

## LEGAL

Notice is hereby given that the following described tracts or lots of land in the County of Greenbrier have been certified by the Auditor of the State of West Virginia to G. Russell Rollyson, Jr., Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and Nonentered lands of said County, for sale at public auction. The lands will be offered for sale by the undersigned Deputy Commissioner at public auction in the First Floor Courtroom of the Greenbrier County Courthouse beginning at **12:30 p.m. in the afternoon, on the 6th day of December 2022.**

Each tract or lot as described below, will be sold to the highest bidder. The payment for any tract or lot purchased at a sale shall be made by check or money order payable to the sheriff of the county and delivered before the close of business on the day of the sale. If any of said tracts or lots remain unsold following the auction, they will be subject to sale by the Deputy Commissioner without additional advertising or public auction. The deputy commissioner sale may include tracts or lots remaining unsold from a previous auction not required by law to be readvertised and described for this subsequent auction of those same tracts and lots. All sales are subject to the approval of the Auditor of the State of West Virginia.

CERT NO	YEAR SOLD	NAME1	NAME2	DESCRIPTION	DISTRICT
132250	2019	ADKINS OWEN J (LIFE ESTATE) ADKINS OWEN II ET ALS		LOT 20, MARFRANCE MARFRANCE ROAD FROM ADKINS MARFRANCE RD.	MEADOW BLUFF
132251	2019	BRENTMOORE LLC 65X140X60X132 LESLIE		LOT 63, LESLIE SUBDIV. A. FROM WHITE/DEPUTY COMM	MEADOW BLUFF
132252	2019	BRENTMOORE LLC		.11 AC (D) 236X78X193X111 LOT 79 RIVERSIDE ADD. MCROSS FROM MCCLUNG/DEPUTY COMM	MEADOW BLUFF
132253	2018	HENDRIX CARL E ET UX	CASTILE LLC (2020)	LOT 8 CRICHTON S/D CRICHTON AVE., CRICHTON 65X90X50X95	MEADOW BLUFF
132254	2018	HENDRIX CARL ET UX	CASTILE LLC (2020)	LOT 9 CRICHTON S/D CRICHTON AVE., CRICHTON WV 50X90	MEADOW BLUFF
132255	2019	KEVIN W HARPER INVESTMENTS INC		LT 116 LESLIE S/D AM GNR FIN LESLIE WV 70X150X58X160 FROM BOOTHE	MEADOW BLUFF
132256	2019	PATTERSON EDWIN CURTIS		.027 A SAUNDERS SAUNDERS	MEADOW BLUFF
132257	2019	PATTERSON TERRY	FACEMIRE JAMES A (2021)	1.47 A. MEADOWS (2019) 1.47 AC CROSIER RD FROM PATTERSON/DEP COMM (2021) MEADOWS	MEADOW BLUFF
132258	2019	WOLFE LESTER ET AL		ACREAGE .70 (D) (GIBSON) P/O LOT 10 YOAKUM EST. E. OF SLS 1, N. OF RUPERT 100X300	MEADOW BLUFF
132259	2019	FOLEY ELSIE		1/2 LOT 11 50X62.5 FIRST ST FROM RHODES	RAINELLE CORP
132260	2019	CASTILE LLC		LT 9A BLK C E GBR AVE 50X75X50X60 CEDAR STREET	RONCEVERTE CORP
132261	2019	CASTILE LLC		LT 51 W MAIN ST 100X50X55X100	RONCEVERTE CORP
132262	2019	COX PEGGY L		P/O LT 48 SELLARS ST 190X25 RONCEVERTE (25X200 FT. (B)	RONCEVERTE CORP
132263	2019	RUTHERFORD GERALDINE & RUTHERFORD ARDON L (2019)	EMBERLAND LLC	LT 9 EAST SIDE OF FRANKFORD RD 50X165X50X172 FRANKFORD RD (2019) LT 9 EAST SIDE OF FRANKFORD 50X165X50X172 FROM RUTHERFORD (2019) LT 9 EAST SIDE OF FRANKFORD RD 50X165X50X172 FROM RUTHERFORD 50X165X50X172 FROM RUTHERFORD	RONCEVERTE CORP

Any of the aforesaid tracts or lots may be redeemed by any person entitled to pay the taxes thereon at any time prior to the sale by payment to the Deputy Commissioner of the total amount of taxes, interest, and charges thereon up to the date of redemption. Lands listed above as escheated or waste and unappropriated lands may not be redeemed.

Given under my hands this 7th day of November 2022.

*G. Russell Rollyson, Jr.*  
G. Russell Rollyson, Jr.  
Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and Nonentered Lands for Greenbrier County

GREENBRIER VALLEY

ADVERTISER

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- Mine production and maintenance experience including West Virginia Mine Electrician and Underground Miner certifications; West Virginia Mine Foreman's and MSHA instructor certification a plus
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- Experience in designing technical course content
- Ability to address training needs with complete course offerings that result in certification of miners
- Working knowledge in Microsoft Office (especially PowerPoint)
- Outstanding communication skills and comfortable speaking to crowds
- Excellent organizational and time-management abilities

**Responsibilities for the role:**

- Create technical training programs according to organizational requirements
- Produce training schedules and classroom agendas to support mine training
- Determine course content according to objectives
- Prepare training material (presentations, worksheets, etc.)
- Execute training sessions, webinars, workshops etc. in groups or individually
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Rainelle Medical Center School Based Health is looking to fill several positions. We offer flexible schedules; no weekends; no on-call; competitive pay; EXCELLENT benefits package to include medical and dental care at any of our locations for employee, spouse, and dependents; health insurance; dental insurance; vision insurance; prescriptions at low cost; matching retirement plan; short-term disability; paid holidays; and earned time off.

**LPN-Float Nurse:** Summers/Greenbrier Counties

**Medical Assistant:** 2 year associate degree, Summers County Wellness Center front desk duties, medical assisting duties.

Please send resumes to the attention of  
Terra Skaggs, Director of School Based Health,  
to: [tskaggs@rmchealth.org](mailto:tskaggs@rmchealth.org).

**LEGAL**

**WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**  
**Division of Highways**  
**NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS**  
Bids will be received electronically by the West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways through the Bid Express Bidding Service ([www.bidx.com](http://www.bidx.com)) and by sealed proposals (only when prequalification is waived) being received at its office in Building 5, Room 843, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East, Charleston, West Virginia until January 10, 2023 at 10:00 AM (Eastern Standard Time). The bids will be downloaded and/or opened and read publicly thereafter for the constructions of the following project(s):  

Call	Contract	State Project	Federal Project	Description
005	*2022130002	S313-64-180.46	00	STBG-0064(416)D SIGNING I-64 EXIT 181 WB CANTILEVER SIGN STRUCTURE .54 miles from exit 181 on I-64 WB COUNTY: GREENBRIER

  
Proposals will be received from prequalified and West Virginia licensed contractors only except that on Federal-Aid Projects a contractors' licence is not required at time of bid, but will be required before work can begin. Registration is required with the Department of Administration, Division of Purchasing, in accordance with Chapter 5A, Article 3, Section 12 of the West Virginia Code. All contractors submitting bids on project(s) must include one of the following forms properly executed with each proposal: Proposal Guaranty Bond, Cashier's Check, or Certified Check for \$500.00 or 5% of the total bid, whichever is greater.  
The West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways reserves the right to defer, delay or postpone the date for receiving and publicly opening proposals for any project designated in this advertisement, without the necessity of renewing such advertisement. All bidders holding valid bidding proposals will be notified of such deferment, delay or postponement and the date that proposals will be received and publicly opened.  
The West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex or national origin in consideration for an award.

**LEGAL**

The Pocahontas County Libraries and Visitor Information Centers is seeking proposals for replacing the roof at the McClintic Public Library in Marlinton, WV.  
Proposals should include detailed plans, products, timeline, warranty, and pricing for removal & disposal of existing shingles and installation of new roofing. Roofing type/system to be selected/proposed by contractor, and installed to industry standards and manufacturer's requirements. Area of roof is estimated at 10,000 square feet. Project should include roofing with minimum 30 year guarantee, and installation of ice and water shield protection, underlayment, and replacement of damaged sheathing as needed. Areas around the skylights will need additional treatment / leak protection. An alternate proposal may be submitted which removes or replaces the skylights.  
Contractor will be selected based on a combination of factors, including strength of the proposal, expertise/past performance/references, insurance/warranty/guarantee information, scheduling assurances, base and alternate cost proposal, and any other factors demonstrated to be in the best interest of the Library.  
All prospective contractors must have current WV business & contractor licenses, \$1,000,000 of liability insurance and appropriate Worker's Compensations insurance, with required licenses and certifications for specific trades. Wages paid for all work must be in accordance with WV prevailing wage rates.  
Proposals must be submitted in writing to PCL & VIC at 500 8th St, Marlinton, WV 24954, or by email attachment to [director@pocahontaslibrary.org](mailto:director@pocahontaslibrary.org) on or before December 19th at noon. Proposals will be discussed by the Library Board of Trustees on December 20th at their monthly board meeting, beginning at 6:00 p.m.  
Site may be viewed at 500 8th Street, Marlinton, WV. Inspection can occur during 10:00-6:00 Monday through Friday. For further information, please contact library director, Cree Lahti at 304-799-6000 or at [director@pocahontaslibrary.org](mailto:director@pocahontaslibrary.org)

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

The West Virginia Division of Personnel, invites applications for the position of **Correctional Counselor 2.**

**DEPARTMENT:** DHS – DCR – POCAHONTAS YOUTH REPORTING CENTER

**OPENING DATE:** 11/02/22 **CLOSING DATE:** 11/11/22

**LOCATION OF VACANCY:** POCAHONTAS

Under general supervision, the Correctional Counselor II will function as a member of a team providing services to an assigned caseload of juvenile residents living in a unit in a West Virginia Juvenile Correctional or Detention Facility. The work of a Correctional Counselor II will consist of services for the juvenile residents of said facility. Areas of responsibilities will include individual implementation of treatment programs; guidance, administration and evaluation of need and/or risk assessments; family counseling; acting as a role model for the residents; recommendation of treatment programs to assist the resident in controlling and overcoming problems; as well as general guidance of residents. Will perform other duties as assigned. Youth Reporting Center.

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:**  
Training: A Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university with a major in criminal justice, corrections, psychology, sociology, counseling, counseling and guidance, education, therapeutic recreation or closely related field.  
**Substitution:** None.

**SALARY:** \$2,420.58 - \$4,478.00 Monthly, \$29,047.00 - \$53,736.00 Annually  
**Market Rate:** \$47,345.00

Email application to:  
David Jonese at [David.r.jonese@wv.gov](mailto:David.r.jonese@wv.gov)  
Mail to: David Jonese at  
316 Maplewood Avenue, Suite 4,  
Lewisburg, WV 24901.  
Please include posting number YRC23POC03

For additional assistance please contact  
David Jonese 1-304-647-7509.

**APPLICATIONS MAY BE FILED ONLINE AT:**  
**<http://www.personnel.wv.gov>**



# Back Down Country Roads



## The Tragic Hangings

**By Nancy Richmond**

On a wet and blustery evening in November of 1931, a dance was being held in the small coal mining community of Leslie in western Greenbrier County. There was a band playing at the dance hall, which was owned by the Smith family, and most of the people attending the affair were drinking heavily. When the revelry lasted into the early hours of Sunday, a neighbor called the police to report the disturbance. Constable Joseph Myles, a Meadow Bluff District police officer, was dispatched to Leslie, along with his deputy Jack Brown.

The officers entered the establishment, where they quieted the crowd. Constable Myles attempted to arrest a man named Miller for disorderly conduct, but was prevented from doing so by Miller's friend Tom Jackson. A fight between Deputy Brown and Jackson ensued, but ended when Jackson broke free and ran outside.

The policemen took Miller into custody and headed back out to their car, which was parked a short distance away. Before they could leave however, Tom Jackson and George Banks, a member of the band, confronted the officers. Jackson shot both lawmen with a 12-gauge automatic shotgun, hitting them each twice. The Constable was killed instantly, and his Deputy was severely wounded and died the following Monday. Both men were residents of Quinwood, and well-liked by the townspeople. Over 2,000 people attended the funeral, and sentiments of anger against the killers ran high.

When word of the shooting reached the State Police, Jackson and Banks were quickly arrested and incarcerated in the Greenbrier County Jail in Lewisburg. Jackson was indicted for murder, and Banks was indicted as an accessory.

Sometime after mid-

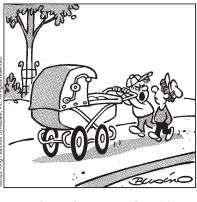
night on December 10, an angry mob of more than fifty men from Quinwood decided to take justice into their own hands, and headed through a heavy fog towards Lewisburg. As they approached the jail, which was then located along the Midland Trail (now Route 60) on the western end of town, the men removed the license plates from their cars and turned off their headlights, in order to prevent being identified.

