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Penny Pitch Application deadline this Friday

Now that the election is over, we will all begin to focus on the holidays and on friends and our communities, and Penny Pitch is busy doing just that - focusing on helping our communities. We are putting together volunteers to interview families in need and to deliver food close to Christmas. We can still take applications through this Friday, Nov. 18. You can pick up an application through the *Mountain Messenger*, at any City National Bank location, at City Hall in Ronceverte and White Sulphur Springs, at Wellspring, and in Lewisburg at the CVB.

Lots of applications are arriving daily telling us that the need for help this year is great. We have disabled Veterans needing help, single mothers trying to give their children a little Christmas, and elderly couples who can't afford to buy heating oil - just to name a few.

We are beginning to get donations, but to serve all of the families, we will need a lot more. Please help us

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Greenbrier County

Unofficial Election Results

By Sarah Richardson

The Nov. 8 General Election saw District 10 flip from Stephen Baldwin (D) to Vincent Deeds (R), and incumbent Louvonne Legg Arbuckle (D) to challenger Jamie L. Baker (R). The Board of Education Levy passed with 6,157 in favor and 4,867 against, and Blaine Phillips (R) posted strong numbers to defeat DeEtta King Hunter (D) for County Commissioner. For House of Delegates Representatives, both republican candidates, Todd Longanacre and Mike Honaker, led against their democratic opponents by a sound margin.

Overall, the county reported 11,343 votes cast out of 22,140 registered voters, a 51.23% voter turnout, with 7,216 voting on Election Day, 3,852 participating in early voting, and 275 absentee voters.

The following unofficial totals were reported for the Nov. 8 General Election:

U.S. House of Representatives:

Carol Miller (R) - 7,081 votes (150,859 district-wide)
Lacy Watson (D) - 2,843 votes (65,064 district-wide)
Belinda Fox-Spencer (I) - 942 (10,194 district-wide)

State Senator District 10:

Vince Deeds (R) - 5,894 votes (18,887 district-wide)
Stephen Baldwin (D) - 4,854 votes (12,210 district-wide)
Aaron Ransom (I) - 484 votes (1,079 district-wide)

House of Delegates 46th District:

Mike Honaker (R) - 3,227 votes
Paul Detch (D) - 1,663 votes

House of Delegates 47th District:

Todd Longanacre (R) - 3,689 votes
Heather Hill (D) - 2,086 votes

Circuit Clerk:

Jamie L. Baker (R) - 6,642 votes
Louvonne Legg Arbuckle (D) - 4,496 votes

County Commissioner:

Blaine Phillips (R) - 7,455 votes
DeEtta King Hunter (D) - 3,506 votes

County Clerk:

Robin Yates Loudermilk (R) - 7,950 votes
Kayla M. McCoy (D) - 3,134 votes

Amendment 1: In Favor - 4,235, Against - 6,611

Amendment 2: In Favor - 3,330, Against - 7,798

Amendment 3: In Favor - 5,208, Against - 5,620

Amendment 4: In Favor - 4,230, Against - 6,847

Statewide, the Secretary of State's office shows all four proposed amendments to the West Virginia Constitution as failing with 57.8% of voters against Amendment 1, 64.6% against Amendment 2, 54.6% against Amendment 3, and 57.9% against Amendment 4 with 55/55 counties reporting.

Nature's Way

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Board of Education recognizes Teacher of the Year, Coach of the Year

By Adam Pack

The Greenbrier County Board of Education met for their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, Nov. 7 at 6 p.m. at the Kyle & Ann Fort Arts and Science Center. The meeting was slated to be held Tuesday, Nov. 8, but had to be moved due to Election Day.

The board began their meeting by recognizing exemplary staff and educators within the Greenbrier County School system. The nominees as well as the winner of Greenbrier County Teacher of the Year, Elementary Teacher of the Year, and the Secondary Teacher of the Year were recognized in the Board's Time out for Applause.

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County Director of Elementary Education Ann Smith (left), Nominee Lisa Crookshanks (Fifth Grade - Rainelle Elementary), Overall Teacher of the Year Courtney Hudnall (Phys. Ed. - Ronceverte Elementary), and County Superintendent Jeff Bryant

2021-22
National
Federation
of Coaches'
Associations
Coach of the
Year (Volleyball)
Matt
Sauvage with
his team



Ronceverte City Council updates fire equipment, looks into mini-golf course

By Adam Pack

The Ronceverte City Council met for their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, Nov. 7 at 7 p.m. at the new City Hall building. The council dealt with several public works issues, taking up matters relating to water, wastewater, and stormwater, and also discussed entertainment and recreational opportunities for Ronceverte. But before that, the city had to deal with a major issue facing the Fire Department; the soon to expire air packs utilized by the department.

Also known as a Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (or SCBA), air packs are the apparatus that firefighters use to breathe when entering homes with high concentrations of hazardous gasses, smoke, and or ash. It was

reported by Chief Mike Campbell that those air packs are near to expiring. If they were to expire, "The fire marshal will be forced to shut the building down." To avoid this, Chief Campbell and his staff took the initiative to place an order before Oct. 31 in order to "avoid paying about \$22,000 extra," and secure the vital equipment. Furthermore, Campbell brought a rough estimate from a manufacturer regarding the financing of the air packs to the Ronceverte City Council. The financing options Campbell presented represent "just a rough estimate" but amounted to \$2,200 over five years.

Those numbers, however, are up for negotiation with the manufacturer, with the opportunity for the

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Lewisburg City Council moves forward with sales and use tax

By Sarah Richardson

The Lewisburg City Council met in a Special Session on Tuesday, Nov. 8 to hold the first reading of Ordinance 313 and 315. Ordinance 313 involves reducing the business and occupation (B&O) tax as part of a plan to implement a municipal use tax, with Ordinance 315 being the implementation of that sales and use tax.

According to the Municipal Home Rule Program regulations, in order to raise this one percent tax, the B&O tax must be lowered by one percent.

City officials have stated at previous meetings that these municipal use tax monies will be directly used for

a variety of items including city maintenance, improvements, and daily operations. City Manager Misty Hill said an estimated \$1,891,309.71 would have been generated in just the last fiscal year if this tax was in place. Only a small handful of similarly-sized cities in the state do not implement a one percent sales tax.

Council voted to approve both of these ordinances on the first reading. A second reading and public hearing for both ordinances will be held at the Nov. 15 City Council meeting at City Hall. The public is welcome to attend.

ALL THE WAY EAST



The Greenbrier East Spartans have some new silverware to add to the trophy case in Fairlea after a shut-out, 2-nil win saw them claim the West Virginia Division AAA Men's Soccer Championship. After a goalless first half in which Spring Mills High School had the better of the chances and looked like going ahead on more than one occasion, two goals in the second half sealed a convincing win for East's first ever state title. (Photo courtesy Greenbrier County Schools)

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BOE Nominees

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Teachers from across Greenbrier County Schools were nominated for this year's teacher of the year, in the overall, secondary, and elementary category. The nominees were:

- Abigail Bryant, Kindergarten - Alderson Elementary
- Stephanie Blankenship, Fifth Grade - Crichton Elementary
- Karla Workman, First Grade - Frankford Elementary
- Meagan Crane, First Grade - Lewisburg Elementary
- Lisa Crookshanks, Fifth Grade - Rainelle Elementary
- Lynn Davis, Art - Rupert Elementary
- Kerri Vaughan, Fourth Grade - Smoot Elementary
- Melanie O'Brien, Multi-Categorical/Autism - Eastern Greenbrier Middle
- Brian Baker, CTE/General Building Construction - Greenbrier East High
- Katie Allen, English/Language Arts - Greenbrier West High School

In the overall category, the winner was Courtney Hudnall, physical education teacher at Ronceverte Elementary School. The Elementary winner was Joy Williams, first grade teacher at White Sulphur Elementary, and the secondary winner was Amber Martin, mathematics teacher at Western Greenbrier Middle. In speaking about overall winner Hudnall, the Board made note that she was "a great student, a great teacher, and does incredible work with her kids every day."

