured traditions from open houses past."

The RDC is currently accepting applications to be a vendor at the armory during the open house. Being a vendor is free and interested parties are encouraged to apply by emailing [ronceverteevents@gmail.com](mailto:ronceverteevents@gmail.com).

"I am so excited to be part of the Ronceverte Annual Holiday Open House," says Heather Webb, co-owner of This Is Us Salon. "A lot of things have been happening in downtown Ronceverte and owners of current and future businesses are all getting ready to welcome people for the open house. We can't wait to see everyone this year."

The RDC welcomes everyone in Greenbrier County to come visit Ronceverte and enjoy the food trucks, carriage rides, Santa photos, and tree lighting ceremony happening at 6 p.m. during the Ronceverte Annual Holiday Open House.

## Winter Wonderland Crafter Vendor Show Upcoming

The second annual Winter Wonderland Crafter Vendor Show will be held at the American Heritage Music Hall in Ronceverte on the Island Park on Friday, Nov. 11, from 2 to 6 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 12, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. This will be our final craft show for the year at the music hall. We will have crafters and vendors from the area, so this is a great place to start your Christmas shopping.

Vendors scheduled include: Helen Dosier of Asbury, Kay Shafer of Lewisburg, Millie Arbaugh of Asbury, Lynell Braught and Dinah of Dry Creek Farms in White Sulphur Springs, Kimberly Baker of Ronceverte, Heather Hefner of White Sulphur Springs, Shana Bennett and LE Reed of Ronceverte, Hope Ridgeway of White Sulphur Springs, Karen Campbell of Ronceverte, Tina Fox of Lewisburg, Amy Shelton of Alderson, Jill Highlander of Alderson, Bonnie Mitchell of Lewisburg selling Glendoras Soap, Whitney Bell of Lewisburg selling Bell Creations, Melissa Crane of Crawley, Sue Clemson of Hinton, Karyl Warren of Lewisburg, Lori Vanburen of Lewisburg, Jackie Defibaugh of Ronceverte, Carol Ramsey of Ronceverte, Chrystal McNeely of Crawley, Katy Alderman of Lewisburg, Vicky Anderson of Sinks Grove, Cassandra Ray of Maxwelton, Kelsey Peters of Ronceverte, Kenzie O'Dell of Rainelle, and

Kay Diem of Caldwell.

Door prize drawings will be held approximately every hour. Food concessions will be available. A large Christmas wreath is being raffled with proceeds to go to the music hall.

The music hall is a nonprofit organization and needs support from the community.

The American Heritage Music Hall is open to the public every Tuesday night for a jam session where local musicians get together and play music from 7 to 10 p.m. with the doors open at 6 p.m. Bring a covered dish and come out and enjoy the evening. Cover charge is \$7 on Tuesday nights.

The fourth Saturday of every month a live band is on stage to provide music for dancing or just sit and enjoy from 7 to 10:30 p.m. There is a \$10 per person cover for Saturday night. A covered dish meal is also provided. Doors open at 6 p.m.

All ages are welcome, it is a no smoking and non-alcoholic facility and is handicap accessible.

Come on down to the American Heritage Music Hall for the Winter Wonderland Crafter Vendor Show to shop, eat, and enjoy the day and support the music hall and all the local crafters and vendors. We hope to see you there, and happy holidays from everyone at the American Heritage Music Hall!

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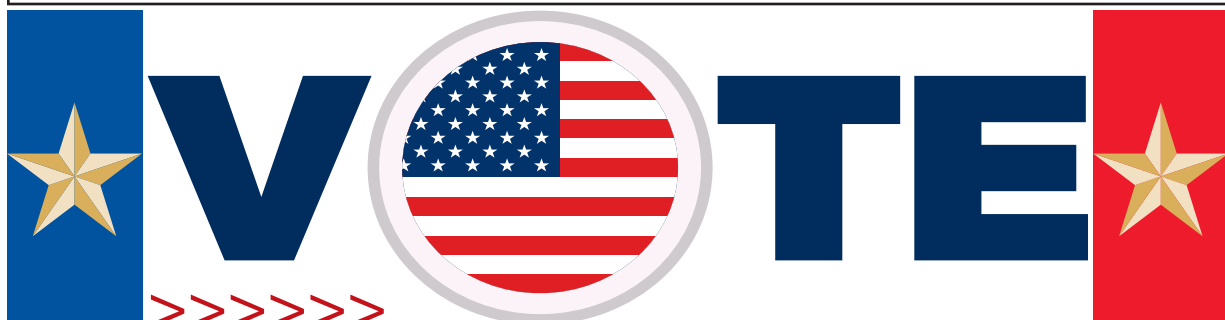
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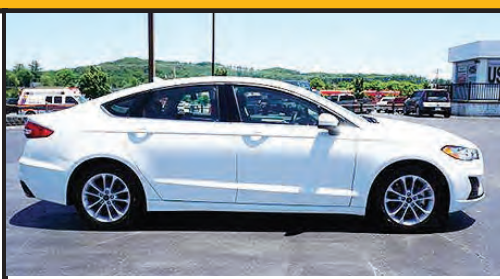
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