Silently, they parked their cars and entered the building, where they accosted the lone jailer, Wallace Flint, taking him prisoner and relieving him of his set of keys. Several men held Flint while others opened the cell door and removed the frightened prisoners, who were dressed only in their underwear. They were thrown into one of the waiting cars, and the convoy drove west up the Midland Trail to the outskirts of town. Stopping along the side of the

highway, the mob dragged the two captives to a telephone pole, where they were hanged and then shot repeatedly with shotguns and pistols. The vigilantes then cut all the telephone wires going into Lewisburg in order to slow any pursuit, and hurried back towards the western end of the county.

Newspapers as far away as New York City printed the story of the hangings, and West Virginia Governor William G. Conley deployed twenty State Police Officers to Lewisburg to investigate the incident. The troopers collected nearly a gallon jug full of shell casings at the crime scene. Several Quinwood residents were picked up and questioned by the police. A few of them were beaten and abused, but the men would not talk and eventually were released for a lack of evidence. No one ever stood trial for the murders, and the incident became known locally as "the tragic hangings."





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

Look  
**RUPEES**

Grow  
**SPROUT**

Trap  
**RENCOR**


Think  
**NEEDS**

**TODAY'S WORD**

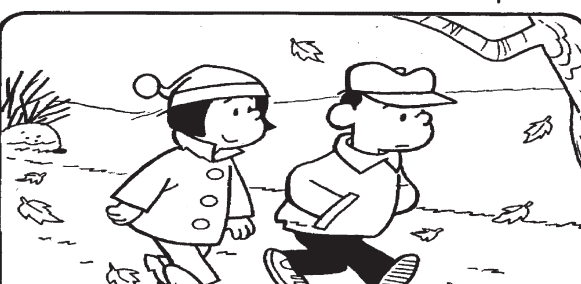
"How I know why Mom says that raising a child is easy!"

**HOCUS-FOCUS**

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Rocks are missing. 2. Fassel is shorter. 3. Hair is different. 4. Pocket is missing. 5. Zipper is missing. 6. Leg is moved.

## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

5				2				7
	4		1			8		
		8	3		6		9	
1				6				3
	8			3			5	
		7	5			9		1
	9	1	2				6	
	3			5		2		
7				8				4

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦**

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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## Super Crossword

EASY-PEASY

**ACROSS**

1 Conceptual framework

7 Nickname of jazz pianist Earl Hines

12 Cat feature

16 Mailbox item: Abbr.

19 Cajoles

20 Backcountry

21 Actor Alan

22 Before

23 Saving a Hilton from being demolished?

26 Rove (about)

27 Eisenhower, informally

28 Dawn deity

29 Country that's the setting of a story told by Jesus?

31 Confusion when a golfer can't find the club for the green?

36 2000-15 CBS show

37 Two racing Unsers

38 Strike — (do some modeling)

39 Admission of defeat

41 "The way things now stand ..."

44 Road named for a head of state?

50 Intent

53 Golf average

54 Mental sharpness

55 Santa — winds

56 One who's bad at playing practical jokes?

62 Richard of "The Jackal"

63 Former AT&T rival

64 Creepy

65 Tax audit org.

66 Hunchback creator Victor

67 Belgian river

68 Favorite crucifix style?

74 "I see!", facetiously

77 Match units

78 Cruise of "Top Gun"

79 Actress Bette

83 No, in Fife

84 DVR choice

85 Evangelizing in remote areas?

89 Fast internet svc.

90 Final words from a bully

92 Tirana's nation: Abbr.

93 Picnic pest

94 Subatomic matter that may or may not exist?

101 "Penn & Teller: —" (TV series)

102 Maui "hello"

103 Hunter constellation

107 Three in "minimum"

108 Big tea vessel

110 Aviator who was really courageous?

114 Little squeeze from a fuddy-duddy?

118 Grain variety

119 NASA's Eagle, e.g.

120 Suffix with resin or riot

121 Forehead border you had before you started going bald?

126 — kwon do

127 Coal source

128 Door reply to "Who's there?"

129 Most current

130 Antiquated

131 Fax, e.g.

132 "The battle —!"

133 Provides, as with power

**DOWN**

1 Italian tenor

2 Devise, as a plan

3 Would really rather not

4 Application filename extension

5 Actor Gibson

6 According to

7 Not stale

8 Vienna's nation: Abbr.

9 Two after uno

10 Persists in discussing

11 Thomas — Edison

12 British bye-byes

13 Perp's excuse

14 Revered one

15 Narrow road

16 Groups of trial lawyers

17 Fleeting quality

18 Comic Foxx

24 Mythical bird

25 Bitterly cold

30 Jungle den

32 Recipe qty.

33 Always

34 Assistance

35 Bullring holler

40 Sky light

41 40-Down studier's sci.

42 Eyelid malady

43 One of a flight of steps

45 MPG monitor

46 USA's Uncle

47 A Gershwin

48 Be an omen of

49 Feudal vassal

50 Big galoot

51 Outrage

52 Impair

57 Frank Sacks' "— the Unicorn"

58 Plunk lead-in

59 Helpful hints

60 Get it wrong

61 "— Be My Girl" (top 5 tune for the O'Jays)

66 Source of CBD oil

67 "Right on!"

69 Ancient Egyptian god

70 Dwarfs' count

71 Vodka brand, familiarly

72 In support of

73 Govt. health agcy.

74 "— you act now ..." (infomercial segue)

75 Is unrivaled

76 Hardly ever employed

80 By way of

81 Hostel

82 Mil. officer

84 Bean curd

85 Touch

86 Traitor

87 Yale alum

88 "The Good Doctor" airer

91 Virgin Mary's mother: Abbr.

95 Actress Lanchester

96 Many #1 songs

97 Calder Cup rink org.

98 Writer Santha Rama —

99 Email giggle

100 Verdi's "— tu"

104 Instead (of)

105 Danish port

106 Big Apple MLB squad

108 Coll. in Philly

109 Made grain-sized

111 Skater Sasha

112 Python in "The Jungle Book"

113 Scrabble 4-pointer

114 Hernando de —

115 Engine stats

116 A Great Lake

117 Roman 402

122 Sydney's state: Abbr.

123 Non- — food

124 Sprinted

125 "Inc." relative

## DINING & entertainment guide



### Dutch Haus Restaurant

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## COLONIAL CHRISTMAS

Thursday, December 1st

**Seatings:**

**Lunch 12:00 noon**

**Dinner 5:00 & 7:00 pm**

**Patton House**

493 Greenbrier Ave.  
Ronceverte, WV

**TICKETS: \$40.00 each**

Tickets available by calling or stopping in the  
Ronceverte Public Library  
120 Main Street West, Ronceverte, WV 24970, 304-647-7400

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# STEPPIN’ OUT

## The Magic of Christmas comes to Downtown Lewisburg

- NOVEMBER 26**
- **Carriage Rides**  
3-7 p.m. Greenspace Parking Lot. \$10 Adults \$5 Children
  - **Santa Visits**  
12-2 p.m. Greenspace Santa Sleigh
  - **Small Business Saturday**  
Shop small!
- DECEMBER 2**
- **First Fridays after 5**  
5-8 p.m. Holiday Shopping Events and Specials
  - **Carriage Rides**  
4:30-7:30 p.m. in Front of City Hall. \$10 Adults \$5 Children
  - **Polar Express**  
Scavenger Hunt by The New Chapter Bookstore
- DECEMBER 3**
- **Carriage Rides**  
3-7 p.m. Greenspace Parking Lot. \$10 Adults \$5 Children
  - **Christmas Parade**  
12 noon Downtown
  - **Santa Visits**  
2-4 p.m. Greenspace Santa Sleigh
  - **Amy’s Holiday Treats**  
3-7 p.m. Alleyway between Visitors Center and Yarid’s
  - **Evening Shopping**  
Extended hours for Holiday Shopping
- DECEMBER 9**
- **Carriage Rides**  
4:30-7:30 p.m. in Front of City Hall. \$10 Adults \$5 Children
  - **Piggy Back Donuts**  
2-7:30 p.m. Alleyway between Harmony Ridge and Serenity Now Outfitters
  - **Evening Shopping**  
Extended hours for Holiday Shopping
- DECEMBER 10**
- **Girls’ Day Out**  
Shopping, Giveaways, Treats & Drinks. All Day Long
  - **Carriage Rides**  
3-7 p.m. Greenspace Parking Lot, \$10 Adults \$5 Children
  - **Santa Visits**  
12-2 p.m. Greenspace Santa Sleigh
  - **Amy’s Holiday Treats**  
3-7 p.m. Alleyway between Visitors Center and Yarid’s
  - **Evening Shopping**  
Extended hours for Holiday Shopping
- DECEMBER 16**
- **Carriage Rides**  
4:30-7:30 p.m. in Front of City Hall \$10 Adults \$5 Children
  - **Piggy Back Donuts**  
2-7:30 p.m. Alleyway between Harmony Ridge and Serenity Now Outfitters
  - **Evening Shopping**  
Extended hours for Holiday Shopping
- DECEMBER 17**
- **Carriage Rides**  
3-7 p.m. Greenspace Parking Lot. \$10 Adults \$5 Children
  - **Santa Visits**  
12-2 p.m. Greenspace Santa Sleigh
  - **Piggy Back Donuts**  
11 a.m.-7 p.m. Alleyway between Harmony Ridge and Serenity Now Outfitters
  - **Evening Shopping**  
Extended hours for Holiday Shopping
- DECEMBER 23**
- **Carriage Rides**  
4:30-7:30 p.m. in Front of City Hall. \$10 Adults \$5 Children
  - **Piggy Back Donuts**  
4-6 p.m. Alleyway between Harmony Ridge and Serenity Now Outfitters
  - **Evening Shopping**  
Extended hours for Holiday Shopping
- DECEMBER 24**
- **Carriage Rides**  
11 a.m.-2 p.m. Greenspace Parking Lot. \$10 Adults \$5 Children

Cast your vote at the Visitors Center for your favorite storefront for a chance to win \$100 gift certificate, and make sure to mail a letter to the North Pole in our giant Santa mailbox  
Visit Facebook @ShopDownTownLewisburg for more details!  
The Magic of Christmas in Lewisburg is sponsored by Lewisburg - Historic Flavors. Contemporary Tastes., Dinsmore Legal Counsel, and City National Bank.

## Christmas at the Fair opens November 25

Christmas at the Fair, the State Fair of West Virginia’s drive-thru light show opened to the public on Friday, Nov. 25! The show will run from 6 to 9 p.m., Thursdays through Sundays until Dec. 24.

“We are so excited to once again offer Christmas at the Fair to the public,” State Fair CEO Kelly Collins stated. “Because of its popularity, we’ve set a goal to grow each year, and we cannot wait to show off what we’ve added this year!”

Christmas at the Fair is available to the public for donations only so

that all have the opportunity to enjoy the sights and sounds of the holidays. The show begins at the livestock gate on 219 North just past the horse barns. Mobile donations are accepted via Paypal at <https://bit.ly/3oj0sMi>.

The light show begins at the livestock gate on 219 North just past the horse barns. Patrons are asked to follow traffic patterns, turn on a designated radio station, and turn off headlights when driving through the show.

“This event would not be possible without the

support of our community and sponsors,” Collins added. “We could not have done this without them.”

Major sponsors for this event include Lost World Caverns, United Sound and Equipment, Leslie Equipment, Safe and Sound Security Systems, Greenbrier Physicians, Martin and Jones, Red Oaks Shopping Center, Gayle Mason CPA, Meadows & Wilson Family Dentistry, David. M. Moore Real Estate Law, City National Bank, Barbara Hamilton Ford,

Greenbrier Valley Airport, Magic Computer, Knight Henderson - The Henderson Group Representing American National Insurance, and several individual donors.

For more information and a full calendar of events, please visit [www.statefairfww.com/christmas-at-the-fair](http://www.statefairfww.com/christmas-at-the-fair).

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## Christmastown at Trillium

On Dec. 1 at 7 p.m. the Trillium School for the Performing Arts will present a concert with music and dance for the whole family. Director Hannah Morningstar-Stout has put together a fun holiday show with her dance students. Dances include ballet, tap, jazz, and musical theatre.

This performance will also introduce the new Trillium Youth Ensemble. These students will travel and perform shows in the spring that will include elementary schools and senior centers. They are learning Musical Theatre with Hannah and repertory, technique, and contemporary dance from Ross Honaker. Students include, Rozalynn Humphreys, Micah Lane, Ava Lilly, and Violet Wiant.