After recognizing the teachers of the year, the board took time out to recognize Greenbrier East's Matt Sauvage, Head Volleyball Coach, who won the 2021-22 National Federation of Coaches' Associations State Coach of the Year in Volleyball. The award states that winners receive it "for demonstrating excellence and leadership in the coaching profession."

Furthermore, the board took time out to hear a presentation from Greenbrier West's members of the Board's student representative delegation. The students presented information regarding the joint after school programs being held with students from both Greenbrier East and West. Those programs include a JROTC Drill Team, art courses across multiple disciplines, a School Spirit club, student engagement opportunities with Communities in School, a culinary class and club called HEAT, a graphic design course, tutoring, and an eGaming team. The board was pleased to hear from West's student representatives that these programs are deeply educational, popular, and ever expanding.

Director of Technology and Student Services Vicky Cline and Elementary Education Director Ann Smith helps oversee these and other afterschool programs and went on to inform the board that these and similar programs across both secondary and elementary schools in Greenbrier County support nearly 800 students by providing dinner, assisting with homework/tutoring, and offering enrichment programs. These programs support nearly 800 students by providing dinner, assisting with homework/tutoring, and offering enrichment programs.

The Greenbrier County Board of Education meets again on Dec. 13 at 6 p.m. in the Kyle & Ann Fort Arts and Science Center. The public is encouraged to attend.

Ronceverte City Council

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fire department to negotiate better terms. Campbell brought these rough numbers for presentation before the council to ask for any potential assistance that they could provide. The fire department has until the arrival of the air packs in January to finalize a payment plan. As such, the council decided to table discussion on the matter until their next meeting to give members of the council time to review the options before them and coordinate with the fire department.

The council also reviewed and approved the final change order associated with E.L. Robinson's work in the city. This particular change order relates to pavement trench repairs on Brier Hill Addition Road. This, as well as payments associated with the construction of water system upgrades, were approved.

An update regarding the wastewater project was given to the council, as well. Eric Cartwell of Dunn Technical Group and Clay Riley of the Thrasher Group were on hand to inform the council that work will soon begin on all wastewater lines south of the railroad, as well as the replacement of "a few manhole covers and things like that in town itself."

The two were also informed the council of the ongoing merger between the two companies, in which the Thrasher Group acquired Dunn Technical, and that Thrasher will be integrating Dunn staff, equipment, and assets into itself in the coming weeks and months. Afterward, the council approved payment for the designs of the aforementioned sewer repair project. The council also relayed that they had completed the search, review, and interview process for selecting an engineering firm for upcoming work on the Stormwater Rehabilitation Project and selected E.L. Robinson Engineering.

In miscellaneous matters, Mayor Deena Pack informed the council and public that a company by the name of Gateway Construction approached the city inquiring about their interest in having a miniature golf course. As the rest of the council shared her interest in the project, the council voted to authorize City Administrator Pam Mentz to enter into talks with Gateway to explore the idea.

The Ronceverte City Council will meet again on Monday, Dec. 13, at 7 p.m. in the new City Hall building. The public is encouraged to attend.

Family Refuge Center approved for NIP tax credits

The Family Refuge Center has been approved for NIP tax credits. NIP is the Neighborhood Investment Program and allows qualifying donations to Family Refuge Center to be eligible for additional state tax credits of up to 50% of the donation amount. Contact us at 304-645-6324, or email courtneym@familyrefugecenter.org



Register for Lewisburg Christmas Parade

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

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

LEWISBURG CHRISTMAS PARADE
December 3, 2022
ENTRY FORM

Contact Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Category: _____
(Band, Float, Equestrian, Walker, Club/Organization, Other – Describe)

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

OPERATION GREENLIGHT

Greenbrier County Commission green lights Operation Green Light

By Adam Pack

The Greenbrier County commission met briefly for their regularly scheduled meeting on Nov. 7. The regular meeting date, Nov. 8, was adjusted due to Election Day.

At the meeting, The Greenbrier County Commission announced that the Greenbrier County Courthouse and Rupert Sheriff's office are being illuminated with green lighting as part of Operation Green Light. The Association of County Veterans Services Officers, who launched Operation Green Light, are responsible for connecting veterans with \$52,000,000,000 in federal health, disability, and compensation benefits every year in the 29 states in which they are active.

"By shining the green light, we're expressing our profound gratitude for the sacrifices and contributions our veterans and their families made on the battlefield and at home," said Commissioner Tammy Tincher. The Commission added, in the official declaration of participation in Operation Green Light, that "the residents of Greenbrier County have immense respect and admiration for all those who have served in the military, and for selflessly

sacrificing so much for our communities, our county, and our nation."

Residents are encouraged to participate by simply changing one light bulb in their house to a green bulb. This can be an exterior light that neighbors and passersby see, or an interior light that sparks a conversation with friends. The county commission, in their declaration of participation, also pointed out the necessity of showing our support for veterans. "200,000 service members transition to civilian life every year, and there is expected to be a 20 per cent increase in that figure in the near future. Furthermore, studies show that between 44 and 72 per cent of service members experience high stress in transition from their military career to civilian life, and active service members transitioning to civilian life are at a high risk for suicide in first year after service."

Participants are encouraged to share their participation on social media using the hashtag #OperationGreenLight, and even leave a green light shining year round. Visit naco.org/operationgreenlight for more information and links to resources available to veterans.

Penny Pitch

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keep pace with the needs we are learning about by keep giving to Penny Pitch on your "to do" list this year.

Donations:

Tony Nalker - \$100 in memory of his father, Dave Nalker

Harvey and Naomi Cohen - \$20
Elizabet Kincaid - \$15 in loving memory of Jeff Jenkins
Jo Weisbrod - \$100
Juanita and David Johnson - \$40
Jack and Janet O'Connell - \$50

PICK OF THE LITTER



BAMBI

Bambi is a one-and-a-half year old female lab mix and weighs 40 pounds



KENDRA

Kendra is a one-year-old female domestic shorthair

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

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

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

Call 304-645-4775 for more information.

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

DON'T SHOP • ADOPT!

Briefly

American Heritage Music Hall, Inc.

located at 496 Island Park, Ronceverte, is open to the public, all welcome, handicap accessible. Listeners and tourists welcome. Admission \$7 Tuesday nights, \$10 Saturday - Audience provides food. Doors open at 7 p.m. Jam & Dance every Tuesday 7 to 10 p.m. **Winter Wonderland/Craft & Vendor Show Friday, Nov. 11 from 2 to 6 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 12 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dance on Nov. 26 will feature Walt & Rich's Country Pride, 7 to 10:30 p.m.** The Music Hall is available for weddings and parties. For more information call the Music Hall at 304-645-4667; Bill Evans at 304-392-6079; Grace Poe at 304-992-5852.

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.

Shop With a Cop

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

Local Veterans Ready to Help

If you or someone you know have loved ones serving on active duty and are concerned for their well being or that of their families, particularly those stationed overseas, please feel free to reach out to American Legion Post 100 in Union. We can assist with transportation from international airports for returning family members, lending household items, help with paperwork, or simply an empathetic ear from someone who has "been there, done that." Contact Scott Womack at womackse@gmail.com, Facebook Messenger, or cell phone 304-992-4405 or Harry Moloney at saddleback2@earthlink.net, cell phone 304-646-2102.