Also performing are the Greenbrier East High School Spartanettes under the direction of Stephanie Peyatt and Kallie Cochran. They will be performing a number to the “12 Days of Christmas.”



Doors open at the Lewis Theatre at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for students, 6 and under are free. For more information call the Trillium office at 304-645-3003.

Then, on Dec. 9 at 7 p.m., Trillium’s Friday Night ALIVE! returns with “Friday Night of Lights.” This show is full of music, skits, and fun for the whole family. “Disco ‘23” will be the start of Trillium’s NEW Dance

Party Series. Come with your dancing shoes on for a Pre-New Year’s Eve party on Dec. 28 at 7 p.m.

All events are at the Lewis Theatre in downtown Lewisburg. Visit [trilliumperformingarts.org](http://trilliumperformingarts.org) for more information.

## Clay and leather classes coming up



Carnegie Hall’s Classes & Workshops Series continues through December giving artists with different experience levels the chance, not only to advance their craft, but also make homemade gifts for the holidays. Upcoming classes include clay classes with Amy Durrman and Kelsie Tyson, and leather classes with Luke Davis.

Beginning Tuesday, Nov. 29, and continuing Dec. 6, 13, and 20, is Amie Durrman’s After-school Clay Class - Holiday Food! Students create their favorite holiday foods out of clay while learning the three traditional hand building techniques and the application of underglazes. Students

must be between 6-13 years old.

Durrman also will lead a three-week Clay for Kids course on Saturdays, Dec. 3, 10, and 17, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Ceramic Wall Artwill teach students to explore various hand building techniques while creating functional and abstract forms. Demonstrations will include slab construction, coil building, and pinching. Students will also learn about surface decoration including applied textures and how to apply underglazes. Students must be between 6-13 years old, as well.

For students interested in learning leather craft, Luke Davis teaches how to make Belts and Instru-

ment Straps. The class will be Saturday, Dec. 3, from 3 to 5 p.m. In this class, participants will learn to cut, edge, punch, and stamp leather to create their choice of a handmade belt or instrument strap. Students may choose from a variety of hardware and design two options for your instrument strap. This project would make a one-of-a-kind gift. No experience necessary, all materials provided, and students must be 14 years of age or older.

On Saturday, Dec. 10, from 11 to 2 p.m., Davis will also teach how to make Holiday Ornaments in Leather. In this beginner level class, participants will learn to cut, stamp, color and/or dye leather to make gorgeous holiday keepsake ornaments. They will choose their own design and pattern to make custom decorations for wreaths, trees and gifts that match your holiday décor. These fun hands-on classes are great for all ages and offer an endless array of possibilities to be creative. All materials are provided, and no experience is needed.

Teaching Artist Kelsie Tyson will teach two single-day wheel experiences on Saturday, Dec. 3 and 17, from 12 to 2 p.m. Students in this class will spend two hours learning throwing on the potter’s wheel. Students will make two to three pieces, picking their best for firing. Students will also have the choice of one glaze option. Price of the workshop includes clay, glaze, and firing. Students must be at least 6 years old.

Tyson will also teach how to make Ceramic Earrings on Saturday, Dec. 3 and 17, from 2:30 to 4 p.m. Students learn basic hand building and glazing techniques to make custom earrings and pendants from clay. Handmade jewelry makes amazing gifts. Projects will be fired by Carnegie Hall and available for pick up later. All materials will be provided, and students must be 12 years of age or older.

To register or more information visit [carnegiehallwv.org/classes-and-workshops](http://carnegiehallwv.org/classes-and-workshops) or pick up a Classes & Workshops brochure at 611 Church Street, Lewisburg.



# STEPPIN’ OUT

## First Friday and the Magic of Christmas

Join us for a jolly First Friday in downtown Lewisburg on Dec. 2 during the Magic of Christmas event where you’ll find delicious foods, new drinks, have a chance to meet talented artists, and catch awesome holiday shopping deals!

Don’t miss out on the **Carriage Rides** from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. in front of City Hall. \$10 Adults / \$5 Children. Every Friday and Saturday until Christmas Eve! (942 Washington Street)

Stop by the **Greenbrier Valley Visitors Center** as we celebrate the Christmas holiday with an evening of art and music. The Art Gallery will feature “The Gift of Our Talents,” an annual art show presented by talented Greenbrier County middle and high school students. The Alderson Quilt Guild will be highlighted in the Art Alcove with a sale of Christmas ornaments, placemats, aprons, wall hangings and much more. Members of the guild will be on hand with tickets for their handmade raffle quilt. Get into the spirit of the season as the Greenbrier East Concert Choir, under the direction of Carrie Neese, sing Christmas carols beginning at 6 p.m. The choir will be selling ornaments as a fundraiser for a spring competition in Tennessee. Closing out the evening will be G.R.O.U.P., a local ukulele band, performing holiday tunes at 7 p.m. And for the perfect stock-

ing stuffer, members of Savannah Garden Club will be on hand with notecards featuring photos of the hanging begonia baskets that grace downtown Lewisburg. Don’t miss this evening of holiday fun! (905 Washington Street, 304-645-1000)

Enter a drawing at **Harmony Ridge** for a festive Christmas tree ornament! Complimentary hot apple cider and cookies! First Fridays Wine Bar Special: \$4 any glass! Shop an amazing collection of gifts! (886 Washington Street, 304-645-4333)

**Better Homes and Gardens Real Estate Central** is hosting a gift wrapping party! Have your gifts wrapped for a donation that supports the Greenbrier County 4-H Leaders Association Summer Camps Scholarship Fund. (1018 E Washington Street, 304-645-6633)

The bubbles flow to celebrate the season at **Bella the Corner Gourmet**. Enter to win a bottle of champagne and gift certificate while sipping a taste of some fine bubbles as you shop! Of course, a tasty treat will be on the tasting platters, too! (304-520-4921, 1017 Washington Street E)

**A New Chapter Bookstore** is celebrating artist and fellow bookseller Tiarra Silvis. Her work will be for sale throughout the evening as well as free tarot readings and complimentary refreshments! (922 Washington Street,

(681) 318-3501)

**The Shoe Box** invites you to warm up with a hot chocolate bar and winter deals, fun for the kids and everyone! (847 N Court Street, 681-318-3377)

**Aggie’s** will feature local artist Leslie Busick, who will sign limited edition Christmas ornaments handmade by her. (979 Washington Street W, 304-645-4063)

**Little Black Box Bra Boutique** will have hot chocolate and holiday cookies. Be sure to check out the End of Year sale! (818 Jefferson Street S, 304-645-6646)

**Edith’s Health and Specialty Food store** will be sampling delicious mulled cider. Perfect for the holidays! (1035 E Washington Street, (304) 645-7998)

**Brick House Antiques** is hosting Lee Gillespie with his handmade jeweled Christmas ornaments. (1066 E Washington Street, 304-645-4082)

**Plants Etc.** will be offering fancy cookies from Amy’s Market. Enjoy a cookie while you browse the great gift selections! (102 Jefferson Street S, 304-645-6910)

**Yarid’s** will host a trunk show with owner/designer Tracy from Virtue Jewelry! Virtue gives back 10% of all sales to sponsor a women’s facility for trafficked and abused women. (885 Washington Street, 304-647-5000)

**Patina** will host traditional Celtic music by

Patrick O’Flaherty with complementary drinks and Girl Scout cookies. (1046 Washington Street, 304-520-4962)

**The Hub** invites you to an “Evening with the Grinch.” Enjoy the newest cafe creation: the Grinch Frappe! Admission is one can (or more) of food to benefit the YAB food drive. (232 Lee Street N, 304-647-4994)

**Humble Tomato** has a new delicious cocktail special! The Mistletoe Martini. Open til 9 p.m.! (855 Washington Street W, 681-318-3788)

**The Asylum** will have the Thomas Taylor Band and a yummy holiday cocktail list is now available! (339 E Randolph Street, 681-318-3515)

**Carnegie Hall** presents the West Virginia Symphony at 7:30 p.m. Tickets can be purchased online [carnegiehallwv.com](http://carnegiehallwv.com) (611 Church Street, 304-645-7919)

P.S.! Starts next Friday: Celebrate Christmas in Appalachia at **Greenbrier Valley Theatre!** A brand new musical to showcase what makes The Mountain State so special this time of the year. Visit [gvtheatre.com](http://gvtheatre.com) for details.

First Fridays is sponsored by City National Bank and the shops and restaurants of downtown Lewisburg. For more information check us out online at [facebook.com/firstfridaysafter5](http://facebook.com/firstfridaysafter5), [instagram.com/firstfridaysafter5](http://instagram.com/firstfridaysafter5), or [visitlewisburgwv.com](http://visitlewisburgwv.com)

## Upcoming Christmas happenings at Big Draft Brewing

**Thursday, Dec. 1** - We are excited to have the gang from Greenbrier Valley Theater join us at the brewery to put on Mountain Home Christmas! An original production that celebrated the holiday season in the Mountain State. Wild & Wonderful and family-friendly, this evening will feature memorable songs, humor, storytelling and the spirit of Christmas that you won’t want to miss.

**Saturday, Dec. 10** - The Holiday Artisans Market is back! Join us from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. for the chance to catch all the hottest artisans in the region. Painters, jewelers, potters, woodworkers, and much more will be there! Follow the Facebook event for more information and help us spread the word. If you are an artist interested in participating, please reach out to Julie at [juliefinedesigns@gmail.com](mailto:juliefinedesigns@gmail.com)

**Sunday, Dec. 11 & 18** - Big Red will be stopping in for Brunch with Santa from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.! Join us at Big Draft to make sure you are on the nice list and that all your requests are in. We’ll have our classic brunch menu available!

**Thursday, Dec. 15** - Go ahead and make plans to join us with your best foodie friends to celebrate the holidays at the Big Draft Game & Grain dinner. The Big Draft Culinary Team is very excited to show off and get to play outside of the box a bit. Read below for the full details.

**Saturday, Dec. 31** - New Year’s Eve with Chad Nickell & The Loose Change and a special performance from our good friends Alabaster Boxer! This is how you ring in the new year! Tickets are just \$15 ahead of time.



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## Annual Ingevity Boys Home Harvest Hustle a success

On Saturday, Nov. 5, Boys Home of Virginia hosted its sixth annual fall fundraiser, the Harvest Hustle 5K, 10K, and Half-Marathon at the Intervale Trailhead of the Jackson River Scenic Trail. One hundred and twenty-six participants gathered to compete. Even though there was a misting of rain, racers from various states weren’t deterred from competing. Bottled water, Gatorade, and pre-packaged snacks were available for runners to enjoy. Mountain Momma’s Kitchen was onsite to provide food and coffee to participants, volunteers and spectators.

All runners received a long sleeve T-shirt with the race logo, and everyone received a one-of-a-kind participation medal as they crossed the finish line. A collectable 16 oz. latte mug was given to the top three fastest male and female racers in each age group, as well as a certificate of their accomplishment. The overall top three male and female racers for each race won a collectable acrylic Boys Home house trophy. All first-place winners also received a gift certificate to Lex Running Shop in Lexington, VA.

Overall winners in the 5K race were 1st place male - Aiden Sensabaugh (15) of Hot Springs, VA, finishing at 19:11, 2nd place male - Joshua Anglin (15) of Covington, VA, finishing at 20:02, and 3rd place male - James Mazy Ross (15) of Covington, VA, finishing at 20:49.

1st place female - Abby Dixon (16) of Lewisburg with a time of 22:43, 2nd place female - Faith Barron (13) of Clifton Forge, VA, finishing at 22:51, and 3rd place female - Maggie Hensley (13) from Covington, VA, finishing at 23:32.

Overall winners in the WestRock 10K race were 1st place male - Sam Allen (45) of Lexington, VA, with a time of 38:51, 2nd place male - Alex Bullock (22) of Lewisburg finishing at 40:59, and 3rd place male - Adam Gild (21) of Covington, VA, finishing at 46:47. First Place female - Anna Henry (34) of Durham, NC, finishing at 45:32, 2nd place female - Ashley Bykowski (26) from Lewisburg finishing at 47:04, and 3rd place female - Esabelle Gervasio (23) from Lewisburg finishing at 1:04:33.

The overall winners for the WestRock Half Marathon were 1st place male - Mark Stauffer (52) of Otisco, IN, with a time of 1:28:56, 2nd place male - Paul Titus (52) from Waynesboro, VA, finishing at 1:32:25, and 3rd place male - Jeremy Weaver (45) from Copper Hill, VA, finishing at 1:34:13. First place female - Adrien Monti (43) of Roanoke, VA, finishing at 2:11:59, 2nd place female - Lyla Rumler (35) from Forest, VA, finishing at 2:28:42, and 3rd place female - Jamison Strasser (31) from Hot Springs, VA, finishing at 2:48:42.