Greenbrier County Magistrate Court Convictions

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

Barbara Dawn Flinn, Alderson, speeding, fine \$18
Jesse Wayne Lewis, Jr., Hillsboro, accidents involving damage to vehicle, fine \$50, jail 10 days, placed on 9 months unsupervised probation

Ashton K. Smith, Lindside, no seatbelt, GP, fine \$25
Evelyn Sue Powell, White Sulphur Springs, possession of a controlled substance, NCP, fine \$100

Levi Tanner Crislip, Gap Mills, providing alcohol to a minor (under 21), GP, fine \$500

Thomas Allen Hedrick, Ronceverte, alcohol sales under 21, GP, fine \$500

Kevin Wayne Davis, Lewisburg, driving a vehicle while in an impaired state, NCP, fine \$100, jail 60 days to be served on Home Confinement

Barack Tyler Vaughan, White Sulphur Springs, possession of a controlled substance, fine \$100, 12 months unsupervised probation

Kameron Cole Shrewsbury, Spring Dale, WV, speeding, NCP, fine \$18

Tiffany Alexandria White, Beckley, DUI less than .15, NCP, fine \$100, jail 5 days - suspended and placed on 6 months unsupervised probation

Wesley W. Coppedge, Etlan, VA, no registration, NCP, fine \$25

Lavanna S. Daniels, Rupert, driving impaired, NCP, fine \$100, jail 3 days - served

David Scott Dunbar, Alderson, obstructing an officer, NCP, jail 10 days - suspended and placed on 9 months unsupervised probation

Crystal Ann Bradford, Crichton, driving on roadways laned for traffic, NCP, fine \$30

Travis Lyn Terry, Covington, VA, driving on roadways laned for traffic, NCP, fine \$30

Terry E. Secret, Rainelle, operation of vehicles with safety belts, GP, fine \$25

Jody Allen, Frankford, trespassing, NCP, fine \$100

Sarah Elizabeth Cook, White Sulphur Springs, 1) obstructing officer, NCP, jail 60 days - suspended and placed on 12 months unsupervised probation; 2) accidents involving death or personal injuries (leaving scene), jail 10 days - suspended and placed on 12 months unsupervised probation

Marriages

Phillp Michael Windon, Dublin, OH, to Lauren Michelle Kenney, Delaware, OH

Matthew Charles Thornton, Huntington, WV, to Melissa Dawn Manning, Rainelle

Ross Patton Smith, Charleston, SC to Lara Alexis Jenkins, Charleston, SC

Landon Andrew Chaja, Lewisburg to Delanee Michelle Stapp, Lewisburg

Pierre Jeronne Wesley, White Sulphur Springs to Tlhoonolofatso Arabeloe Jase, White Sulphur Springs

Lee Avery Stidom, Williamsburg to Betty Jo Hambrick, Williamsburg

Suits

In Re: The Marriage of: Karessa Renee Griffey and Katelyn Renee Griffey

In Re: The Marriage of: Amy Rebecca Robertson and Jared Wayne Robertson

In Re: The Marriage of: Amanda Lynne Raubach and James Bottomley Raubach

In Re: The Marriage of: Tammy Lou Martin and Thomas Eugene Martin, Jr.

In Re: The Marriage of: Ara Hopkins and Lyndsay Hopkins

In Re: The Marriage of: Clayton Wayne Helmick and Robin R. Helmick

Public Meetings

Rainelle Town Council

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

Gbr. Co. Farmland Protection Board

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

Historical Landmarks Commission

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

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

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

White Sulphur Springs City Council

will meet Monday, Nov. 14, at 7 p.m. On the agenda:

Public Hearing at 6 p.m. - Water & Sewer Rate Increase; **Finance Meeting** at 6:45 p.m. followed by **Council Meeting** at 7 p.m.

- Approval of Minutes - Oct. 11, 2022 & Oct. 24, 2022
- Financial Statements
- Citizens' Comments (2 min. each)
- Standing Committee Reports
 - Infrastructure
 - Finance & Budget
 - Planning & Zoning
 - Parks & Recreation
 - Recycle & Beautification
 - Emergency Services
 - Convention & Visitors Bureau
- Officer Report
- Special Reports - Police, Fire, Maintenance
 - Tri-Cities Power Authority
- Unfinished Business
 - Clay Elkins - Skills Bike Park
- New Business
 - Youth Recreation Funding Application - Spa City Soccer
 - Youth Recreation Funding Application - Pee Wee Basketball
 - ARPA Committee - Accounting Update
 - Xerox Copiers - Lease Purchase
 - USDA/NRCS - Watershed Flood Prevention Operations Program - to authorize signature of representative of sponsor

For the Record

Deeds

Ruth M. White to Carrie A. Harman, Lot No. 1 and 2, O.G. McClung Addition to Quinwood, Meadow Bluff District

The K Group, LLC to Lindsey McClintic, Unit #20, White Gate Village, White Sulphur Municipality
Claudis Edgar Pauley, Sr., and Betty Jean Pauley to Melissa Estep and Claudis Edgar Pauley, Jr., Lot No. 6, Town of Rupert, Rupert Corporation, Meadow Bluff District

Mason P. Gladwell, III to Staires Property Development LLC., Lots Nos. 99, 100, and 175, Lilly Park Addition, Town of Rainelle, Meadow Bluff District

David F. Osborne to Sherri Osborne Wright, David Cade Osborne, and Debra Sue Osborne, 18,688 Sq. Ft., Town of Frankford, Frankford District

Barry L. Bruce to Gregory E. Allman and Jill W. Allman, Lots Nos. 96, 98, 100 and 102, Patton Heights Subdivision, Lewisburg Municipality

Harold E. Jackson to Trustees of the New Vision Baptist Church, Lots No. 20, 21, and 22, Garing Addition, White Sulphur Municipality

Chan M. Whitt to Priscilla M. Woodrum, Carol S. Schingen, Melissa J. Burner, Chancie L. Whitt, Dawn C. Whitt, and Gereta K. Dove, 1.00 Acre, White Sulphur District

Pamela K. Kane, John Jason Kane and Gary Wayne Kane to Three Sisters Enterprises, LLC, Lot No. 17, Oakview Subdivision, Ronceverte Municipality, Fort Spring District

Darold C. Brinley and Joseph A. Brinley to Thomas Taylor, Lots Nos. 18 and 19, George Dickson Addition, Town of White Sulphur Springs, White Sulphur District

Nancee Josette Baldwin to Benjamin Quinn, 5.00 Acres, Fort Spring District

Sonja Sackett Bland to Lonnie Fogus and Brittany Sears, 5,451 Sq. Ft., White Sulphur Municipality

Michael S. Stevens to Ellen L. Voss, Lot No. 18, Harper Heights Addition, Town of White Sulphur Springs, White Sulphur Springs Municipality

Christian Nahouse to Crystal Webb, Lots No. 45, 46, and 47, Atkinson Place Addition, White Sulphur Spring, White Sulphur Corporation

- David Leadman, citizen - zoning & other matters
- Nancy Marshall, citizen - water & sewer
- Mark Gillespie, councilperson - city business & occupation tax (Article 765)
- Miscellaneous Remarks
 - Thanksgiving, Nov. 24 - City Hall Closed
 - Garbage pickup - Thursday and Friday will be picked up on Friday, Nov. 25

Lewisburg City Council

will meet Tuesday, Nov. 15, in regular session at 7 p.m. in the Paul R. Cooley Council Chambers. On the agenda:

- Ordinance
 - Ordinance 312, Altice/Cebridge agreement, 1st reading
 - Ordinance 313, decrease B&O tax, 2nd reading and public hearing
 - Ordinance 314, Historic Landmark Commission guideline update, 1st reading
 - Ordinance 315, implementation of Sales & Use Tax, 2nd reading & public hearing
- Resolution
 - Resolution 501, pay request #5, water system improvement project
- Proclamations
 - Family Court Awareness Month
 - Extra Mile Day
 - Greenbrier East High School Men's 2022 AAA State Championship Soccer Team
- Communications from Mayor White
- Communications from City Manager Hill
 - Assured Partners, Liability and Cyber Security Insurance renewal
 - Travis Howard, Operator in Training employee contract
 - US Dept. of Labor Apprenticeship agreement, Water Plant Operator in Training apprenticeship
 - Duane Heller, employment of Class III Water Plant Operator
 - Employee incentive pay
- Communication from City Council Members
- Communication from Boards and Commissions
 - Planning Commission report
 - Parks Commission report
- Communication from Police Chief Teubert
- Communication from Fire Chief Thomas
- Public Works Department report
- Visitors' report (5 min. limit per subject not on agenda)
- Approval of Minutes - Sept. 20, 2022 regular session, Oct. 18, 2022 regular session, Oct. 25, 2022 special session, Nov. 8, 2022 special session