The finish times for each



race are listed on [www.runforboyshome.org](http://www.runforboyshome.org) along with photos to commemorate the day.

Boys Home would like to thank Run Roanoke, the Falling Spring and Covington Rescue Squads, Mountain Momma’s Kitchen LLC, Alleghany Parks and Recreation, as well as all participants, volunteers and sponsors for making this event possible. For the second year, Ingevity was the presenting sponsor for the event. Ingevity has always been a faithful supporter of Boys Home and their participation is greatly appreciated. Boys Home is also very grateful for the generosity of the many businesses that sponsor the Harvest Hustle each year. A huge thank you to the following event sponsors: WestRock, Lexington Prescription Center, Highlands Community Bank, Campbell Insurance, Silvercrest Asset Management, Old Dominion Furniture Company, Alleghany Asphalt and Construction, Inc., Greenbrier Physicians, Persinger Memorial United Methodist Church, McDonough Toyota, Spencer Home Center, Jackson River Community Credit Union, The Rail Bar and Grille, The Cat & Owl, J & K Electric, West Winds Venue, The Recorder, Fin-

castle Baptist Church: Highlands Campus, Edward Jones Investments, The Law Firm of William T. Wilson, Jack Mason’s Tavern & Brewery, Slaughter and Slaughter Family Dentistry, Craig-Botetourt Electric Cooperative, K. McConnell Legal, Diesel & Heavy Equipment Services, LLC, Grand Home Furnishings, Valley Supermarket IGA, Barnwood Living and Lex Running Shop.

This wonderful event is not only a fundraiser, but it has also helped raise awareness of Boys Home and the services that are provided for the young men in residence there. The vision of

Boys Home is to provide a community that inspires young men to positively impact those around them. This event shows the commitment and discipline needed to be a runner, the tenacity never to give up, and the importance of always striving to do your best. It also provides a great example of how a community can come together and support each other.

Next year’s Harvest Hustle will be scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 4, 2023. All are invited to participate in this challenging, fun and exciting event which will only grow bigger and better with each passing year!

# MOUNTAIN STATE SPOTLIGHT

## WV lawmakers target troubled DHHR, but have repeatedly struggled to pass legislation addressing state’s many issues

**Some lawmakers say the department must change to address the state’s record-low health outcomes. But historically, lawmakers have been unable to agree on solutions to fix the agency.**

**By Ian Karbal  
for Mountain State Spotlight**

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BERKELEY SPRINGS - Inside a conference room in the rustic lodge at Cacapon State Park, Department of Health and Human Resources Secretary Bill Crouch sat with two cookies in one hand and a pepperoni roll in the other. He was in his last meeting of the legislative interim session, watching lawmakers grill his staff about data they had collected and, some felt, failed to properly compile and present.

It was a continuation of another contentious meeting, where lawmakers lambasted Crouch and his agency for failing to address issues in the department that are harming some of the most vulnerable West Virginians. Also included in lawmakers’ ire was a team of consultants, who had concluded splitting DHHR would not substantially improve the department’s issues or help the people who need the agency the most, including senior citizens, foster kids and people in recovery. Dividing the agency was the only solution lawmakers could agree on during the last legislative session, and now, after a \$1 million report commissioned by Gov. Jim Justice rejected the idea, they were incensed by what they saw as an insufficient proposal to fix the department’s mounting problems.

“We’ve gotten the same results over and over by doing exactly the same thing,” said Senate President Craig Blair, R-Berkeley. “From what I can interpret here, you’re saying throw more money, throw more time, but keep doing the same thing. That’s what I’ve gotten from your report. Frankly, it looks like this is a million dollar waste of our taxpayer dollars.”

But none of these problems are new, and neither Crouch nor lawmakers came to the meeting with any concrete ideas of how to address them. Now, while lawmakers say legislation either reorganizing DHHR or targeting specific health issues will be a priority during the upcoming legislative session, it’s unclear how lawmakers in a supermajority with a history of disagreement over health policies will move forward with either part of the two-pronged approach.

### Fixing a problematic health department

During the last legislative session, lawmakers considered bills to address some of the Department of Health and Human Resources’ most glaring problems, including accountability in the foster care system and low wages for state-employed social workers. But despite bipartisan support, none made it over the finish line. The only bill that did — the measure to cleave the agency into two — was vetoed by Justice. Meanwhile, West Virginia remains one of the most unhealthy states in the country, and lawmakers hear report after report alleging the abuse of some of the most vulnerable people in the agency’s care.

Also, in that time, disabled adults in the care of DHHR have died in state-run facilities, and the department has been unresponsive to lawmakers’ probing questions about how that happened and how to fix it.

While nearly all lawmakers agree that West Virginia’s numerous health issues need to be tackled, some in the majority caucus contend that in order to address these issues, problems in DHHR must be sorted first.

Sen. Jack Woodrum, R-Summers, said that the department is necessary to help legislators make decisions about health policy, but that required reports sometimes go incomplete. The issue hits close to home for him, as five children have died either in foster care or as a result of abuse or neglect

in his district in the last few years. Last year, a bipartisan bill that aimed to improve reporting of child abuse in the foster care system was stalled by Sen. Eric Tarr, R-Putnam, the chair of the Senate finance committee, and ultimately didn’t pass.

The poor information from the department, Woodrum said, “puts you in a position that you can’t make any informed decisions about what you need to be doing. That’s one of the things that’s bogging us down and, unfortunately, we have people that are dying because we don’t have information.”

Woodrum’s point was underscored in a Monday afternoon meeting about maternal mortality rates in West Virginia, which are higher than in most of the country, particular for non-white residents.

Woodrum raised concerns that required reports on the issue were not made available to lawmakers ahead of the meeting. A representative from DHHR said the agency had the data, but had not compiled it into a report yet.

### Addressing health issues head-on

Fixing DHHR alone is not enough to reverse problems with social services and poor health trends in West Virginia. To be sure, a more responsive agency could provide better data illuminating potential solutions, and could keep some of the most vulnerable West Virginians in the care of the state out of danger. But it falls to lawmakers to create new policies to increase access to affordable and quality health care, and so far they’ve failed to get many meaningful measures across the finish line.

“Unfortunately, we see a lot of studies and we get a lot of recommendations, and often the Legislature fails to act or to address the root causes of our poor public health outcomes,” said Del. Mike Pushkin, D-Kanawha, who recently won reelection and is the chair of the state Democratic Party. “Many efforts never make it onto the agenda, or many bills that do pass don’t get funded.”

Last session alone, lawmakers failed to pass a bill aimed at holding accountable and improving the state’s foster care system, which a Mountain State Spotlight investigation found has sent kids in the state’s care to out-of-state homes with documented cases of abuse and neglect. The bill had bipartisan support, but was gutted in the Senate Finance Committee, and then died at the end of the session. Similarly, bills to decrease the cost of insulin and to provide raises for state-employed social workers, who DHHR has struggled to hire and retain, also failed in spite of bipartisan support.

Ultimately, state social workers got raises from Justice who unilaterally allocated funds dedicated to unfilled positions.

And even while West Virginia’s overdose and substance abuse rates remain high, lawmakers didn’t pass any substantive legislation to address the problem. Instead, in spite of years of state-commissioned reports indicating that harsher criminal sentences for drug offenders were not helping the state’s high rate of substance abuse disorders, lawmakers passed bills increasing penalties for people arrested for possession of fentanyl in multiple circumstances.

Lawmakers on both sides of the aisle, including leaders of the Republican supermajority, agree that changes need to be made and will likely be a priority this coming session. But so far, no concrete plan has been made public.

“I’ve only heard about legislation addressing DHHR,” said Del. Kayla Young, D-Kanawha, who noted that there are still nearly two months before the regular session. “Our foster care bill got gutted last year and we never really got anything substantive passed. Substance abuse is another problem we haven’t touched much the past few years. I’m hopeful those things happen, but I haven’t heard anyone talk about any of that yet.”

At this point in the year, lawmakers’ list of priorities is long and diverse, from taking up a stalled bill to increase access to contraceptives and help adoptive parents, to tackling substance abuse disorders to addressing maternal mortality rates.

## Justice announces plans to renovate WV Turnpike Plazas, to begin in February ‘23

Gov. Jim Justice announced plans for the complete renovation of the Beckley and Blue-stone travel plazas on the West Virginia Turnpike. The West Virginia Parkways Authority officially approved the plans at their meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 16.

Beckley and Blue-stone travel plazas will be closed beginning Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2023, to begin demolition and site redevelopment. Both travel plazas will be rebuilt from the ground up. The Morton Travel Plaza near Burnwell will remain open until renovations to that facility begin in 2025.

“Each year 33 million people, double the population of West Virginia, drive on the WV Turnpike,” Gov. Justice said. “This is our chance to show them Almost Heaven, West Virginia. So, we better not screw it up, and now we’re going to have the best facilities that showcase everything that West Virginia has to offer. Because we want all 3.3 million people to walk away with a positive image of our great state. So, I am incredibly proud to showcase these new plazas today and I can’t wait to break ground on the project next year.”

In May 2022, the Parkways Authority approved the expenditure of \$152 million spread over three fiscal years to revamp the Turnpike’s travel plazas. Plans were based on results of a 2021 survey of Turnpike travelers.

With over 3,400 respondents, the survey results led the Parkways Authority to realize that these facilities were far more than a quick break for the 3.3 million visitors who stop at one of the travel plazas. For some guests, a stop at a travel plaza was part of a family tradition with some visitors recalling the “Glass House” design of the 1950s. For others, it was an opportunity to learn more about our state and purchase authentic

West Virginia made crafts and products in the tourist information centers. Truck drivers look to the travel plazas for safe and secure parking.

“This is another example of Gov. Justice’s vision to promote West Virginia to the nation,” Executive Director of the West Virginia Parkways Authority Jeff Miller said. “By the end of 2024, motorists along the West Virginia Turnpike will be able to enjoy new, modern travel plazas that will provide the public a wonderful service experience and a safe area to rest, all while enjoying expanded food offerings and fueling before getting back on the road.” Travel plaza customers also indicated where the existing facilities fell short. Leisure travelers, attracted by West Virginia’s scenic wonders, wanted new facilities that embrace the State’s “wild and wonderful” terrain and provide a sense of always being in touch with nature. Commuters and road warriors wanted drive-thru service and comfortable, quiet sitting areas for work and relaxation. Over 50 percent of commercial drivers felt there was a significant or severe shortage of truck parking. All respondents wanted improved restrooms.

The newly redeveloped travel plazas will offer expanded food concepts, a 24/7 Mountain State Market convenience store, outdoor dining options, expanded parking for tractor trailers and passenger vehicles, EV charging stations, separated vehicle and tractor trailer fueling options, picnic area, and pet relief areas. The Beckley Travel Plaza will offer a drive through, increased restroom facilities, and bus parking, as well as enhancing and highlighting the Parkways Authority Tourist Information Centers.

Construction of the new travel plazas is expected to be complete by late 2024.

## Carnegie’s Lobby and Museum Galleries feat. Sandra Schmocker



Art by Sandra Schmocker

Carnegie Hall’s November/December Exhibits continue with three new galleries featuring the works of regional artists. The Lobby and Museum Galleries feature works by artist Sandra Schmocker. The galleries are adjacent to the auditorium.

Sandra Schmocker has painted since she was a small child. She studied studio art at The Anvil Studio, in Pottstown, Pennsylvania, for over ten years under an apprentice-

ship with Jon Smith, and was selected to attend The Pennsylvania Governors School of Art, Bucknell University, Lewisburg, PA in 1979.

She has been a member of the Greenbrier Artists Guild since 2001 and designed their posters for the 18th and 21st annual shows. Greenbrier Printing selected her artwork for their 2003 calendar. She was juried into the fine arts department at Tamarack in 2003. Sandra

is on the artists’ register at the West Virginia Department of Culture and History in Charleston, WV, and received a grant from them in 2004.

Businesses, community organizations, and private individuals have commissioned her artwork, and she often accepts freelance commissions and creates wall murals from patron’s photos and ideas. Sandra was a founding member and juror for the West Virginia Fine Arti-

sans Gallery as well as being the artist in residence for the “Art Alive” events at the Greenbrier Hotel.

Schmocker also teaches fun art classes for adults and children as well as private paint dates and is an instructor for both the Carnegie Classrooms program and Kids’ College. She also painted a couple of Lewisburg’s fire hydrants this summer.

Sandra’s work combines original ideas, brilliant colors, patterns, unusual perspectives, and contrasts. Her artwork is sometimes derived from photographs she has taken or is a grouping of objects that intrigue her. Other times she just enjoys the process of painting and drawing, using color to create patterns and depth, with the result being a piece with her own unique style.

The exhibits are free and open to the public, Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and run through December 30. For more information, please visit [carnegiehallwv.org](http://carnegiehallwv.org), call 304-645-7917, or stop by the Hall at 611 Church Street, Lewisburg.





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# Mountain messenger

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## Penny Pitch still needs \$50K to make goal

*This Thanksgiving, consider helping area  
families through Penny Pitch*

Penny Pitch 2022 is moving forward. Our list is long - over 135 families are being interviewed by our local service clubs and volunteers this week to determine their needs. We want to be able to serve every deserving family, and we need your help. We have raised \$10,645, and need to meet our goal of \$60,000. By meeting that goal, we will not only be able to help our families give their children Christmas gifts, but also help them keep the heat on through what looks to be a very cold winter.

Anne Frank wrote "No one has ever become poor by giving." Helping others is one of the best things we can do for our own spirits. Please join us in this effort to support the community we all love.

We are so grateful for the donations we have received: In honor of all employees of the former Greenbrier Manor by the Seneca Trail Charitable Foundation - \$2,000

West Point Baptist Church in Asbury - \$1,000

Martha Miller - \$50

Margaret C. Bruns - \$100

Jane Ridgeway - \$50

Connie McDowell - \$100

Don and Marcia Sutherland - \$250

Lewisburg Chapter OES - \$100

Bill and Gloria Martin - \$200

Connie Grizzel and Mrs. J. B. Grizzel (in loving memory of Joe B. Grizzel and Hau Michael Dodd) - \$50

Anonymous - \$100

Maggie, Buddy & Rascal - \$50

In loving memory of "Snoopy" and Jo Do by family - \$50

## Tree Lighting Ceremony draws holiday crowd



A crowd gathers in the Green Space for the ceremony.

By Sarah Richardson

The Tree Lighting Ceremony on Nov. 19 drew a crowd to downtown as the city kicked off The Magic of Christmas in Lewisburg, which will run each weekend until the end of December.

See Page 10 for more information.

## WVDOH working to correct problems with traffic signals on

## US 219 near Lewisburg

The West Virginia Division of Highways (WVDOH) is working to correct technical problems with traffic signals that are causing traffic to back up on US 219 between downtown Lewisburg and the Interstate 64 interchange. Repairs are expected to be completed by Friday, Dec. 2.

Traffic Engineering staff from the WVDOH central office in Charleston are working with the District 9 Traffic Engineer to make the necessary signal adjustments to optimize traffic flow in the area. Lewisburg city police are available to provide traffic control over the holiday weekend if necessary.

Motorists are encouraged to utilize alternate routes or allow additional time for their travels during this period.

## County Commission discusses Health Department building, water line extensions

By Adam Pack

The Greenbrier County Commission sat for a brief meeting on the morning of Nov. 22 to discuss upcoming projects around the county.

The commission began its new business with consideration of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) monies for partial funding to expand and remodel the health department building. "We have decided with our ARPA funds ... to use \$2.5 million for the water line extension from Sam Black Church to Asbury, and then the balance we'll put toward the remodel and expansion of the health department building in Fairlea," explained Commissioner Lowell Rose.

However, the subsequent proposal for boundary and

topographic survey services by Terradon for the expansion and remodel was tabled after Commissioner Rose said the Commission still has some questions about this item. The commission was also slated to consider the approval of a subrecipient grant agreement by and between the Greenbrier County Commission and Public Service District No. 2. This agreement dealt with the use of ARPA funds for the extension of public water from Charmco to Rainelle, Sam Black to Clintonville, and Alta and Asbury. However, for similar reasons described by Lowell in regard to the Terradon survey services request, the item was tabled. The commission reassured the public that both items will be ready for full

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## New historic design guidelines on the horizon for Lewisburg

By Sarah Richardson

The Lewisburg City Council met Tuesday, Nov. 15 to approve an updated version of Historic Landmark Commission guidelines, hold a second reading of the proposed sale and use tax ordinance, and hear an update regarding issues with lighting at Hollowell and Dorie Miller Parks.

The Historic Landmarks Commission (HLC) has been working diligently over the last several years to update Lewisburg's design guidelines for the historic district, and has released a new set of these guidelines in conjunction with the Mills Group to outline "how to stabilize, restore, protect, and preserve contributing structures and the public view in the Lewisburg Historic District." The guidelines were based upon principles outlined in both the code of the City of Lewisburg, as well as the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties.

The document specifies, "These guidelines are not intended to pre-

vent property owners from making changes to their property or from completing regular maintenance activities. Property owners are encouraged to conduct annual maintenance to preserve and protect existing materials. Instead, these guidelines are intended to assist property owners in making practical decisions that enhance the historic qualities of their properties and town."

"We are excited that we finally have updated guidelines from the Historic Landmarks Commission, and they are excited as well," said Mayor Beverly White. City Manager Misty Hill explained that these guidelines were also reviewed and approved by the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). Hill said that some of the amendments made to the guidelines include a new administrative color chart, where certain colors can be approved by city officials without having to be presented to the HLC.

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## Matt Ford recognized at Small Communities, Big Solutions Conference

Each year, the Alliance for Economic Development of Southern West Virginia, the West Virginia Community Development Hub, and Coalfield Development team up to shine a spotlight on West Virginia by hosting the Small Communities, BIG Solutions Conference.

This event showcases all the successes and highlights what is working across the state. Each year a mix of community leaders, educators, businesses and public officials come together to network, share ideas and learn what is working well in our state.

The team behind the Small Communities, BIG Solutions Conference created an award ceremony to highlight those who are driving forward success in southern West Virginia. Since its start in 2018, many individuals, employers, nonprofits, organizations, and institutions have been recognized through the Power of Performance Awards for their remarkable work in southern

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Matt Ford (center) was awarded the POWER of Performance award at the Small Communities, BIG Solutions Conference earlier this month.



Matt Ford

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West Virginia. The awards advisory team remains dedicated to sharing success stories, highlighting #WVSolutions, and honoring those who are leading the way.

Conference partners, including the Alliance for Economic Development of Southern West Virginia, Coalfield Development Corporation, and the WV Community Development Hub, were excited to honor these individuals or organizations during our in-person Small Communities, BIG Solutions Conference on Nov. 15-17 at the University of Charleston.

Greenbrier Valley Economic Development Corporation board member Matt

County Commission

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discussion and consideration at the Dec. 6 meeting of the commission.

The commission also met to certify the results of the 2022 election as presented by County Clerk Robin Loudermilk. Loudermilk informed the commission that the numbers presented were those updated after final canvassing was completed. The commission received the results and certified them, with Commissioner President Tammy Tinchier adding, “All of us here at the commission would like to thank Robin for the dedicated work that she and her staff do to make sure we have smooth and efficient elections, and we did again this year, with no major issues.” Commissioner McClung added that, “Voter turnout was up a bit from previous non-presidential election years, so to all those who did that civic duty: thank you.”

The Commission also approved contracting the BHM CPA Group for audit services for the county. The Commission explained that this company was selected after applications by the county had been sent to six agencies, but that BHM ap-

Ford received the POWER of Performance award at the conference. The GVEDC shared, “This reward recognizes individuals who are driving success and making an impact in southern West Virginia. Thank you, Matt, for all that you do!”

Ford is also the President of Greenbrier Environmental Group, a team leader for the Meadow River Rail Trail, the VP of God’s Way Home, the President and a founding member of the Meadow River Valley Association and is a board member on several other committees.

plied to the county. BHM has provided auditing services to the county in the past, and the commissioner noted that the price has gone up slightly due to cost increases generally. The contract for auditing services amounts to \$26,000.

Lastly, the commission approved the application of Russ Cronquist of White Sulphur Springs for a vacancy on the Greenbrier County Planning Commission. Cronquist’s application was “thorough and well done” according to Tinchier, who recommended Cronquist highly. “He has a background in business, broadcast engineering, electrical engineering, and has been involved with the military. He’s incredibly interested in Greenbrier County and I think this will be a good addition.” The commission approved Cronquist’s hiring unanimously.

The Greenbrier County Commission will meet again for their next regularly scheduled meeting on Dec. 6 at 10 a.m. The public is encouraged to attend.

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.

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Call 304-645-4775 for more information.

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Calling all bargain book lovers! The White Sulphur Springs Public Library will be hosting a used book sale, made possible through generous contributions from our community, starting on Saturday, Dec. 3, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in conjunction with the City of White Sulphur Spring’s open house. The book sale will continue on Monday, Dec. 6, and Tuesday, Dec. 7, during normal library hours. Hardbacks will sell at \$2 and paperbacks for \$1. Books on CD and DVDs will go for \$1.

There will be a bag sale during normal library hours on Wednesday, Dec. 8. Haul away a stuffed bag for \$2. All proceeds will go to support the White Sulphur Springs Public Library.

Come discover wonderful deals available for all the book lovers in your life, whether they are fiction or non-fiction readers. This sale features cookbooks, books on current issues, and craft books. There is also a great collection of juvenile books as well as an exciting assortment of novels by best-selling fiction authors. Remember, if you’re looking for something specific and can’t find it at the book sale, make sure to check out the library’s circulating collection. We lend materials for free and are happy to loan you that perfect book.

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



Kiah, our Library Dog, came out of retirement to help with the book sale.

WV20 in Hinton reopens

following WVDOH marathon

bridge-building session

Engineers with the West Virginia Division of Highways (WVDOH) have been hard at work designing a solution for a massive sinkhole impacting Route 20 in the Summers County town of Hinton, where bridge crews from several counties gathered this past weekend to erect a temporary bridge, which was open to traffic on Sunday, Nov. 20.

The sinkhole is unlike any other, with a very fine ash material washing away beneath both a police station and the roadway itself. Lead discovered in the material makes the permanent solution more difficult, but a long term repair is also underway.

“West Virginia Division of Highways’ workers are the best in the country at incident management,” said Secretary of Transportation, Jimmy Wriston, P.E. “Time and time again, they prove they can get in and get the work done. They work together, as one Department of Transportation.”

Joe Pack, P.E. Deputy State Highway Engineer of Operations, said a 90-year-old drain under

the road began failing in June, leading to the collapse. While the WVDOH is used to repairing clogged or collapsed drains, the sheer size of the problem in Hinton required an unconventional approach.

WVDOH work crews installed a 120-foot temporary culvert and fill material under the road, but heavy rains from Hurricane Nicole on Friday, Nov. 11, washed out the fill and made the sinkhole worse.

The quickest way for WVDOH to ensure continued safe travel on WV 20 in the area of the sinkhole was to build a temporary bridge beside the hole. The WVDOH employed a prefabricated bridge “kit” manufactured by the Mabey Bridge Company for the job.

The bridge is made up of prefabricated beams and trusses which can be assembled on site without the need for special tools or construction methods. The main components of the bridge arrived in Hinton the morning of Friday, Nov. 18, and WVDOH crews began bolting the sub-assemblies together.


“We just put it together like a big Lego set,” Pack said. A similar temporary bridge was recently installed at Laneville in Tucker County to replace a bridge that had been closed for safety reasons.

A crew of 16 men and women from District 9, District 10, and WVDOH Central Forces spent most of Friday and Saturday bolting the bridge together. With Thanksgiving approaching, they were thankful the snow flurries did not turn into heavy snow. The main span was completed on the evening of Saturday, Nov. 19, and the bridge reopened to traffic at about 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 20.

The temporary bridge is 11 feet, nine inches wide and has an overhead clearance of 13 feet, six inches because of overhead power lines. The temporary bridge will be in place until the WVDOH can complete repairs to the existing culvert to restore water flow under the road until a permanent, 300-foot steel drainage structure can be installed. The WVDOH hopes to put the permanent repair out for bid by the end of 2022.

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## Democratic Women's Club to meet

The next meeting of the Greenbrier County Democratic Women's Club will be held Tuesday, Nov. 29, at 5:30 p.m. at the Old Stone Church Fellowship Hall.

## Wellspring Open House date change

Please note that the Wellspring of Greenbrier is postponing the Open House scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 30, to a later date that is yet to be determined. A notice will be sent out with new details when they are available.

## Holiday Farmers Market

will be held Saturdays 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.

## Williamsburg Community

### Shooting Match

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

## Shop With a Cop

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

## Design Guidelines

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Mayor White noted that building materials have changed over the years, including some cost-effective options, and, "We are just trying to make it easier for our citizens."

Councilmember John Little motioned to approve these guidelines on the first reading, but requested an executive overview of the updates and changes made from the previous regulations.

The second reading of the implementation of a 1 percent sales and use tax, and 1 percent decrease of the B&O tax, passed council unanimously with no comments from the public at either public hearing. This 1 percent tax is proposed to begin within city limits starting on July 1, 2023.