Greenbrier Co. Health Department

will meet Wednesday, Nov. 16, at 10 a.m. at the Health Dept., 9109 Seneca Trail South, Fairlea. On the agenda:

- Approval of Minutes - Oct. 5, 2022
- Personnel - status to retirements
- Financial
 - Financial Reports & Statements
 - Water Line Repair Report
- Administrative
 - Holiday Schedule
 - Christmas Meal
 - Community Needs Assessment
 - Strategic Plan
 - Additions & Renovations Project Update
- Nursing Dept. Updates
 - COVID-19 Update
 - Harm Reduction Update
 - Monkey Pox Update
- Environmental Dept. Updates
- Schedule next Board of Health meeting
 - Monday, Dec. 12 at 12 noon
 - Tentative: Wednesday, Jan. 25 at 10 a.m.

Greenbrier PSD #1

will meet in regular session Thursday, Nov. 17, at the District Office, 9035 Seneca Trail South, Fairlea. On the agenda:

- Approval of Minutes - Oct. 21, 2022
- Financial Report
- Manager Report
- Field Report
- Engineering Report
- Rolling Hills & Brush Road extension projects:
 - Payment resolutions
 - Other project-related business brought before the Board
- Other business brought before the Board



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OPINION

Nature's Way

By Karen Cohen
Master Gardener/Photojournalist/Artist
Shall We Shallot?

Shallots are not onions and are similar to garlic. Shallots form small cloves that have a thin skin casing around them just like garlic. Much milder in flavor than onions, they do turn translucent when cooked. I love to cook with them because they have less of a sharp bite than onions and a bit sweeter. Filled with antioxidants and vitamins, I choose shallots over onions any day!


So we grow lots of shallots, french shallots to be exact. In the fall, we separate the shallot bulbs into individual cloves and push each one into the ground with our thumbs. Cover lightly with soil, then we pile a blanket of loose straw or chopped leaves on top. Over the winter the rain and snow will water the cloves. During the following spring, they will sprout above ground right through the straw or leaves. When the temperatures warm up, pull back the straw to allow the ground to warm up and the sprouted bulbs to get full sunlight. You can put a top dressing of rotted compost on your shallot bed to keep it from drying out and water lightly once a week if there is no rain. In 100-120 days, they are ready to dig up by early summer.

If you wish to grow shallots from seed, start seeds indoors about eight weeks before the last frost date. If you wish to plant directly into the soil, wait till about four weeks before your last frost. Seeds will grow and multiply to 3-4 shallot sets per plant. These can be placed in the ground in as a group and spaced about 6-8 inches apart. I keep allium family plants away from beans and peas; they do grow well with cabbages, carrots, mint and sage. Bonus: deer do not eat onions, garlic, or shallots, so these can be planted outside your vegetable garden. Mix them among your flower beds if you like.

Shallots are biennials; they produce a bulb their first year and then flower the second year. You can keep them in the ground if you wish to collect the seeds in their second year. Then replant the seeds. Apply compost as a side dressing at least once during the growing season. Shallots prefer loamy soil so they can send their roots down deep. Full sun and well drained soil is required for strong growth and long storage after harvest. If the soil stays wet too long, the cloves can rot in the ground or quickly after they are harvested.

Varieties are numerous. We prefer french shallots which are smaller but sweeter and taste like a cross between garlic and onion. Saffron shallots are a hybrid and store longer than most. Pear shaped Grey Griselle flavor is purported to be the best. There's also a Dutch variety and one called Camelot. Experiment with some of these to find the ones you like best.

Eventually in the summer, the stalks will dry up and keel over, that's harvest time. When you harvest the shallots, lift each bulb out with a pitchfork and try not to slice into any. The roots hold on tight, so hand pulling is not recommended. A curing process is a required next step. The necks have to dry out like onions do and



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the outer leaves will also dry. We lay ours on horizontal screens in a covered shed which allows air to circulate. After two weeks of drying, we store them in a cool place; root cellars are great. Do not pile them on top of one another. One layer will give them the air circulation they need to keep out mildew and rot. Shallots can be stored for up to eight months, sometimes a bit longer. If you store apples and tomatoes, keep them away from shallots and onions since the ethylene gas can make shallots sprout.

Shallots can be eaten chopped raw in salad, pickled, fried, or sautéed. My favorite easy recipe is to caramelize sliced shallots cooked with minced garlic, add a few anchovies and a small can of tomato paste, a dash of olive oil, maybe a splash of good balsamic vinegar, toss on and mix with cooked angel hair pasta, finish with a few sprigs of fresh chopped basil or parsley and that's it. Delish!

(Karen Cohen is a self proclaimed Mistress of her organic garden, a lover of nature, and avid explorer. Please send your tips, comments and questions to natureswaykaren@gmail.com. Happy Growing!)

Commentary Greenbrier River Trail needs help from State

By Dale McCutcheon

I am writing this based upon my concern that a very important West Virginia resource is not being given its due recognition by government agencies and requesting that the state place a higher priority upon the welfare and future of this valuable asset. I am speaking of the Greenbrier River Trail and what I perceive as inadequate funding by the state.

Over the last ten years I have been a part of various processes wherein funding and completion of a vast number of improvements and maintenance of the Greenbrier River Trail have been the result of involvement by private entities outside government. Through grants and other funding mechanisms and volunteer activities, there have been many accomplishments that have had a positive effect in enhancing the attractiveness of the trail to users from all over the world.

A West Virginia State Parks and Forests - Economic Significance and Impact

Institute for Service Research fiscal year 2015 economic impact study found the Greenbrier River had 203,058 visitors and an economic impact of \$3,139,608. I have no doubt that this impact, perhaps excepting for the effects of covid, have increased incrementally since then.

At present, there are 37 bridges of varying lengths on the trail. These include two longer ones crossing the Greenbrier River, with the majority of the others of varied lengths crossing smaller inlets. These bridges are, generally speaking, in need of surface repairs, with some also in need of inspection to verify the structural integrity of their substructures. This need has been given the highest priority by trail management personnel.

An informal study found that the cost for repairs for the bridges was around \$750,000.

Basically, if these bridges are closed due to safety concerns the trail will be closed also, resulting in a major financial loss for the surrounding communities.

In that there appears to be a substantial budgetary excess in the state, there should be available funds to provide for the continuation of the financial benefits of the Greenbrier River Trail. I call upon Governor Justice and the WV Legislature to give this their strongest consideration.

(Dale McCutcheon volunteers much of his time to volunteer work on the Greenbrier River Trail.)

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Commentary

By Stephen Coonts, White Sulphur Springs

Once upon a time there was a church in a small mountain town, nestled in a valley. Once upon a time the church had almost 250 members. Once upon a time the congregation built a wonderful building with stained glass windows, purchased an organ, had a choir that sounded like angels singing. There were baptisms, weddings, celebratory dinners, Sunday school classes, candlelight services and funerals. The congregation aged... members moved or passed away...COVID happened...

Still, a core of believers who had lived their spiritual life in the church remained, and they supported the church with their faith and their donations. When their last pastor retired, the congregation was without a minister, and 27 members were too few for the presbytery to assign one. So God sent a man to their pulpit, a volunteer, a retired minister, the Reverend Frank Naglic.

The church is First Presbyterian of White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia. The church was first organized in 1915, and its present building was first used April 1957. The pews in the sanctuary could easily seat two hundred, but when my wife, Deborah, and I walked in this past July, there were only fifteen people in the sanctuary, a total that included the pastor Frank Naglic and church secretary Peggy Clements. Dr. Frank Collins and two colleagues greeted us warmly as we entered, and several parishioners shook hands and welcomed us. Organist Eric Crane filled the church with music.

Promptly at 11 AM the organ fell silent and Mrs. Clements rose from her seat on the left side of the altar to welcome the congregation and make a few announcements. Then she said, "Let's worship God."

Reverend Naglic rose from his chair behind the podium and began the service. He is large man, a few inches over six feet, with a full head of iron-gray hair. He was wearing a black shirt with a clerical collar, which I learned was his usual Sunday attire. His sermon was on a passage from First Corinthians. We followed along in the pew Bibles as he read the passage he wanted to preach upon, then he discussed what the passage meant, and what we today, two millennia after Paul wrote his letter to the Corinth Church, should find in it to carry with us through life.

After the service Deborah gave me her evaluation of the Reverend Frank Naglic. Her take was that he has a gift, a wonderful ability to use plain language to illuminate the spirit of God and make it live for his listeners.

The Church in the Valley

I had to agree. We had just witnessed something that we had seldom seen in churches in Colorado and Arizona. Naglic's sincerity, his absolute faith and belief in his message bid his listeners to experience God.

On subsequent Sundays I tried to analyze how he did it. I am still evaluating. Naglic doesn't preach politics, doesn't quote the learned theologians he studied so carefully at seminary. He shares the spiritual message that God wants us to hear. His faith is certainly no more fervid or deeply held than that of so many ministers who dedicate their life to leading congregations. Yet, in my opinion, Frank has an intangible gift for making the spirit of God visible to folks like me. Perhaps it is just my perception. Whatever, that talent, to the extent he has it, is a gift from God, as Frank would be the first to tell you.

When Communion Sunday arrived, Reverend Naglic wore his clerical robe. After the service, which was the most powerful communion I have witnessed in my memory, I watched him remove the robe and carefully place it in its protective cover. He told me that this was the robe he wore after he had graduated from seminary and was later ordained... in the United Methodist Church.

Obviously the theological distinctions between Methodists and Presbyterians are not subjects that Frank Naglic is going to expound upon from the pulpit.

Naglic grew up in a blue-collar family near Akron, Ohio, the son of a Catholic father and a divorced mother. After high school he worked common labor jobs until finally he was hired to help prepare food at a banquet operation that could feed up to 1,800 people in one sitting. He went from peeling onions, carrots and potatoes to making sauces, demonstrating a real aptitude for cooking. Finally he enrolled in the Culinary Institute in Hyde Park, New York, where he graduated first in his class. He went from restaurant to restaurant gaining experience with different cuisines until he was hired by The Greenbrier Resort when he was about 30 years old. He was a chef at The Greenbrier for the next fifteen years.

Frank was married at First Presbyterian Church in White Sulphur Springs on April 12, 1989, a hint, perhaps, of things to come. Years later he and his children attended a tent revival at a small Methodist church in Mapledale, West Virginia. After the service, on the way out of the tent, he looked back and saw his seven-year-old son kneeling at the altar, dedicating his life to Christ.

That moment changed Frank's life.

Soon he arranged to be baptized at that church, which would do full immersions in a nearby creek if you wanted it. Frank did. Afterward, on the way home he told his wife he was filled with joy. He was the happiest he had ever been in his life.

He began taking courses for a lay person to become a minister at the same time as he began course work at Fairmont State to get a bachelor's degree, a necessity if one wanted to attend seminary and become an ordained minister, which was now Frank's goal. Finally the Methodist Conference assigned Frank to pastor rural churches that could not support a full-time ordained minister. He pastored churches in Pocahontas County for seven years, Hardy County for four years, and Monroe County for four years.

Meanwhile he graduated from Fairmont State with a Regents Bachelor of Arts degree in 2009, and from Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, DC in 2013.

Frank is the only minister in my experience who occasionally sings an apropos verse or two of a hymn during his sermon, a capella. He has a fine baritone. His singing is unexpected and powerful. Asked when he learned to sing, his face lit up as he confided, "I was the only kid in my third-grade class who wasn't allowed to join the school choir." He has learned a lot since then.

Faith and God brought him to First Presbyterian. "Cathy and I feel comfortable here," he said with a smile. "At home."

So do Deborah and I. This little church in the valley is perfect for us.

What will happen to the First Presbyterian congregation, which is being held together by a small group of believers who have lived their spiritual lives here? For example, Church Secretary Peggy Clements has been a member of the church since 1950. Like everyone, the members are aging a day at a time. This religious family won't last forever, not without new, younger members. Yet God is in charge: He has given us today and these folks to worship with, a minister whose deep faith and spiritual insights he freely shares with those of us who so desperately need them, and that is enough.

We'll see you in church.

(Novelist Stephen Coonts has written 41 books so far, 17 of them New York Times bestsellers. He and his wife divide their time between White Sulphur Springs and Arizona.)

OBITUARIES

Alice Brant Alderman



White Sulphur Springs
-Alice Brant Alderman passed away peacefully on Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2022, at Peyton House in Lewisburg.

Alice was born Sept. 25, 1954, in Lewisburg, to the late Estil and Julia Terry Brant.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by son, Charles Christopher (Chris); sister in infancy, Edith Brant, along with sisters, Gladys Davis, Janet Osborne, Nellie Markham, and Anna Mae Napier; and brothers, Billy, Oather, Gary, Paul, and Kenny Brant.

Alice is survived by son, Dustin Wayne Alderman (Melissa) and two grandchildren, Delaney, and Dreyton of Morgantown; as well as two sis-

ters, Betty Roach, and Alzada Thomas (Kenny) both of Lewisburg; former husband, Charles Alderman; and many nieces, nephews, and friends.

Alice was a faithful member of the Lewisburg Baptist Church. Alice loved the Lord and her family and cherished spending time with her loved ones and dear friends. Alice was soft spoken, had a heart of gold and possessed a sweet and generous spirit.

The family expresses their sincere gratitude to the staff, specifically Ashley and Jordan, at Peyton House for the compassionate care Alice received.

The funeral was held at noon, Nov. 7 at Morgan Funeral Home, 252 Montvue Drive, Lewisburg, where Pastor Blaine Comer and Pastor Romie Comer officiated. Visitation was one hour prior to the service. Interment was in Rosewood Cemetery, North Jefferson Street, in Lewisburg.

Online guestbook may be signed at www.morganfh.net

Kenneth Lee Adkins



White Sulphur Springs
-Kenneth Lee "Kenny" Adkins, 66, went to be with the Lord on Sunday, Nov. 6, 2022, in the comfort of his home. Kenny had been battling lung cancer since July of this year.

Born Oct. 2, 1956, in Beckley, he was the son of Donna Mae Farley and the late Jackson Lee "Jack" Adkins both of Beckley, WV.

Kenny was the Maintenance Supervisor at The Greenbrier Hotel for 26 years and worked at Dixon's Truck Stop 11 years prior. Kenny also worked 8 years as a coal miner for Eastern Coal Company and New River Coal Company before moving to Monroe County. Kenny was an active member of the Alleghany Masonic

Lodge #136.

Kenny was very passionate about work, a jack of all trades. Kenny enjoyed working but enjoyed spending time with family the most - the best Dad and Poppy a kid could ask for. Kenny was an avid gun lover and outdoorsman; his best time was on a boat somewhere, watching the waves on the beach, or enjoying the sounds of nature. He enjoyed cooking for his boys during hunting season at the camp. He loved tinkering with guns of all sorts, taking them apart and putting them back together. He had a talent for Gunsmithing. He loved reading the morning paper and getting dressed and motivated at his own pace. Kenny enjoyed reading, watching westerns, anything Science Fiction and learning about anything that he was curious about. Kenny was a man of few words, but when he spoke you listened.