Councilmember Sarah Elkins reports that new lights ordered for Dorie Miller Park continue to have issues. The old lights filled with water, and the new lights arrived with the wrong plugs and continue to gather moisture inside the housing. The parks department is continuing to work with the company to remedy the errors.

## Marriages

Alexander Edward Cunningham, Austin, TX to Sara Marie Kish, Austin, TX  
Zachary Ben Webb, Ronceverte to Katelin Elizabeth Withrow, Ronceverte  
John Alfred Taylor, Ronceverte to Autumn Babe Armbruster, Baltimore, MD

## Suits

In Re: The Marriage of: Mary Ramsey Holson and William Douglas Holson  
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## 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.

## For the Record

### Deeds

Lucy Morrison and Patricia Morrison to Bradford Shively, 0.50 Acre, Irish Corner District  
Gregory Waugh to Jessica Lynn Schoolcraft, Lots Nos. 73 and 75, Ronceverte Mining and Manufacturing Company's Addition, Ronceverte Corporate Dist.  
Ronald L. Hinkle and Debra L. Hinkle to James Tharp and Amanda Tharp, Charmco Heights, Meadow Bluff District  
David A. South and Terry L. South to Ethan Thomas Boone, 5.1775 Acres, Irish Corner District  
Richard Rafes and Tommye Rages to Leah Whitten and Satya Shepherd, 0.819 Acre, Irish Corner District  
DeAnna Jenkins and Patrick W. Cadle, 3.09 Acres, Blue Sulphur District  
Emma J. Baldwin and Cara A. Baldwin, 2.381 Acres, Williamsburg District  
Greenbrier Legacy Corrage Development Company, Inc. to Mitri Ghareeb and Heather Ghareeb and Ghareeb Management Solutions LLC, Unit No. 1, Rhododendron Cottages at Spring Row, White Sulphur Dist.

Samuel Ray Johnsohn to Lisa F. MacDowell, 1.959 Acres, Williamsburg District  
Helena Regina Webster and Joette Judy to James G. Jeffries, 0.311 Acre, White Sulphur Springs Corporation District  
B Plus Properties to Kathy E. Means, 0.283 Acre, Alderson Municipal Tax District  
April D. Harold and Joshua A. Harold to Christopher Bennett and Heather Bennett, 0.40 Acre, Meadow Bluff District  
Stennie Lilly and Jacqueline Lilly to Doy G. Hamrick and Tami Hamrick, Lot 53, Greenbrier Heights Subdivision, Lewisburg District  
Jonathon Yoney and Nicole Yoney to Brayden Cutlip, 17,292.10 Sq. Ft., Meadow Bluff District  
Lloyd Andrew Bee, Jr. and Alexandria Brooke Bee to Stephen F. Wallington and Aleacha F. Wallington, Lot No. 5, Section No. 1, Underwood Estates, Lewisburg Municipality  
Steve Simms to Brandon Lee Simms, 7.0 Acres, Meadow Bluff District

# Carnegie Hall presents the West Virginia Symphony Orchestra



## West Virginia Symphony Orchestra

The West Virginia Symphony Orchestra (WVSO) presents its celebrated holiday favorite, Sounds of the Season, on Dec. 2 at 7:30 p.m. in Carnegie Hall's Hamilton Auditorium. Guests are invited to come early for the Mainstage Lounge Preshow Reception from 6:30 to 7:15 p.m. in the Old Stone Room.

Returning Guest Conductor and crowd favorite Michelle Merrill will lead the WVSO in a festive holiday show, featuring selections like "The First Noel," "Hannukah Festival Overture," "How the Grinch

Stole Christmas," and "The Polar Express Suite." Additionally, there will be a musical version of "Fantasia on Greensleeves" featuring a reading of The Night Before Christmas by a special guest.

The concert also includes a visit from you know who as Santa brings back one of our recent guest conductors for this WVSO favorite.

The West Virginia Symphony Orchestra is West Virginia's premier performing arts organization, presenting classical and pops concerts annually throughout the Mountain State. Currently in its 84th season, the WVSO is a proud member of the community and enriches the region by providing affordable, high-quality concerts, collaborations with West Virginia arts organizations and a nationally award-winning education program.

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The WVSO performance is presented with support from ZMM Architects and Engineers, with additional funding provided by James F. B. Peyton Fund, The Daywood Foundation, The Herscher Foundation, and The Bernard H. & Blanche E. Jacobson Foundation.

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# OPINION

## Nature’s Way

By Karen Cohen

Master Gardener/Photojournalist/Artist

### Apple of My Eyes

I am an apple lover, are you? When we moved to West Virginny decades ago, we were lucky to find a few old apple trees growing on our property, all located just a few yards from the front door of our little one room cabin where we lived for years. Never able to identify what kind of apples they were, we were satisfied to use them for apple pies, apple juice, and applesauce. Now, more than twenty years later, just one tree is left and it still bears flowers and fruit annually.

Everybody in America loves apple pie, isn’t that true? Do you like your apple pie with a full crust on top or a criss-cross baked top? Do you make your own pie crust or do you buy a ready-made frozen crust? Here are a few additions to basic pie crust that make your crust super flaky. Substitute whole milk instead of water. Some bakers swear by adding a touch of vodka or a splash of apple cider vinegar to strengthen the dough.

For any recipe, combine apples that give you both a sweet and tart taste. Granny Smith green apples with honey crisp apples or Braeburn apples, use lots of them. To peel or not to peel... the apple peels will add some color to your dessert but will also prevent the apples from melding into one another when baked. I peel mine for baking and don’t peel them for eating raw and in salads. Peel, core, and chop a few apples to add to your turkey stuffing/bread mix along with cranberries and almonds!

Growing apples is considerably easy in our climate. West Virginia apple growing farms harvest about 18 million dollars worth of apples annually. The top five varieties are Rome, Stayman, Red Delicious, Golden Delicious and York. Golden Delicious apples do not need an apple partner to cross pollinate but other varieties do. Plant two varieties about 50 feet from one another to ensure pollination. The bees love apple blossoms! And with apples come the critters who graze on grassy meadows and sweet, ripe apples. Deer love them. Bears will climb trees or break off branches to reach the round delicacies, even if they are covered in bees! Birds love apples, too. Cut up one and place slices near your feeder and if you have cows, indulge them!

Apples are ripe in the autumn when they start to fall on their own, that’s called windfall. We spread a tarp under the trees and shake the branches with a long rake. Yes, we do get bopped in the head but survive! Bruised apples are fine to use for anything including apple cider or juice, you can cut out the blemishes and brown spots. If you know someone with an apple cider press, share your apples with them on cider making day. The bees will gather round and even plunge into the cider. They



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become drunk on the cider and aren’t interested much in stinging; though I have gotten stung in my mouth (ouch), when I accidentally took a swig and almost swallowed one in my drink.

Rich in antioxidants, apples can help with weight loss as well as boost your immune system, so do add them to your daily diet. They aid with “gut” issues and are best eaten in the morning with the peel on. The apple peels contain pectin and the fruit is chock full of fiber and vitamins A, B and C. Is it true that an apple a day keeps the doctor away as Benjamin Franklin claimed? “An apple a day keeps anyone away, if you throw it hard enough,” claimed Stephen Colbert.

*(Karen Cohen is a self proclaimed Mistress of her organic garden, pet and nature lover, and avid explorer. Email your comments, tips, and questions to nature-swaykaren@gmail.com, and happy turkey day!)*

## Commentary

### The Coal Trap and the Public Service Commission

By James M. Van Nostrand

I spent the last two years writing a book about the challenges of West Virginia moving beyond coal towards a clean energy future that features more jobs, economic prosperity, a cleaner environment, and lower electricity rates. The short title my book, published in July by Cambridge University Press, is “The Coal Trap.” Nothing illustrates the concept of a coal trap better than the Nov. 4 Opinion piece of Charlotte Lane, the Chairwoman of the West Virginia Public Service Commission (“Coal Still Beats Renewables in Cost”). As evidence to support her claim about the cost-competitiveness of coal compared to renewables, she notes that West Virginia’s electricity rates for residential customers are the 18th lowest in the country. It must therefore follow, she says, “that the availability of the coal-fired power in West Virginia is helping to hold out electricity rates down.”

Nothing could be further from the truth. Chairwoman Lane would have you believe that the overwhelming market forces aligned against the coal industry as far back as 2008 do not exist, for some reason, in West Virginia. Let’s look at the record. In 2008, West Virginia had the lowest average electricity prices in the country. At the same time, coal-fired generation provided about 48% of the nation’s electricity supply, with natural gas coming in a distant second at 21.4%, and renewables 9.2%. Over the next dozen years, every other state in the country took advantage of cheap and plentiful natural gas (thanks to fracking and horizontal drilling), the rapidly declining cost of renewables (both wind and solar), and aggressive energy efficiency programs to diversify utility resource portfolios. As a result, coal’s portion of the U.S. electricity supply as of 2021 had declined to 21.8%, as natural gas (38.3%) took over, with renewables rapidly playing a more prominent role (20.1%).

Where was West Virginia in the face of this fundamental transformation in the energy industry? As of 2021, our electricity generation was 91% coal-fired, due in large part to the PSC’s decisions in 2013 and 2014 to allow AEP and FirstEnergy to save their shareholders from the losses associated with their old, inefficient money-losing coal plants (Harrison, Amos and Mitchell) by putting them on the backs of the West Virginia ratepayers. (See my Sep. 17, 2021 Opinion piece, “Time for the PSC to Protect WV Ratepayers”)

Has all that coal-fired generation helped to keep our electricity rates down? Quite the opposite. Between 2008 and 2020, average electricity prices in West Virginia increased at an annual rate that was five times the national average, the highest percentage increase of any state in the country. If you have the misfortune of being a customer of Appalachian Power in Charleston, your monthly bills have gone from \$62.46 in 2008 to \$155.66 in 2022, and APCo is currently proposing to add another \$18.41 to that, which would produce a 279% increase over 14 years.

And while Chairwoman Lane can point out that West Virginia has the 18th lowest residential electric rates in the country, she fails to mention that our average monthly bills in 2021 (\$129.61) are well above the national average (\$121.01), according to the Energy Information Administration (EIA). There are 35 states with average lower monthly residential bills. Why? The PSC does not require West Virginia utilities to offer energy efficiency programs - rebates for insulation, high efficiency heat pumps and Energy Star appliances, for example - that would give ratepayers the tools to manage their energy costs. Rather than protect ratepayers by limiting utility rate increases and requiring utilities to offer energy efficiency, it’s more important that our utilities sell more electricity, at ever-increasing prices, in a futile effort to keep the coal plants operating.

Chairwoman Lane also points to West Virginia’s industrial rates being the lowest in the country. How can that be? The PSC’s rate decisions for the last several years have been sticking it to residential customers, who have no voice at the PSC compared to the high-powered lawyers and experts retained by industrial customers. In AEP’s last general rate increase approved in February 2019, for example, the average increase across all customer classes was 3.03%, but residential customers bore a higher rate increase (4.88%) while the industrial customers escaped with a tiny 0.65% increase. Follow such practices for several years, and you end up with very low industrial rates and residential rates going through the roof (where, by the way, there is no insulation, thanks to the PSC’s hostility towards energy efficiency programs).

We can expect electricity rates to escalate even faster, now that the PSC has directed AEP and FirstEnergy to keep running their coal plants at historical levels, regardless of the availability of lower cost power from the wholesale market and other surrounding utilities, as noted in my April 7, 2022 Opinion piece (“Bailing Out Coal on the Backs of Ratepayers”). And the \$448.3 million that the PSC authorized AEP to collect from customers to keep its Amos, Mountaineer and Mitchell coal plants operating through 2040 will start showing up in your monthly bills soon. That was approved in October 2021, when the PSC decided that West Virginia ratepayers could pay the share of costs that Kentucky and Virginia regulators wisely decided were uneconomical investments for their states’ ratepayers. This was the same case in which the PSC rejected AEP’s own testimony that ratepayers would be better off by \$27 million per year if AEP simply closed down the Mitchell plant in 2028 rather than make the additional investment for environmental upgrades. What did the PSC do with that evidence? It was rejected, and the PSC required AEP to make whatever investments are necessary to keep the coal plant operational through 2040, an authorization that the utility did not even seek. So although Chair-

## Commentary

### Confidence & Security: WV Elections are a model for other states

By Mac Warner, WV Secretary of State

Congratulations, West Virginia! Once again, West Virginia has executed a great election, and demonstrated to the nation how to hold an election and deliver results on election night. We did so by leveraging technology, conducting extensive training, and following the law.

Consider that vote counting continued in other states more than a week after Election Day, while West Virginia held true to its pledge to provide confident results on election night. Our success story is a powerful precedent and evidence that WV is a national leader in election administration. We conducted a near-flawless election without limiting access or making concessions on security. The essence of honest elections is to make the voting experience simple and easy for the voter, all while following a secure election process structured by well-thought-out laws and careful planning

We have leveraged technology, from voting machines to GIS mapping and texting. Actual implementation of the technology has been done via meticulous preparation and training by county clerks, their staff, and our field investigators. In 2016, only 16% of registered voters in West Virginia were using state-of-the-art voting equipment. Now, with the help of millions of dollars of funding available to every county, West Virginia is on track to have 95% of registered voters in the state voting on the latest technology by 2024. This new equipment is ADA compliant and completely disconnected from the internet. Clerks train poll workers extensively on the equipment, thereby making the voting experience easy and safe for voters. Our clerks, election workers, and investigators deserve a huge pat on the back for their hard work and dedication to election integrity.

West Virginia was among the first in the nation to develop a relationship with federal agencies to prepare for and safeguard against foreign meddling in elections. West Virginia helped establish policies and procedures to improve cooperation between government entities at all levels. Our election personnel attended numerous meetings wherein we helped make policies that required communication between states and the federal government, and facilitated communications between states as well as with our county officials. Now, threats such as cyber-attacks, misinformation, and physical threats are shared between officials at all levels as soon as the threats occur.

Our systems were under constant guard leading up to Election Day by an extensive network of cyber-security protections and close coordination with our WV National Guard, State Office of Technology, Fusion Center,

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woman Lane claims that the PSC has never been presented with evidence or expert opinions that existing coal plants can be replaced at a lower cost by market purchases or wind and solar resources, the fact is that PSC has been presented with such testimony - by the utility, no less - and dismissed it.

How does the PSC justify this? Chairwoman Lane cites misleading statistics regarding the variability of renewable resources - the inability to produce power when the wind doesn’t blow or the sun doesn’t shine - compared to what she claims is the 100% availability of coal-fired generation (an annual availability factor that has never been achieved, by the way). Under her analysis, replacing 1 megawatt of coal-fired generation would require 3 megawatts of wind capacity and 4 megawatts of solar capacity. Such a primitive analysis completely ignores that West Virginia electric utilities are interconnected with the regional wholesale markets - in our region, the PJM Interconnection - and would use resources available in those markets to “firm up” renewable power supplies when the wind isn’t blowing or the sun isn’t shining. Every other utility in the country (outside of West Virginia) has determined that building new wind or solar is cheaper than running existing coal plants, because (1) wind and solar have ZERO fuel costs, and (2) the interconnected wholesale markets can cost-effectively provide the energy to compensate for the intermittency of renewable resources. The utter failure of the PSC to recognize the benefits of our utilities being integrated in the largest wholesale electricity market in the country has led to the absurd decision last September to direct West Virginia utilities to keep burning coal even though cheaper power is available in the region.

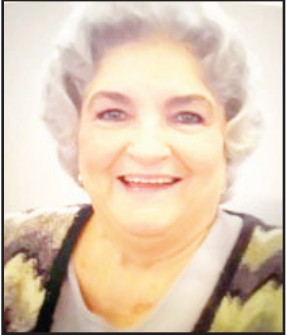
Moreover, it’s a complete reversal of the PSC’s previous position on the benefits of securing power from the wholesale markets. In May 2018, the PSC denied a request by AEP to acquire two wind facilities - notwithstanding Chairwoman Lane’s statement that the Commission “has never rejected or denied an application . . . for a renewable energy project” – ruling that AEP should instead rely on energy supplies from PJM. So apparently low-cost purchases from the wholesale markets are preferable when a renewable resource is under consideration, but woe be unto the utility that would dare displace the generation from our precious coal plants in favor of lower cost purchases from the wholesale markets.

What I said in my Sept. 17, 2021 Opinion still applies today: “Stop the madness. It’s time for the PSC to step up and do its job and act in the best interests of West Virginians.”

*(Van Nostrand is Director of the Center for Energy & Sustainable Development at the WVU College of Law, and author of The Coal Trap: How West Virginia Was Left Behind in the Clean Energy Revolution (Cambridge University Press, 2022)*

# OBITUARIES

## Sarah Agnes Unroe Dwiggins Lowe



**Lewisburg**—Our dear mother, Sarah Agnes Unroe Dwiggins Lowe formerly of Lewisburg, sadly passed away Wednesday, Nov. 17, 2022, at the Brian Center in Low Moor, VA, at the age of 84.

She was born Feb. 3, 1938, in Iron Gate, VA, a daughter of the late Lloyd Strong Unroe and Norma Gladys Loretta Hickman Unroe.

She was a member of the Immanuel Baptist Church in Clifton Forge, VA, and the Grace Baptist Church in White Sulphur Springs for many years. She loved to sing, sew, cook, laugh and read her bible. Sarah never met a stranger, loved to tell jokes and you would never leave her home with an empty stomach. She was a seamstress who worked for Hanover Shoe Company in White Sulphur and several sewing companies in Clifton Forge and Covington. Sarah was musically gifted and could play almost any instrument put in front of her. She and two of her sisters formed a Christian quartet, The Unroe Sisters, and were well known travelers all along the east coast spreading the gospel through hymns and made several gospel hymn records. She was honored by her commitment as a Christian and her unwavering love for the Lord not to mention her knowledge of the teachings of the Bible.

Rest in glory, sweet Mother, and sing with the angels because you definitely were one here among us. “Oh how happy the Lord must be, to have the Unroe sisters sitting at his knee.”

Sarah was predeceased by her husband, Remos Allen Lowe; her stepsons, Remos Allen Lowe, Jr. and Carl Buddy Lowe; her parents, Norma Hickman Unroe and Lloyd Strong Unroe; and ten of her siblings, Lucille Unroe Deeds, Loretta Unroe Reid, Louise Unroe Deeds, Linda Unroe Russell, Vera Unroe Davis, Sandy Unroe Nicely, Trudy Unroe Kern, Richard Unroe, Ralph Unroe and Harley Unroe.

She is survived by Brenda Unroe Booth, her only remaining sibling; her daughters, Teresa Ann Dwiggins Gillespie Banton (Jerry Harper), Twila Dawn Dwiggins Booze, Trudy Leigh Ann Dwiggins Alderman; her son, Kelly Doyle Dwiggins; her grandchildren, Mychal Jay and Whitney Gillespie, Cameron Noah and Sam Gillespie, Cole Edison Booze, Sydnie Kae Booze, Cierra, Autumn, Gavin and Jake Alderman, Cheyenne Lowe, Jesse Lowe; her great-grandchildren, Ella Ann Harper Gillespie, Asher Forde Gillespie, Bennett Mychal Gillespie, Beckham Harrison Gillespie, Evelyn Violet Gillespie, Isaac See and Eli See.

The family received friends at visitation on Monday evening, Nov. 21 at Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home, White Sul-

phur Springs.

A funeral service was conducted on Tuesday, Nov. 22, at Grace Baptist Church, White Sulphur Springs, where Pastor Kenny Baker and Preacher Lloyd Camp officiated. Interment followed in the Hillcrest Cemetery, White Sulphur Springs.

Active pallbearers were Jerry Harper Banton, Lee Lokant, and Cole Booze.

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

## Robert Allen Deeds



**Lerona**—Robert Allen Deeds, 87, formerly of Renick, passed away Thursday, Nov. 17, 2022, at his home.

Robert was born on Feb. 3, 1935, to Allen A. Deeds and Ruby Mae Gilpin Deeds in Hinton.

He graduated from Hinton High School in 1954 and then enlisted in the United States Navy where he served until 1959, when he was honorably discharged. He married Barbara Ruth McKenzie on Jan. 12, 1963. Robert retired from the Greenbrier County Sheriff’s Department in December 1999. He was an avid hunter and fisherman who loved the outdoors and the West Virginia mountains.

Robert was preceded in death by two sisters, Sarah Mooney (John) and Janice Breen (Billie).

Robert is survived by his wife, Barbara and two daughters, Kay Westfall (Chuck) and Kim Hawkins (John); four granddaughters, Danielle Thompson, Samantha Hawkins, Jessica Williams and Kristin Hawkins; five great-grandsons; brother, James Richard Deeds; brother-in-law/special friend, John Mooney; sister-in-law/special friend, Liz Goodson; and several nieces and nephews.

At Robert’s request his body has been cremated and there will be no services.

## Barbara Lee Rich



**Lewisburg**—Barbara Lee Rich passed away Friday, Nov. 18, 2022, from an injury she suffered at home.

Barbara was born in 1935 in Floral Park, Long Island, NY, and grew up in Packanack Lake, NJ. She began her married and professional lives in Washington, DC and Rockville, MD, and spent over 20 years working for Montgomery County (MD) Public Schools.

After retiring, Barbara moved to Church Street in Lewisburg, where she quickly embraced the joys of living in a small town and a caring neighborhood.

Barbara’s loved ones will never forget her tireless devotion and generosity to her family, the delight she found in cooking and entertaining, her sparkling wit, her lilting laugh, and her brilliant intellect. Her artistic flair was apparent in every creative endeavor she undertook. She was the most voracious of readers with an insatiable curiosity, and her flower gardens were always prize-worthy.

Barbara was the eldest child of Alan H. Fream and Virginia S. Fream and was preceded in death by two brothers and one sister.

Left to cherish her memory are sons, Scott Rich (Amanda) of Miami, FL, and Barry Rich (Jennifer) of Lewisburg; and her granddaughter, Tayler Rich, and grandson, Dr. Austin Rich, who both currently reside in Houston, TX.

At Barbara’s request, there will be no formal service. A private family memorial will be held at a later date.

Barbara’s family asks that donations of sympathy be made to The Lewisburg Public Library, 152 Robert W. McCormick Drive, Lewisburg, WV 24901.

Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Lewisburg is in charge of arrangements. Please send online condolences by visiting [www.WallaceandWallace-FH.com](http://www.WallaceandWallace-FH.com)

## Russell Dale Williams



**Frankford**—Russell Dale “Choppy” Williams, 59, passed away Thursday, Nov. 18, 2022, at Carillion Roanoke Memorial Hospital.

Born Mar. 21, 1963, at Ronceverte, he was the son of Phyllis Ann Lewis Johnson and Roger Lee Williams.

Choppy was a graduate of Greenbrier East High School, was of the Baptist faith, and was an avid fisherman and hunter. He was a Highway Contract Carrier with the US Postal Service for many years.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Clarence and Mary Lewis and his stepfather, Avery Johnson.

He is survived by his mother, Phyllis Ann Lewis Johnson of Lewisburg and father, Roger Lee Williams and wife Peggy of Trout, WV.

Funeral service was held on Wednesday, Nov. 23, at Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Lewisburg, where Rev. Ron Miller officiated. Burial followed in Rosewood Cemetery, Lewisburg.

Visitation was Wednesday afternoon at the funeral home.

Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Lewisburg is in charge of arrangements. Please send online condolences by visiting: [www.WallaceandWallace-FH.com](http://www.WallaceandWallace-FH.com)

## Betsy Ross Workman Dolan



**Ronceverte**—Betsy Ross Workman Dolan, 83, passed away Monday, Nov. 14, 2022, at CAMC - HospiceCare, Charleston.

Born June 25, 1939, in Frankford, she was the daughter of the late Anzel Joseph and Bertha Loudermilk Workman.

Betsy worked with her husband for many years delivering mail and running concession stands. She never met a stranger, and you never left her home hungry. Betsy’s smile lit up the room and she was a helping hand to anyone who needed it.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her loving husband, Melvin Forest Dolan, Sr. in 2008; brothers, James, Ray, Gary, Bobby, and Donald Workman (Dessie); grandson, Ricky Dolan, Jr.; and a special nephew, David Lee Huffman.

Survivors include her children, Mike Dolan (Nikki), Cheryl Coulter (Richard), Kathy McMillion, Melvin Dolan, Jr. (Janet) all of Ronceverte, Joyce Gill (David) of Ohio, Rick Dolan, Sr. of Lewisburg, Roger Dolan, Sr. (Debbie) of Frankford; sister, Wanda Knotts (John) of Frankford; grandchildren, Micah Pritt (Lance), Cryslyn Burdette (Tyler), Makenna Dolan, Camryn Dolan, Autumn Judy (Channing), Courtney Bailey (Carl), Madisyn Coulter (Jacen), Chelsea Ryder, Heather Webb (Delton), Shaelynn Withrow (Charles), Jamie Dolan (Alyson), Timothy Dolan (Tonya), Jason Dolan (Dani), Jenny Dotson, David Gill, Jr. (Kelly), Robert Gill (Tess), Angela Elliott (Adam), Benjamin Napier, Travis Dolan (Eva), Brian Dolan, Shawn Dolan, Roger Dolan, Jr., Melvin “Hot Dog” Dolan (Margaret), thirty-five great grandchildren, one great-great grandchild.