He was preceded in death by his father, Jackson Lee "Jack" Adkins, Sr.-Veteran of U.S.M.C.; step-mother, Olga L. Adkins;

stepfather, James Roland "Jim" Farley-Veteran of the United States Navy; brother, Steven Clark; brother, not by birth, Roger P. Bailey; and best friend of 54 years, Lewis Ray Prince.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife of 43 years, Thelma R. Adkins; son, Kenneth "CJ" Adkins (wife Shelby) of Gap Mills; daughter, April A. Street (husband Aaron) of Pickaway; four grandkids, Peyton Street, Noah Street, Parker Adkins, and baby Adkins due in April 2023; his mother, Donna M. Farley of Beckley, WV; brother, Jack Lee Adkins (wife Teresa) of Shady Springs; also several nieces, nephews, family and friends are among the survivors.

Kenny will be dearly missed by all those who knew and worked with him throughout his years.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 11, at Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in White Sulphur Springs, with Pastor Donnie Dowdy officiating. Burial will follow in the Dowdy Cemetery, Glace, WV.

A Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 10, at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Monroe County Shriners, 95 Doss Shaver Road, Union, WV 24983.

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Greenbrier County Sheriff's Office welcomes back graduate

The Greenbrier County Sheriff's Office welcomes back one of their officers who graduated from the West Virginia State Police Academy on Friday, November 4, 2022.

Deputy Tyler Cutlip was a member of the 190th Basic Class at the Academy.

The Greenbrier County Sheriff's Office is proud of Tyler for all of his efforts and accomplishments. We look forward to his many years of professional service to the citizens of Greenbrier County.



Corporal Matt Doss (left), Deputy Tyler Cutlip, and Greenbrier County Sheriff Bruce Sloan

WV Emerging Artists Juried Exhibition to open with Awards Ceremony November 13

The West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History will unveil the 2022 West Virginia Emerging Artists Juried Exhibition in the Commissioner's Gallery of the West Virginia State Museum at the Culture Center, State Capitol Complex in Charleston on Sunday, Nov. 13, 2022, at 2 p.m. The award winners also will be announced during the opening. The exhibition is free and open to the public.

This year's exhibition features 58 creative pieces representing the talents of 44 West Virginia artists from 19 counties.

The juror for this year's Emerging Artists Exhibition was Lauren Frances Adams. Adams teaches full-time at Maryland Institute College of Art in Baltimore, MD. She graduated with a Bachelor of Fine Arts from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where she trained in mural painting, and from Carnegie Mellon University with a Master of Fine Arts degree in 2007. Her work has been exhibited widely in artist-run spaces, historic houses, university galleries, museums and public spaces. Adams has been a visiting artist and critic at Valand Academy in Sweden, Funen Academy in Denmark, and at universities, colleges and museums throughout the United States. Adams has exhibited at the North Carolina Museum of Art, the Warhol Museum, Nymans House National Trust in England, Royal NoneSuch Gallery, The Mattress Factory, Contemporary Art Museum St. Louis, Smack Mellon, and CUE Art Foundation. She attended the Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture, and has held residencies at the Joan Mitchell Center in New Orleans, La.; Cité internationale des Arts in Paris, France; Sacatar Foundation in Bahia, Brazil; and Back Lane West in Cornwall.

Department will present three awards for the exhibition. The Best of Show/First Place Award will receive \$1,000; second place will receive \$500; and third place will collect \$250.

Eligible artists had to be 18 years of age and older and maintain a permanent domicile in West Virginia. Each artist could submit two pieces for the exhibit jury-

ing in painting, print/drawing, mixed media, craft/wall hangings, photography, digital art and/or sculpture. All pieces must have been created between 2020 and 2022.

The exhibit will be on display until April 15. The Culture Center is open Tuesday through Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information about the exhibit, contact Laiken Blankenship, exhibits coordinator for the department, at 304-558-0220 or Laiken.J.Blankenship@wv.gov.

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Dear Recycle Lady,

Dear Recycle Lady,
Is there anything being done to solve the food waste problem you mentioned a couple weeks ago?

We Can Do Better

Dear We Can Do Better,

Fortunately, there are several groups and organizations working to solve this problem. One start-up in the U.S. is working towards making it easier to purchase misshapen or "ugly food," produce that grocery stores won't buy. Google Misfits Market for local information. Another company, www.greatergood.com/silk-coating/ has developed an invisible, plant-based coating to make fruits last longer. California and Vermont now require supermarkets, small grocery stores, and convenience stores to donate edible unsold food, instead of throwing it in the trash. Inedible food must be composted. In London, new "best by" labels on fruits and vegetables have been created to replace "date" labels in order to help consumers better understand what is edible. According to Digital Trends, garbage cans in Seoul, South Korea, automatically weigh food waste that is put in the trash and Koreans pay for what they toss. This became a necessary step as the country was running out of landfill space. Additionally, almost all organic waste in South Korea is turned into compost, animal feed or biogas. ReFed, a nonprofit focused on reducing food waste, estimates that at least 70% of restaurant food waste in the U.S. has been paid for, but not eaten. There have been reports in The New York Times of apps in Asia, Europe and the U.S. that offer discounts on restaurants' food to be thrown out.

Dear Recycle Lady,
Why does the Recycle Center accept only bottles and jugs? Must laundry detergent bottles be rinsed out before recycling?

Want to Recycle More Plastics

Dear Want to Recycle More Plastics,

The big reason the Recycle Center only accepts #1 and #2 bottles and jugs is that our buyers will only buy bottles and jugs. Any other plastics collected would be sent to the land-

fill as there is presently no market for them. Yes, laundry detergent bottles need to be rinsed out before placing it in the recycling bin. (Readers, any ideas you could share on uses for the soapy rinse water?) According to www.treehugger.com, only 30% of the one billion laundry jugs that are used in the U.S. yearly are recycled. Thus, more than 700,000,000 plastic laundry jugs end up in landfills, rivers, and oceans every year! Fortunately, several alternative greener types of detergents and packaging are becoming available. Eco-friendly laundry soaps can now be found in the form of eco-strips, flakes, and powder. A home-made powder laundry detergent can be made with a grated bar of soap, a cup of borax, and a cup of washing soda.

Dear Recycle Lady,

All the flowers in my hanging baskets are now dead. What can I do with hanging baskets and flower containers? Can they be recycled?

Gardener

Dear Gardener,

Used hanging baskets and flower containers are not recyclable at the Recycling Center. They are neither a bottle nor a jug! However, they can be reused, so check with close-by nurseries or stores that sell plants. Chances are they will thank you for your donation as baskets and pots can be reused to prepare their hanging baskets and flowers for sale next spring. Be sure to remove any soil in the baskets or pots before donating them. Potting soil is expensive, and it's an excellent addition to existing flower beds or to your compost bin or compost pile.

Interesting Information: Over 2,500 years ago, seashells were used to brush teeth when the ancient Greeks crushed oyster shells into toothpaste as a cleaning abrasive, the same reason toothpaste brands add calcium carbonate today.

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.

By William "Skip" Deegans

In 1898, a group of Monroe Countians organized the Dowdy Skunk Raising Association with Joe Dowdy serving as president. John Fisher was vice-president, Jube Dowdy, treasurer, and Henry Dowdy, secretary. Inspired by an article in the New England Skunk Review and Price Current, the group voted to buy Robert Crebs' farm and convert it to raising skunks by enclosing the entire farm with a wire fence that penetrated the ground 7 feet to prevent the skunks from escaping.

Bought by furriers, skunks without stripes were the most valuable. Some skunks inherently do not have white stripes, and Jube Dowdy thought he could eliminate the stripe by inbreeding. However, if the inbreeding did not pan out, the Dowdy Skunk Farm would engage Professor Chris Chambers, a noted hair expert, to remove all the white hairs from the young skunks and rub into the skin each day some of his valuable hair tonic, "guaranteed to grow black hair inside of thirty days where the roots have not been diseased."