Funeral service was held on Saturday, Nov. 19, at the Morgan Funeral Home Chapel, Lewisburg, where Pastor Robert Hefner officiated.

Visitation was Friday evening, Nov. 18, at the funeral home.

Burial follow in the Anderson Cemetery, Teaberry Road, Ronceverte.

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

## Carol Evelyn Byers Kincaid Harless



**Hillsboro**—Carol Evelyn Byers Kincaid Harless, 80, passed away Saturday, Nov. 5, 2022, at J.W. Ruby Memorial Hospital in Morgantown, after a short illness.

She was born Apr. 6, 1942, in Auto.

Evelyn was employed at Denmar and Pinecrest nursing homes until she retired.

She loved to sew and make quilts. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Nellie Byers; her first husband, Richard R. Kincaid; sons, Michael Kincaid and Samuel Kincaid; grandchildren, Allen Kincaid and Sabrina H. Massie.

She is survived by her husband, Orvil R. Harless; sons, Richard Kincaid (Kim), David Kincaid (Jennifer), and John Baxter; daughters, Ruth Kincaid (Bill), and Lorey Baxter; daughter-in-law, Vickie Kincaid; sisters-in-law, Gladys and husband Dave, Shirley Dicaro and family; brother-in-law, Jim Harless and family; stepdaughters, Sonya Waitkey and Renee Harper; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held Sunday, Nov. 20, at 2 p.m. at Woodland Presbyterian Church in Auto.

Arrangements are being handled by VanReenen Funeral Home.

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Secretary of State (SOS) Office of Information Technology, SOS Investigations Staff, and Federal partners at Department of Homeland Security and Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency. We also provide county officials with a Continuity of Operations Plan so they have response plans for situations ranging from a power outage to an active shooter.

Another technological tool in bolstering voter confidence has been our first-in-the-nation “See Something, TEXT Something” campaign. Along with our 877-FRAUD-WV hotline, more than a dozen messages were sent by concerned citizens and instantaneously acted upon by our investigation team deployed throughout the state. This has proven a great way to keep concerned citizens involved in the election process while acting as an effective deterrent to bad actors.

All of West Virginia should be proud of our elections and the example we set for the rest of the nation. Through following the law and careful, deliberate planning, our state maintains a high standard that makes it easy to vote and hard to cheat. Our legislature has done a great job of prescribing the rules by which we run elections, and officials throughout West Virginia have done a great job of following those election laws. Accordingly, our voters have confidence in the process, and our citizens enjoy having results reported on election night.

Congratulations to everyone who worked, voted, ran for office, or simply enjoys living in a state that has become an election model for the rest of the country.

*(Mac Warner is serving his second term as the West Virginia Secretary of State. A graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and the WVU College of Law, Secretary Warner retired from the U.S. Army with 23 years of service at the rank of Lt. Colonel.)*

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## A Word with You from Pastor Dean

Jesus knew it would be difficult to follow Him in the reprobate world we are living in. Rather than “patting us on the head” and telling us we are so sweet and God loves us so much that He’ll protect us from having to make serious, life-disrupting decisions...instead, He tells would-be disciples they had better count the cost of making Him Lord before they sign up:

8 For which one of you, when he wants to build a tower, does not first sit down and calculate the cost, to see if he has enough to complete it? 31 Or what king, when he sets out to meet another king in battle, will not first sit down and consider whether he is strong enough with ten thousand men to face the one coming against him with twenty thousand? (Luke 14)

When it comes to being a disciple of Christ,

Jesus does not mince words. We’re either “all-in” or we’ve decided we are going to be lord of our lives. When the Apostle Peter decided he would be lord, Jesus responded: “Get behind Me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to Me; for you are not setting your mind on God’s purposes, but men’s.” (Matthew 16:23) Jesus tells us to “first sit down and calculate the cost...first sit down and consider.” My prayer for you and me this morning is this: Lord, we need a ‘wake-up” call today. While we often find ourselves lackadaisical when it comes to Your lordship in our lives, we find You are not lackadaisical... You are exacting and direct. Today, we pray for the kind of focus and surrender needed to be Your disciples. We’ve counted the cost. We want to be entirely Yours. Amen.

## Progressive CEOs meet in November



Patty Gray working on the scrapbook

The Progressive CEOs met at the Rhema Church for their November meeting with seven members present.

President Patty Gray called the meeting to order by welcoming everyone. As she was welcoming everyone, she read us the following: “Every night we go to bed without any assurance of being alive in the morning. But we still set the alarm. That is hope.

“When you throw babies in the air, they laugh, because they know you will catch them. That is trust.

“An old woman said I am not 80 years old, I am sweet 16 with 64 years’ experience. That is attitude.”

Colleen Walton read the Minutes which were approved as read.

Lynn Humphries gave the Treasurer’s Report.

Betty Jo gave the Motivator’s Report which was on less strain during the holidays.

There was a painting workshop in Rupert scheduled for Nov. 18.

## Williamsburg CEOs Club dresses to please

What you wear usually expresses one’s personality, culture and peers - well, at least for most people. The members of the Williamsburg CEOs Club shared their fashions of the past and present with much laughter. Those participating were Blanche Knicely (hostess and lesson leader), Loretta Shirley, Linda Spencer, Laura Rose, Cassandra Perkins, LauraAnn Tiller, Shela McComsey, Burl and Patty Post.

Members brought slippers and pj’s for Christmas gifts for the youth at the Greenbrier Valley Children’s Home in Rupert.

Plans were made for a Christmas Celebration in December to which everyone is looking forward to wearing styles that express themselves!

The Williamsburg Community Educational Outreach Service Club welcomes all in the community to meet with them at noon on the second Tuesday of each month. You may contact the WVU/Greenbrier County Extension Service (304-647-7408) or any member for more information.

Yum... hot chocolate weather coming soon!

## Morrissey joins bipartisan letter calling for officials to extend opioid use disorder telehealth

West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrissey joined a multistate bipartisan coalition in calling for federal officials “to permanently extend telehealth flexibilities after the expiration of the public health emergency for prescribing buprenorphine, one of three FDA-approved medications for treating opioid use disorder.”

“The opioid epidemic has claimed so many lives, not only in West Virginia but the nation,” Attorney General Morrissey said. “The need to ensure access to treatment for those with substance use disorders has never been greater, so effective strategies, such as telemedicine, are critical to reducing the number of overdose deaths.”

The letter was addressed to U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland, Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Xavier Becerra, DEA Administrator Anne Milgram and Dr. Miriam Delphin-Rittmon, assistant secretary for mental health and substance use for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

The United States is in the grips of an opioid crisis, with more than 100,000 people dying

due to overdose last year alone. State attorneys general are on the front lines fighting the crisis to protect Americans from deadly synthetic opioids like fentanyl. Interdiction efforts alone will not end the crisis; therefore, attorneys general are urging for this treatment to remain easily accessible for those in need.

In March 2020, the DEA allowed audio-visual telemedicine services to prescribe all Schedule II-V controlled substances, including buprenorphine. This practice remains in effect until the COVID-19 public health emergency expires.

“This expiration has the potential to cut off the estimated 2.5 million U.S. adults who use buprenorphine from accessing treatment for opioid use disorder via telemedicine,” the attorneys general wrote. “We join a chorus of advocates, addiction treatment providers, medical practitioners, recovery groups, public health experts and members of the House of Representatives’ bipartisan Addiction and Mental Health Task Force in urging this administration to permanently extend these telehealth flexibilities for buprenorphine.”

The current allowance for telehealth services also expands access of buprenorphine to patients who may have previously struggled to receive the medication. The attorneys general wrote: “An estimated 28 million Americans live more than 10 miles and about 3 million live over 30 miles from a buprenorphine provider. Today, the delivery of care for buprenorphine treatment has shifted significantly to telehealth, making it more accessible than ever for individuals to access the treatment they need.”

Attorney General Morrissey joined the North Carolina- and Florida-led letter with his counterparts in Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Georgia, Guam, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, Wisconsin and Wyoming.



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### The Women’s Group

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### Super Crossword

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**Dear Recycle Lady,**  
Today I received a beautiful Thanksgiving card in an envelope with gold foil lining. Can this envelope be recycled?  
*Thankful*  
**Dear Thankful,**  
Enjoy your beautiful card, but unless the gold foil lining can be removed from the paper part of the envelope, it can't be recycled. The card can be recycled with office paper or magazines, depending on whether its surface is paper-like or slick.

**Dear Recycle Lady,**  
We have a lot of older non-LED and LED Christmas lights that are missing bulbs, are tangled up or don't work anymore. Can they be recycled?  
*Lights That Sparkle*  
**Dear Lights That Sparkle,**  
Yes, all Christmas lights, regardless of condition, can be recycled. The copper that is within the cords has value. Take them to the Recycling Center and press the bell indicated on the Aluminum Can door. Someone will come to assist you. Lowes also recycles Christmas lights. Take them just inside the entrance door where returns are processed.

**Good to Know:** Plastic can be found in very surprising places, including in chewing gum, table salt, and beer! However, you won't find it in compostable products since plastic can never fully decompose.

**Dear Readers,**  
Happy Turkey Day! Wishing everyone a day with family, friends, good conversations, and a good dinner that is good for the environment. Using reusable dishes, eating utensils, tablecloths, and napkins saves on landfill space. If you must use disposables, please purchase 100% recycled or compostable plates, cups, napkins, and utensils. (Kroger and Walmart both have them.) Cleaning recyclable aluminum foil, trays and pans used for baking turkeys or casseroles can be a bit of a chore, but worth the effort as they are recyclable. Last, but not least, be safe, enjoy the day and have a very Happy Thanksgiving.

**Kudos to Dooeys** for creating sustainable slippers made with plant-based and recycled materials. A vegan apple leather made from apple skins and cores ground into a powder makes up the top of the slipper, and the lining is made from recycled polyester suede. Sugar-cane EVA is used for the soles and cork and recycled foam is used for arch-supporting insoles.

**Looking for Information:** Does anyone know where Christmas trees will be recycled or added to a body of water? If so, please email so me I can pass on the information.

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





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# A Look Back

**By William "Skip" Deegans**

Readers who remember Greenbrier County aviator Oscar Tate may not be surprised to know that he (second from the left) is shown in this 1940s photo shot near the Giza Pyramids in Egypt. Tate was there with a group of fellow pilots.

Tate was taught to fly in Huntington by Howard Mayes, a pioneer West Virginia aviator and former World War I pilot. In 1939, Tate and a partner started a flying service at the Greenbrier Airport located between Lewisburg and White Sulphur Springs. At the same time, Tate was a commercial pilot for Trans World Airlines (TWA) and flew some 6,000 hours all over the world. His Greenbrier flying service was interrupted by World War II. Tate continued to fly for TWA and the Air Transport Command. In 1946, he flew the first commercial plane from Paris to New York after France was liberated.

After World War II, Tate renewed his flying service, leased the Greenbrier Airport, and starting a flight school. Two of his first students, Ardeene L. James of White Sulphur Springs and Mary Alice Perry of Lew-



isburg, were former members of the Women's Army Corps (WAC). They wanted to become commercial pilots - an unusual career path for women then. Tate's flying service, sometimes jokingly called Tate's West Virginia Airlines (TWA), catered to guests of The Greenbrier, and it flew countless numbers of them to regional airports and other destinations. Charles O. "Oscar" Tate died in 1994.

*Photo courtesy of Ann Tate Bell.*  
*Sources: Beckley Post-Herald, Raleigh Register, Huntington Herald-Dispatch.*

## District Governor visits Lewisburg Rotary Club

At the regular lunch meeting of the Lewisburg Rotary Club on Monday, Nov. 14, J. Dan McCarthy, district governor of District 7545 for 2022-23 and a member of the Beckley Rotary Club, addressed Lewisburg Rotarians about the mission and vision of Rotary International.

Rotary provides service worldwide with the goals of promoting integrity and advancing world understanding, goodwill, and peace. Rotary envisions a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change. The Lewisburg Rotary Club advances these goals through service projects



District Governor J. Dan McCarthy speaks to the Lewisburg Rotary Club.

throughout the community. At the meeting, Rotarians learned of upcoming service opportunities to Penny Pitch and the community Thanksgiving din-

ner at the West Virginia State fairgrounds. Anyone seeking opportunities to serve the local community should consid-

er becoming a Rotarian. The Club's next meeting will be held on Monday, Dec. 12, at noon at the Lewisburg Elks Club.

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