Skunk fur had been used in the fur industry since the mid-1800s, and by 1900 it surpassed the muskrat as the most traded fur. The fur was used mainly for trimming coats and was sold deceptively as Alaskan or American sable. Once customers found out the fur was really skunk, its popularity plummeted. However, skunk fur came back in favor in recent years for women's hand-



bags. Shown in the circa 1900 photo is a Preston County lady wearing a fur trimmed coat and fur muff.

Did the Dowdy enterprise prosper? Maybe one of our Monroe County readers will let us know.

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18th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2022

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

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

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Fulton BSH LBWV, LLC/Secure Store - 135 Maple Carriage Drive, Lewisburg, WV 24901, has a possessory lien on all of the goods stored in unit 426. The auction will end on November 17, 2022 at 12 noon. All these items of personal property are being auctioned online through lockerfox.com. These auctions will run until November 17, 2022. Pictures of the unit can be inspected online. Cash payments only. For more details visit www.lockerfox.com/storage-auctions/us/

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Back Down Country Roads

Historic Lewisburg, West Virginia

By: Nancy Richmond

Lewisburg is a charming town in southern West Virginia, situated deep in the heart of the Appalachian Mountain Range, near the Greenbrier River. It has an average population of 3,500 people. The township is laid out over an area of 3.81 square miles, much of which is built along the geological karst belt. The land is composed of porous materials such as limestone that are slowly dissolved by ground water. Sinkholes and caverns are common, and the thin layer of soil above the limestone creates savannahs where trees or other plants which require a deep root system cannot proliferate.

Lewisburg is located at the intersection of U.S. Route 60 and U.S. Route 219, both of which were originally Native American trails (the Midland Trail and the Warrior's Trail). The area became important to settlers in the mid 1700's when a young surveyor by the name of Andrew Lewis established a camp near a large spring in the Greenbrier Valley. Lewis would go on to become a General in the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War, and is considered to be the founder of Lewisburg. By 1750, the Greenbrier Valley was home to dozens of families. Able bodied men from the settlement formed a colonial militia, and around 1770 a fort was built just above the Lewis Spring. The military base was called Fort Savannah

by the colonists, although it was sometimes referred to as Fort Union by the British Army.

At the onset of the Revolutionary War in 1776, the newly formed American Continental Congress took control of Virginia and chose Patrick Henry as Governor. The colonial militia stationed at Fort Savannah was dissolved and the men joined the Continental Army. Now an American possession, Fort Union officially became Fort Savannah. It was the largest and most important military fort in the district.

As the Revolutionary War waned, the settlement around Fort Savannah continued to expand. The homesteaders petitioned the Virginia Commonwealth for a charter, and chose Lewisburg as the town's name, in honor of General Andrew Lewis. In 1782, Lewisburg was formally established by an Act of the Virginia General Assembly, who also chose the town to be the Greenbrier County Seat.

As Lewisburg expanded, Fort Savannah was dismantled to make room for the growing population. Many of the logs from the stockade fence and the militia quarters were used as building materials by the local residents, and a stone spring house was erected around the Lewis Spring to protect the town's water supply.

By the 1860's, Lew-

isburg was a prosperous community. During the Civil War, several battles were fought in the area. Lewisburg was important strategically in that it lay along the path of the James River and Kanawha Turnpike, which connected the Kanawha Valley in the west and Lynchburg in the south. The Battle of Lewisburg took place within the boundaries of the town on May 23, 1862. The two opposing armies were headed by Union Commander Colonel George Cook and Confederate Commander Brigadier General Henry Heth. The engagement was considered to be a Union victory. A year later, on June 20, 1863, Lewisburg officially became part of the newly created state of West Virginia when President Abraham Lincoln divided the war torn state of Virginia into two separate entities.

In 1902 Andrew Carnegie, a steel baron and philanthropist, built one of his Carnegie Hall buildings in Lewisburg. It was incorporated in 1983 as a regional Arts and Education Center. The building has more than 75,000 visitors each year, presenting artists from around the world, as well as an arts-in-education program, fine art exhibitions, and much more. It is one of only four Carnegie Hall buildings that is still in continuous operation in the world today.

The Greenbrier Histori-

cal Society, which operates from the North House Museum in Lewisburg, has been dedicated to preserving the history of the town and Greenbrier County since 1976. The Museum was originally built by attorney John North in 1820 and was later turned into a museum.

In 1978, a 236-acre portion of Lewisburg at the center of the town was designated as a National Register Historic District. Lewisburg is also home to the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine, one of 29 such schools in America, and one of only three medical schools in the state.

The Greenbrier Valley Airport in Lewisburg provides daily flights to visitors and residents. The town is located near several luxury hotels that feature hot springs, and is close to the world famous Greenbrier Resort. Additionally, Lewisburg is well known for the Lost World Caverns, one of the most visited cave systems in America, and for its proximity to the Monongahela National Forest.

Lewisburg has truly stood the test of time. From its humble beginning as Fort Savannah, it has evolved over the past 250 years to become a popular and unique town. It has all of the charm and grace of the old south, while at the same time embracing new technologies and opportunities that ensure success for its citizens in the 21st century.

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Place **maples**

Pivot **SAXI**

Flood **URGES**

Believe **STRUT**

TODAY'S WORD

"I'd like to invest some money in I hear they're going up."

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Bow is smaller. 2. Mitten is missing. 3. Leg is moved. 4. Rope ends are shorter. 5. Board is missing. 6. Bird is missing.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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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

GOOD THINGS

ACROSS

1 "I don't know yet"
8 Order
15 "Amo, amas, I love —"
20 Plane pilot
21 Result of iron deficiency, to a Brit
22 "I Love Lucy" actress Vivian
23 Staying loyal despite adversity
25 Poet Lorde
26 The sun, in Spanish
27 Slimy slow movers
28 Actor Rex or singer James
29 Swing wildly, as one's arms
32 What the Union was for earth, in a Lincoln message
35 "I think," to texters
38 Really bother
40 TV studio alert
41 Gave the Red Cross some funds, e.g.
47 Something to scratch

51 Old politico Stevenson
52 Chuck Berry's "Johnny B. —"
53 Coral reef eel
54 Courage
61 Beach grit
63 "The Simpsons" store clerk
64 Bitter-ender
65 Pol with a six-yr. term
66 "A Death in the Family" author James
67 With 9-Down, "Paper Moon" child actress
70 Utah's — Canyon
71 "— girl!"
72 Pro-firearm org.
73 Rules established by legal precedent
75 Long Russian river
76 Fewer
77 The attorney general heads it
82 Glossy proof, for short
83 110-Across' high home
84 Ear-splitting
87 Helper: Abbr.

88 19th-century anti-alcohol fraternal society
94 Result in
96 Really both
97 U.S. Army soldiers
98 Beatles song on the "White Album"
105 Dog restraint
107 Strike caller
108 "Coyote Ugly" actress Piper
110 "Bald" bird
114 Very, in music scores
115 Christian set featured in this puzzle
119 Cerebrum's place
120 Helped criminally
121 Creates
122 Matches up, as sets of files
123 Have
124 Really should

DOWN

1 Stop sleeping
2 Stuntman
3 Whoppers
4 In the — luxury
5 Working overtime, e.g.
6 Centuries on end
7 Bit of work
8 Lyricist Sammy
9 See 67-Across
10 Mob group
11 Restaurant offerings
12 Love-in- (plant with feathery foliage)
13 Louse-to-be
14 Lah-di- —
15 1972 Jack Lemmon film
16 Sidesplitter
17 Drug banned for Olympians, for short
18 Minor fight
19 Words on an F paper, maybe
24 Opening for a letter-shaped bolt
28 "My, my, old chap!"
30 Suffix with prop-
31 Ky. neighbor
33 Young guy, in hip-hop
34 Doc studying laryngitis
35 Wyo. neighbor
36 Hip '60s teen
37 Programs running in web browsers
39 Hanna-Barbera bear
42 "Live PD" network
43 Inmate
44 Two-time Wimbledon winner Lew
45 Improvise
46 Allude (to)
48 Committing to a fiduciary
49 Officers in training
50 Doglike scavengers
53 Prefix with afternoon
55 Really bother
56 Muscle jerk
57 One-on-one student
58 "Stop that, silly goose!"
59 Pool triangles
60 Yummy tidbit
61 Actress Bullock
62 Doesn't differ
68 Wrist-to-elbow bones
69 San —, California
71 Tinfoil giant
73 —-Magnon
74 Klingon officer of TV
78 Reviewer of paintings
79 Be suitable
80 Army wheels
81 For later use
85 — -fi film
86 "Of course"
88 "Of course"
89 Coll. in Columbus
90 Neighbor of TV's Homer
91 Brunch fruit
92 — -wee Herman
93 A Gabor
95 Chefs' tie-ons
98 Makes easier, with "down"
99 University in Atlanta
100 "Sounds like —!"
101 Sword types
102 Birds' refuges
103 Isle of Minos
104 Roof edges
106 Detested
109 Cots, e.g.
111 Holster fillers
112 Riga native, old-style
113 Rival of Petro-Canada
115 Spying tool
116 "Westworld" network
117 Actor Diesel
118 Suffix with serpent

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STEPPIN' OUT

Make a Patriotic Apple Basket



Patriotic Apple Basket

As part of Carnegie Hall's Classes & Workshops Appalachian Heritage Series, learn how to create a Patriotic Apple Basket on Thursday, Nov. 17, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

This is a beginner's basket that has tons of storage potential. Woven on a wooden base, students will learn color placement, shaping a tall round basket and attaching leather handles. All materials and tools needed to make this basket will be provided by the instructor, Kathy Talley. Students must be at least 18 years old, and no experience is needed.

The cost is \$95 for members and \$105 for nonmembers. To register or for a complete list of classes and workshops and to enroll visit carnegiehallwv.org/classes-and-workshops or pick up a Classes & Workshops brochure at 611 Church Street, Lewisburg.

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A cup of Christmas tea at the Old Victorian Inn



Leah and Roger Trent add their beautiful music to the Christmas setting in the parlor of the Old Victorian Inn in 2021.

It has become part of the holiday tradition for many to enjoy afternoon tea in Alderson. In recent years the tea has been held at the Old Victorian Inn where host Doris Kasley and helpers from Alderson Main Street have made everyone feel so welcome. The tea will be held at the "Old Vic" again this year on Sunday, Dec. 11 with seatings at 1 and 3 p.m.

Beautifully decorated for the season, the Old

Victorian Inn, built in 1906 for a lumber baron, showcases all the beautiful wood that was available at that time. Also a tradition, Leah and Roger Trent will add their beautiful seasonal music to the occasion.

There are two seatings at 1 and 3 p.m., and tickets are limited. Guests may purchase tickets at the Alderson Artisan's Gallery (304-445-7952) by cash or check for \$20 each. Proceeds support Alder-

son Main Street projects, particularly the "Gem of the Hills" Holiday celebration.

Alderson Main Street Treasurer Margaret Hambrick said, "This is a very special tradition in Alderson. Friends groups plan on attending each year and generations of women and girls feel very special in their Sunday best as they sip their tea and eat the scones and tiny sandwiches."

WV Gold Star Mothers dedicate 'Living Memorial Apple Orchard' in Nicholas County



WV Commissioner of Agriculture Kent Leonhardt addresses the crowd during the Gold Star Mother Apple Orchard dedication in Mt. Nebo.

By **Matty Mae Buckner**

MT. NEBO, W.Va. - When we hear about war, we seldom consider the depths of it. The cost of war and being in battle is very high, yet the most horrific aspects of war are the lives sacrificed for freedom. When a soldier passes, the families are left with such a void. It's hard to put into perspective the magnitude of the loss. Families often feel compelled to continue the act of service in memory of their child.

In 1928, one mother, Grace Darling Seibold, did just this. After she learned of the passing of her son, George she vowed to help others. Through her pain and grief, she started and organized a group consisting solely of mothers. The group became known as Gold Star Mothers - a private non-profit organization that honors fallen soldiers. This close-knit group of women are dedicated to the memory of their sons and daughters, and they strive to keep us, the community, from forgetting the high price of freedom.

The mountain state is fortunate to have its very own chapter of these special mothers (WVGSM), and they are active on many fronts. Based in Charleston, the local chapter made their way to Mt. Nebo on Sunday for a "Living Memorial Apple Tree" dedication, and I was honored to be present. Nothing short of beautiful, the venue - which features 55 different apple trees representing West Virginia's 55 counties - an ideal spot for quiet meditation and remembrance.

Those in attendance were the Nicholas County High School JROTC, Girl Scout Troop 10404, WVGSM President Terry Cunningham, W.Va. Commissioner of Agriculture Kent Leonhardt, Nicholas County Commissioners Garrett Cole and Craig Chapman, Summersville Mayor Robert Shaffer, Del. Heather Tully, R-Nicholas, and Senate Minority Leader Stephen Baldwin, D-Greenbrier, along with many community members. Local business owner Steve Brown - who's generation land donation is now home to the memorial - served as Master of Ceremonies.

Brown explained that local students and community members help to plant the apple trees, and they will be a living reminder for many years to come.

Kent Leonhardt commented. "I think today went great. It's been a wonderful day; we are up to six or seven counties now with living memorials. Most are apple trees and it's about the fruit that bears from all of this."

The local girl scout troop opened the ceremony with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by the NCHS JROTC "posting of the colors." Each mother stood and said

their child/children's names and the date they died in service. Tears were shed and many "Amen's" were heard from those in attendance.

Terry Cunningham spoke about how these soldiers, in some ways, die twice - once in service and again if they are not remembered.

At the conclusion of the dedication ceremony, those in attendance were invited to place memorial dog tags on the newly-planted trees. The Gold Star Mothers went first, each hanging their son or daughters tag on the wire cage that protected the tree. Few words were spoken during this process, however their hearts were surely simultaneously filled with both pain and pride.

It was very humbling to hold that tag, to feel its weight and read the name. Each one represents a life, a family, and a hero. I watched as all those in attendance carefully hung the tags - lingering and just reflecting upon the life. I realized at that moment that this is the price of freedom.

My parents told me the story of a local hero that died in Iraq. His mother, Janie Richardson, was present during the dedication. As she stood and spoke her son's name, almost everyone there bowed their heads

in respect. Marine Cpl Bryan J. Richardson, a native of Mt. Nebo died on March 25, 2005, by enemy action in Anbar province, Iraq. He was 23 years old. His life may have ended on foreign soil, but his legacy will forever thrive and grow here, in his hometown. As will the lives of other sons and daughters - as long as the Gold Star Mothers remain.

The ceremony ended with a moving 21-gun salute from our very own Nicholas County Honor Guard.

As I reflect on this event, I consider it a core memory in my life. I am only 13 but I understand that our flag and our country were founded upon Godly principles, and the brave men and women fight daily to keep us safe and free. I am thankful for those who served in the past and present, and for those who will answer the call in the future. I know when I see a veteran now, I will do my best to convey to them my appreciation. They deserve our respect and gratitude.

The Living Memorial Apple Tree Orchard is located on Rt. 19 in Mt. Nebo, directly across from the Tractor Bar. It will be maintained by the students of Nicholas County High School, and the apples will be used for fundraisers, and other community needs.



Community members inspect the newly-planted "Living Memorial Apple Tree Orchard" in Mt. Nebo.

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